

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

23rd April 2024

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

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

Also in attendance: Councillor H Clarke, Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron, and Town Council Officer Kayleigh Grant.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Brooks.
2. **Declaration of Interest**
Councillors K Cogman and H Clarke declared that they are both District Councillors
3. **Consider FOI response from Breckland Council regarding disposal of open spaces.**
The FOI response from Breckland Council was received, and matters arising from the discussion will be addressed in the Neighborhood Plan.
4. **Update on Rugby Club Car Park.**
The lease for the Rugby Club has finally been completed and signed. Included in the lease are terms relating to maintaining the car park. At the start of the lease negotiations, the car park was open for public use, during the process of agreeing the lease however, the car park was closed to the public due to antisocial behaviour and has remained closed. By the time the lease was completed it became clear that there was better utility in keeping the car park for club use only. The question then arose as to how to account for the wear and tear attributable to public use up to that point. It was resolved with the Club that the Council would contribute £1,000 towards wear and tear attributable to the public up to that point and then the Rugby Club would take on all maintenance responsibilities.
5. **Exclusion of press and public**

Proposed by Councillor K Cogman, 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.

6. **To consider transfer of Becclesgate, Sandy Lane and Girling Road open spaces.**

The committee gave the Town Clerk a steer in the negotiations of the transfer of Becclesgate, Sandy Lane and Girling Road open spaces.

Chairman