

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

25th February 2025

At a meeting of the **Recreation Committee** held at the Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 25th February 2025** upon the rising of the Heritage & Open Spaces Committee.

Present: Councillors Z Flint (Chairman), P Duigan and A Greenwood.

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham, and Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Brooks.

2. **Declaration of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.

3. **To elect a Chairman**

Councillor A Greenwood proposed Councillor Z Flint, seconded by Councillor P Duigan. There were no other nominations. It was agreed that Councillor Z Flint be Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

4. **To consider policy regarding fencing allotments.**
The committee agreed that where there was no Council responsibility for maintaining a fence between a private property and allotments, the Council would 'make do and mend' if the property owner does not claim ownership of the fence.

5. **To consider progressing the resurfacing of the path at Recreation Ground.**
The committee discussed the poor state of the path at the Recreation Ground and felt that this project was now becoming urgent. Because the work needs to be carried out in the summer months to avoid compaction and damage to the soil structure, it would need to be prioritized to be completed in summer 2025 rather than wait till summer 2026.

The committee recommended that the resurfacing of the path at the Recreation Ground is of such urgency that it be carried out this summer, ideally before the school summer holidays.

The committee recommended that coloured stone be incorporated into the surface layer so that the surface is not a uniform solid black, and that timber edging is used as this provides a neat edge and enables the tarmac to be rolled nearer to the edge and provides a more robust finish.

6. **Update on play areas at Old Becclesgate, Sandy Lane and Girling Road.**
The Town Clerk advised that work at Old Becclesgate is provisionally booked to begin on the 13th March and completed 28th March, Girling Road is

provisionally booked to start on the 12th March and completed 8th April. The dates for Sandy Lane are yet to be confirmed.

7. **Exclusion of press and public**

Proposed by Councillor Z Flint, seconded by Councillor P Duigan, it was agreed to pass a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting on the grounds that the Business to be transacted is confidential and publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

8. **To review Balance Score Card and potential future activities.**

The Committee reviewed the Balance Score Card and potential future activities.

Chairman