



Dereham Town Plan Working Group

a joint working group of
Dereham Town Council and the aboutDereham Partnership



Notes of meeting held 25 August 2021

Present: Cllr. Stuart Green, Chair, Cllr. Philip Morton, Mike Webb

1	Apologies Peter Wade Martins, Carolyn Coleman	
2	The draft Town Delivery Plan Initial reactions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stuart – mostly high level; not much substance• Philip – really about accessing central government funding pots with some easy short term quick wins (mostly suggested by others) which will not cost Breckland.• Mike – impressed, but still going through the detail. Concerned that a 'no traffic at all in the Market Place' option was not included. Breckland councillors have had no meeting about the draft, although their comments had been requested. It has been suggested that Breckland and DTC should have a private meeting to discuss. DTC will consider the draft plan at the next full council and produce a written response. aD has asked all members to respond to the consultation. aD itself is currently collecting comments from aD Management Team and will produce a written response in the next week or so. Agreed that both DTC and aD 'support' the draft report but with more clarity needed in some areas. Mike agreed to share the proposed aD response with DTPWG before submitting to the consultants. Other points noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carolyn had suggested we push for an events manager (like Watton and Swaffham), post Covid. Stuart said that the current DTC vacancy could possibly be used for this, combining responsibility for events in the town and at the Memorial Hall.• Philip pointed out the lack of any proposals for the development of the Malthouse building next to the railway station	Mike

3	<p>Community Toilets Scheme</p> <p>Stuart thanked Carolyn for her report and for all the work she had done on this. Points noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £500 is not much of a financial incentive. Should it be increased? • Nothing is lost by the report being delayed until the next meeting of the Social and Welfare Committee. Indeed, any costs can then be linked into the 2022-2023 budget cycle. • The rest of the current year 2021-2022 could be used by DTC to set up the scheme. Although routine management of the scheme may well be around 3 days pa, as in Kendall, setting up will undoubtedly take more time. • Agreed we should add some specific recommendations to DTC at the end of the report and then forward to Stuart. 	
4	<p>Ellenor Fenn Garden</p> <p>Mike reported on progress and said the opening would be on 11 September. Invitations to DTC and Breckland members would be going out shortly.</p> <p>Philip reported that the Breckland budget for the project was £47,000; more than the £40,000 that the project team was currently working to.</p>	
5	<p>Minutes of meetings held on 23 June 2021</p> <p>The minutes were approved and can be published on the aD website.</p>	Carolyn
9	<p>D&TNM</p> <p>The next meeting will be 22 September 2021</p> <p>Philip said that it was more important than ever that this group continued to meet, especially after the holiday season and with the publication of the draft Town Plan report.</p>	