

# DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

At a meeting of the **Heritage & Open Spaces Committee** held on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023** upon the rising of the Recreation Committee.

**Present:** Councillors P Duigan (Chairman), H Clarke (substitute for A Brooks), K Cogman, A Greenwood and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron, Councillors C Coleman and S Green, Ken Hawkins (Community Access Warden), Peter Wade-Martins and Jane Heyburn (Dereham Heritage Trust).

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**  
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Brooks and H Jones-Seymour.
2. **Declaration of Interest**  
Councillors K Cogman and H Clarke declared an interest in item 4 as they are District Councillors.

4. **To consider issues relating to Neatherd Management responsibilities.**

The committee recommended that the Town Clerk contact Breckland Council advising them that the Town Council are rejecting their offer to take over management responsibilities for the Neatherd.
--

5. **To consider bids for Parish Partnership.**

The committee recommended the following proposals for the Parish Partnership Scheme – 2024/25:
--

- |   |
|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 x two bay cantilever bus shelter with quarter end panels for George Elliot Way/Bulstrode Avenue.</li><li>• 1 x two bay cantilever bus shelters quarter end panels for Hillcrest at the end of Andrew Goodall Close.</li></ul> |
|---|

Total cost to the Town Council £3969 excluding VAT.
---

- |  |
|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completing the surfacing of Shillings Lane</li></ul> |
|--|

Total est - cost to the Town Council £15,000 or 50% of the cost.
--

6. **To consider outdoor cinema for 2024.**  
It was agreed that this item would be deferred to the next Heritage & Open Spaces committee meeting for further discussion. Further information is required to understand the purpose and principles of any additional events.

7. **Update on correspondence with NCC regarding RB3.**  
Norfolk County Council have advised that they are not in a position to take direct action regarding the crop obstruction on RB3 until the issue of the bridge is resolved.  
The Committee asked that a budget of £10,000 to resolve this stalemate be put on the Finance & Government agenda.
8. **To receive a report from the Dereham Heritage Trust**  
Peter Wade-Martins and Jane Heyburn presented a report from Dereham Heritage Trust. During the report Peter Wade-Martins suggested opening the Council Chamber during the Heritage Open days. The committee advised that they would need more information on what this would entail but agreed with the idea in principle.
9. **To receive a report from the Community Access Warden**  
The Community Access Warden Mr Ken Hawkins presented his report to the committee.
10. **Consider ditching work at Neatherd**  
This item will be deferred to the next committee meeting.
11. **To consider access request for Meadow Way, Etling Green.**  
The committee said they would like more information and to take this to the Full Council meeting.

**Chairman**