

# DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

12<sup>th</sup> April 2016

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016** in the Assembly Rooms at **7.30pm**.

**Present:** Councillors L Goreham (Chairman), A Bowyer, H Bushell, P Duigan, B Firth, R Hambidge and K Millbank.

Also in attendance: County & District Councillor W Richmond, District Councillor A Webb, Town Clerk T Needham and Town Council Officer T Jackson.

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

There were no World War One centenary commemorations.

169. **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Clarke, L Monument, T Monument and H Rogers.

170. **Declaration of Interest.**

Councillor L Goreham declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 as she is a member of U3A Dereham.

*The meeting was adjourned.*

District Councillor A Webb said there had been no response from Anglian Water regarding the works on Norwich Road and no further progress in resolving the sewage problems.

Councillor A Webb informed the meeting that Orbit Housing are now in the process of moving the fencing back as requested to reinstate the width of Cherry Lane.

The Town Clerk Mr A Needham reported that claims for Hall Lane and Cherry Lane as restricted byways had been sent to Norfolk County Council, and that Orbit Homes had been told to go back to the drawing board as the proposed development was too dense.

Councillor P Duigan reported that the Orbit Homes development was due to come to District Planning for discussion.

County and District Councillor Mr W Richmond spoke about the pedestrian traffic lights in the Market Place and he explained 'the safe to cross beeping' had not been activated on safety grounds. The 2 sets of pedestrian crossing lights were too close together and anyone visually impaired would not be able to distinguish which crossing was beeping.

Councillor W Richmond said the TROD at Norwich Road outside Etling Grange and the TROD at Quebec Road by Gingerbread Corner had been given the green light.

*The meeting resumed.*

171. **To receive announcements.**

The Mayor, Councillor L Goreham announced that she had attended the following events:

10 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 -	Dereham Church Junior School celebration service as school has become an academy.
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 -	County Hall Chairman's reception.
30 <sup>th</sup> March 2016-	Chaired the German Twinning Association A.G.M.
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2016-	Charity concert for Caring Friends for Cancer, the music was provided by Polaris.
10 <sup>th</sup> April 2016-	Downham Market civic service.

The Mayor also reminded councillors that Queen Elizabeth our longest serving monarch will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 21<sup>st</sup> April, and said she has carried out her duties with great dedication.

172. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Full Council** meeting held on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**

Proposed by Councillor L Goreham, seconded by Councillor P Duigan the minutes of the Full Council meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were agreed and signed subject to minor amendments.

173. To view the draft minutes of the **Annual Parish** meeting held on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**

Proposed by Councillor L Goreham the draft minutes of the Annual Parish meeting were agreed subject to minor amendments.

174. To receive and adopt the minutes of the **Planning Meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016.**

Proposed by Councillor L Goreham, seconded by Councillor P Duigan the minutes of the Planning meetings Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 were agreed and signed .

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

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

176. **To consider and comment on NCC Cycling and Walking action plan.**

Councillors discussed this in detail and the Town Council has high aspirations to make Dereham a walking and cycling friendly town and would very much like to know how it could work closely with Norfolk County Council to deliver this ambition.

The production of the Norfolk Cycling and Walking Action Plan is welcomed by the Town Council as a first step in supporting and enabling more people from across the whole of the County to cycle and walk more often.

There does however seems to be very little in the Action Plan that will explicitly

benefit the market towns or the wider population outside Norwich. As an example there is a target in the Action Plan “to quadruple the level of cycling and walking in Market Towns” but there are no actions or funding in place to support the delivery of this target.

The Action Plan would be greatly improved if:

- There was more explicit consideration to working in partnership with Town Councils as well as District Councils
- Greater emphasis is placed on requiring developers to demonstrate that new developments have a high standard of connectivity between the development and likely destinations for walkers and cyclists, particularly with regards to schools.
- It was less specific regarding segregation of cyclists (section 6.1) it would be better to say that it will be following nationally recognised guidance and consulting users to identify the most appropriate solution for each situation. For example a different solution may be implemented on a route to a school, where inexperienced children will be cycling, to a route to an employment area which will be mainly used by adults.
- There was more emphasis on walking, particularly leisure walking routes and functional walking routes around towns rather than mainly considering the long distance paths.

177. **To consider a request for no Cold Callers Moorgate estate.**

Councillor K Millbank proposed that the Town Council endorse this request with the one proviso that it is ensured that there is broad support across this large estate for no Cold Callers, this was seconded by Councillor Hambidge and agreed.

178. **To consider accepting the offer of a grant to purchase a defibrillator for the Memorial Hall.**

Proposed by Councillor L Goreham, seconded by Councillor K Millbank it was agreed to accept the grant from U3A Dereham to purchase a defibrillator for the Memorial Hall and that the Town Council would maintain it for the period of the manufacturers guarantee, this would then be reviewed.

Chairman