

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

23rd April 2024

At a meeting of the **Heritage & Open Spaces Committee** held at the Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 7pm.**

Present: Councillors P Duigan (Chairman), H King, L Monument, K Cogman, A Greenwood, Z Flint and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Councillors H Clarke, Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron, Town Council Officer Kayleigh Grant, Peter Wade Martin Dereham Heritage Trust and Ken Hawkins Community Access Warden.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Brooks

2. **Declaration of Interest**

Councillors K Cogman and H Clarke declared that they are both District Councillors. Councillor P Duigan declared that he is a member of Dereham Heritage Trust.

3. **To receive a report from the Community Access Warden.**

The Community Access Warden Mr Ken Hawkins presented his report to the committee.

4. **To receive a report from the Dereham Heritage Trust.**

Peter Wade Martins presented the report from the Dereham Heritage Trust to the committee

5. **To consider options for steps at South Green Gardens.**

The Committee recommended that the Council start the process of claiming the steps as a Public Right of Way. If during the process of making the claim any anomalies come to light, these would be brought back to this Committee.

6. **To confirm Policy on Metal detectorists on Commons and other open spaces.**

The committee agreed that the policy on Metal detectorists on Commons and other open spaces would remain the same, but to be open minded to any accredited organisations wishing to organise an event.

7. **To consider a request regarding access to Woodstock Barn Etling Green.**

The Committee recommended that the width of the road should be the same as the width of the entrance gate.

8. **To consider principle of creating a Wetland Habitat in the Countryside Park.**

The Committee recommended that the Clerk explores the opportunities of creating a wetland habitat at the Country Park.

9. **Update on work stream activities**
The Town Clerk gave a verbal update.

Chairman