

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

13th February 2018

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 13th February 2017** in the Assembly Rooms at **7.30pm**.

Present: Councillors H Bushell (Chairman), A Bowyer, H Clarke, P Duigan, B Frith, R Hambidge, L Monument and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron and County and District Councillor W Richmond.

105. **To receive any World War One centenary commemorations.**

On this centenary we remember:

Private George Isbill
8th Battalion – Norfolk Regiment
Died 19th February 1918 at home (Seaford)

Able Seaman Ernest Edward Laws
Andon Battalion – Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
Died 19th February 1918 in France

106. **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Goreham, K Millbank and T Monument.

107. **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

The meeting was adjourned

County and District Councillor W Richmond advised Councillors that he would be meeting with Highways England, George Freeman and the Town Clerk at 1pm Friday 2nd March 2018 at the council offices before going out on a site visit.

The Greenfields Road planning application would be heard at Breckland Council planning meeting on the 12th March 2018.

There would be a Police Questions & Answers meeting held at the Queens Hall, Watton from 6pm on Wednesday 7th March 2018.

The meeting resumed

108. **To receive announcements.**

The Mayor, Councillor H Bushell announced that she had attended the following events:

15th January 2018 - Norfolk County Council Adult Education Team
16th January 2018 - Norfolk & Norwich Liver Group Dinner

- 24th January 2018 - Meeting with the Police
- 26th January 2018 - Northgate High School
- 27th January 2018 - Strikes (Guide Dogs for the Blind)
- 30th January 2018 - Forget me Not Meeting
- 2nd February 2018 - Caring Friends for Cancer Coffee Morning
- 2nd February 2018 - Attleborough Reception
- 7th February 2018 - Meeting with the Girl Guides at Toftwood
- 9th February 2018 - Suffragettes Dereham Market Place

The Town Clerk, Tony Needham advised Councillors that there would be a Social and Welfare committee meeting on Tuesday 27th February 2018.

109. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Full Council** meeting held on **Tuesday 9th January 2018.**

Proposed by Councillor H Bushell, seconded by Councillor L Monument, the minutes of the Full Council Tuesday 9th January 2018 were agreed and signed subject to minor amendments.

110. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Planning** meeting held on **Tuesday 9th January 2018** and Tuesday **23rd January 2018.**

Proposed by Councillor H Bushell, seconded by Councillor A Bowyer the minutes of the Planning meeting Tuesday 9th January 2018 and Tuesday 23rd January 2018 were agreed and signed subject to minor amendments.

111. **To receive and adopt the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of accounts to be paid.**

Proposed by Councillor H Bushell, seconded by Councillor R Hambidge the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of accounts to be paid were agreed and signed.

112. **To agree and sign the Licence for the Dereham Antiquarian Society.**

Proposed by Councillor H Bushell the Licence for the Dereham Antiquarian Society, to occupy a room at the Assembly Rooms was agreed and signed.

113. **To comment on Norfolk County Councils Draft Flood Investigation Report.**

Mark Ogden from Norfolk County Council Lead Flood Authority gave a presentation and asked for any comments to be submitted.

114. **To consider purchasing improved hearing loop for the Memorial Hall.**

Proposed by Councillor R Hambidge, seconded by Councillor L Monument it was agreed to purchase an improved hearing loop for the Memorial Hall from Theatre Royal at a cost of £1000 plus installation.

115. **To consider purchasing a shutter for the bar at the Memorial Hall.**

Proposed by Councillor H Clarke, seconded by Councillor P Duigan it was agreed to purchase a shutter for the bar at the Memorial Hall at a cost of £5393.95.

116. **To consider installing ventilation for the Council office.**

Proposed by Councillor H Clarke, seconded by Councillor P Duigan it was agreed to install ventilation for the Council office at a cost of £1495.00.

117. **To consider obtaining legal advice regarding interpretation of Breckland Council Policies DC11 and ENV04.**

Proposed by Councillor R Hambidge, seconded by Councillor L Monument and put to the vote, it was agreed to obtain legal advice regarding interpretation of Breckland Council Policies DC11 and ENV04, cost to come from legal contingency earmarked reserves.

118. **To consider brief for Toftwood Play Area.**

Proposed by Councillor R Hambidge, seconded by Councillor B Frith the brief for Toftwood Play Area was agreed.

119. **To consider having a Town Council policy statement regarding dualling of the A47 west of Dereham.**

Proposed by Councillor H Bushell, seconded by Councillor A Bowyer it was agreed that the Town Council adopt the following policy statement regarding dualling of the A47 west of Dereham.

“Dereham Town Council would welcome discussions with Breckland Council, Norfolk County Council, The LEP, Highways England, Central Government and any other body regarding how the Dereham Settlement could grow in the future. The Town Council believes that ad-hoc development over the past 30 years has resulted in an unbalanced form of growth in Dereham. If the Dereham settlement is going to see growth in the future, this must be planned growth which looks at the full range of elements which make up a sustainable community including: housing, traffic congestion, employment, green infrastructure, sustainable transport, social community infrastructure. The Town Council would support dualling of the A47 and improvements in capacity to junctions if it is part of a well thought through and balanced development plan for the area”.

Chairman