

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

27th June 2023

At a meeting of the **Heritage & Open Spaces Committee** held on **Tuesday 27th June 2023** upon the rising of the Planning Committee.

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

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron, Councillors H Clarke, S Green, C Coleman and R O'Callaghan, Community Access Warden K Hawkins and M Webb (aboutDereham).

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Morton & H Jones-Seymour.
2. **Declaration of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest.

3. **To elect a Chairman.**

Councillor L Monument proposed Councillor P Duigan, seconded by Councillor A Brooks. There were no other nominations. It was agreed that Councillor P Duigan be Chairman of the Heritage & Open Spaces Committee 2023/24.

4. **To elect a Vice Chairman.**

Councillor K Cogman proposed Councillor A Greenwood, seconded by Councillor L Monument. There were no other nominations. It was agreed that Councillor A Greenwood be Vice Chairman of the Heritage & Open Spaces Committee 2023/24.
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5. **To receive the Community Access Wardens report.**
The Community Access Warden Mr Ken Hawkins presented his report to the committee.

6. **To Consider a request from aboutDereham to agree wording on Brown Tourist signs.**

The committee recommended that an application be made for each potential venue/attraction in order to understand which might be eligible for inclusion on a brown sign. Mike Webb would complete each application, Town Clerk would approve before the applications are sent off.

7. **To consider revised plaque commemorating John Craske.**
This item would be looked into by Councillors L Monument, P Duigan and C Coleman and bring a proposal back to Full Council after consulting with any remaining family members.

8. **To consider legal action against Norfolk County Council over continued obstruction of RB3 and other public Rights of Way.**

The committee recommended that a letter be prepared by the Town Council's solicitor making the case as to why the Council should act. The letter to be sent to Norfolk County Council.

9. **Queen Elizabeth II Memorial planting**
The Town Clerk gave an update on the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Planting.

10. **To discuss transfer of the Neatherd Management responsibilities from Breckland Council to Dereham Town Council.**

The committee recommended that the Town Council accept a reduction in the lump sum from Breckland Council of £5000 to leave the responsibility for emptying bins on the Neatherd with Breckland Council.

Chairman