

Dereham WaW Committee Meeting: 4 June 2026

1	Minutes and matters arising from the meeting on 26 February 2026																												
1.1	<u>Minutes</u> , circulated prior to this meeting, approved. An edited version for the website has been uploaded.																												
1.2	<p><u>Matters arising</u> not elsewhere on the agenda</p> <p>2.1 – Since establishing the ‘state of the paths’ page on our website, Dereham Town Council has agreed for the Community Access Warden to prepare a fuller survey of the public rights of way in the town. This has yet to be drafted, approved and published (and then updated as needed) but arguably supersedes our own page. The survey has not been started yet, but it will feed into the next HOSC Committee which has been moved from June to the end of July.</p>																												
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3.2	<p><u>Budget 2026</u>: Full year expenditure - £420 approx. Paid in 2026: APM bookings (£35), aboutDereham (Jan £12), WaW subscription (Jan £110) website (Apr £30), renewal of domain name for 10 years (£155.88). Expected: insurance (May £99), Lloyds Bank (£5 to 6 monthly = £66), (AGT Sep/Oct £40? – no town has yet volunteered to be host, so this may take place online or be a one day event).</p>																												
3.3	<u>Finance Policy 2026</u> : All have confirmed adherence.																												
3.4	<u>Constitution</u> : No changes were proposed or suggested at the APM. The Constitution will therefore remain unchanged for a further year.																												

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4	Publicity																																																		
4.1	<u>Contact list</u> : the list currently stands at 226 emails plus 3 to phone or text.																																																		
4.2	<u>Logos</u> : Topping up not yet commenced.																																																		
4.3	<u>Churches Walk leaflet</u> : After some discussion it was decided not to go ahead with a Churches Walk leaflet, due to possible sensitivities as to which faiths should be included. We may liaise with DHT instead, with more of an emphasis on church buildings and their architecture.																																																		
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6.2	<p>For review - Planned Events</p> <p>Short walks, first Fridays, 10:15: 5 Jun (CS), 3 Jul (N), 7 Aug (GR), 4 Sep (CS), 2 Oct (N), 6 Nov (GR), 4 Dec (CS).</p> <p>CS = Church Street; GR = Greenfields Road; N = Neatherd.</p> <p>Easy Tuesday walks, second Tuesdays, 10:00:</p> <p>9 Jun, 14 Jul, 11 Aug, 8 Sep, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec: all start at Dads & Lads</p> <p>We may want to change the start time to 10.30am. We have left it at 10am for the 9 June walk, and after that may change to 10.30am. We would need to alter the website, village magazines, and other places we advertise the Easy Tuesday walks. Someone would need to be at Dads and Lads for 10am for the first walk after the time has changed in case there are some walkers who are not aware of the changed arrangements.</p> <p>Other walks</p> <p>Sat 20 Jun Evening walk Rushmeadow</p> <p>Wed 22 Jul MNR to Thuxton (Railway station)</p> <p>Mon 31 Aug (BH) Garden Party with celebration cake.</p> <p>We will have the evening meal/drinks on 20 June at the Romany Rye, who unfortunately don't take bookings. It is disappointing that there has been no response from NWT to join us on the walk.</p>																																																		
6.3	<p>Dereham Day 9 May</p> <p>Two committee members attended Dereham Day this year, and observed that the signage and other arrangements for the inside area had not changed significantly from last year. The nature of the event seems to be very different now and there is no longer a focus on local community and voluntary groups. It was agreed that DWaW would no longer take part.</p>																																																		

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<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p>	<p>Footpath issues</p> <p><u>Footpath issues</u> – (only as accurate as the last time the paths were walked and checked)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 FP2 - the section at Mattishall Road continues to have crops sown right to the field edge; surprisingly, the other parts of the path have been well treated.2 RB3 - a zig-zag path has been made through the crop.3 FP14(1) - a tree had fallen on the path linking the end of Waples Way to the A47 crossing. The legal line of the path has been unavailable for some time, blocked by a broken and inoperative stile and bushy undergrowth. NCC declined to deal with the tree as it was not on the legal line. (DWaW dealt with it in about 15 minutes.) The good news is that NCC plans to carry out clearance on the correct alignment later this year, including replacing or (we hope) removing the stile.4 FP14(2) - NCC plans to grind the stumps on this path later this year. We have noticed some possible further fly tipping – to be checked.5 FP14a - no change regarding the boardwalk.6 RB30/31 - sign fallen; reported by NCC as to be repaired.7 RB31 - a landowner has expressed concern that the developer seems to have submitted a plan indicating that the development site encroaches on to their land and slightly on to the course of RB31. We have drawn this to the attention of NCC. We have noticed that this path is getting hard to walk along due to the vegetation along the sides. To be checked.8 FP34 - a fallen tree in the woodland has been reported to NCC (which is sending a letter to the landowner, so don't hold your breath).9 RB37 – DWaW sought to get NCC to do something to prevent vehicles on Hall Lane at the start of RB37 from parking so as to obscure the byway, impede cyclist and probably prevent horses or carriages from accessing it. The response is interesting: "This area is a turning head so vehicles should not be parking in this area. This carriageway is outside of the remit of the PROW and any restrictive road markings would require a Traffic Regulation Order to be processed to be enforceable and this would incur considerable cost. It is unlikely that the local constabulary would have the resource to enforce the restriction. I appreciate your concerns but we have not received any reports that I am aware of from PROW users who were unable to access the RB. Therefore we would not look to take any action at this time." <p>A number of paths subject to flooding are, of course, perfectly walkable at present, but we are not aware that anything has been done to address the underlying issues, so they will no doubt be difficult to walk once wet weather returns.</p> <p><u>Dereham Town Council</u> The report to Heritage and Open Spaces Committee for 28 April was previously circulated. Future meetings have been planned for 28 July, 27 Oct 26, 26 Jan, 23 Mar, 25 May and 27 Jul 27.</p> <p><u>NCC cutting contract(s)</u>: Although requested, Norfolk Trails seems to be unable to advise when their contractors are planning cutting, making it impossible to tie in our work with them. Note - since the meeting, NCC has been in touch to tell us when cutting was taking place.</p>
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8	Walkers are Welcome national
8.1	<u>Newsletter</u> : March, April, and May issues, and the external <i>Walk this Way</i> Spring issue have been circulated .
8.2	<u>Annual Get Together 2026</u> : Yet to be arranged.
9	Next meeting : A date to be arranged in October. Since the meeting, 15 October has been proposed.