



Newmarket

T O W N C O U N C I L

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Monday, 9th June 2008 at 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket

Attendance :

Councillor W Hirst, Chairman
Councillor G Cole, Vice Chairman
Councillor C Turner, Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs J Bailey, Deputy Mayor
Councillor K Bovill
Councillor W Burch
Councillor A Drummond
Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor D Hudson
Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor G Jaggard
Councillor W Sadler
Councillor J Uney

Also Present: Isabelle Barrett –Town Clerk

Minute	Action by
C/08/06/1 <u>APOLOGIES</u> None noted	
C/08/06/2 <u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</u> Councillor Sadler proposed Councillor Burch Councillor Bovill seconded the proposal Councillor Hudson proposed Cllr Hirst Councillor Bailey seconded the proposal Councillor Hirst was duly elected Chairman of the Community Services Committee for 2008/09.	
C/08/06/3 <u>ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN</u> Councillor Hirst proposed Councillor Cole Councillor Drummond seconded the proposal Councillor Cole was duly elected Vice Chairman of the Community Services Committee for 2008/09.	
C/08/06/4 <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.	

C/08/06/5 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th MAY 08

Councillor Hirst signed the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 6th May 2008, as a correct record.

C/08/06/6 MATTERS ARISING

None noted.

C/08/06/7 AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PUT QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS OF NOT MORE THAN 3 MINUTES DURATION RELATING TO ITEMS LISTED IN THE PUBLIC PART OF THE AGENDA ONLY

No members of the public were present.

C/08/06/8 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM NEWMARKET IN BLOOM

Councillor Hirst advised that the hanging baskets had been installed. Preparations for Anglia In Bloom were now in process.

Town Clerk advised that she had found a suitable location for the re-location of the Market Square planters. The position was on Birdcage Walk opposite the Race Course entrance. The position would enable visitors to be seated whilst visiting their memorial trees as well as enhance the entrance to the Rowley Mile Racecourse.

The Committee agreed that the planters be relocated to the spot recommended by the Town Clerk.

Town Clerk

C/08/06/9 UPDATE ON THE PRE-APPLICATION MEETING RELATED TO PIECE OF LAND ADJACENT TO 41 AND 43 FIELD TERRACE ROAD

Town Clerk advised that she would visit FHDC for a pre-application meeting related to the piece of land located on Field Terrace Road this week. It was agreed that Cllr Fletcher accompany the Town Clerk.

Town Clerk/Cllr
Fletcher

C/08/06/10 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO STAGECOACH RELATED TO BUS SERVICE DELIVERY IN NEWMARKET

The Committee agreed that the following questions be put to Stagecoach at their attendance at the next Community Services Meeting:-

Town Clerk

- 1) Are bus drivers aware of the various bus passes currently in circulation?
- 2) There is currently no direct bus service to the Newmarket Hospital for Burwell Residents. Instead they need to travel to Tesco first and then catch a bus to the hospital. Could Stagecoach review this route to enable a direct service from Burwell to the hospital?

- 3) There is currently only one bus designated to the hospital as opposed to the three to Tesco's. Could this be rectified to allow further buses to travel the hospital route?
- 4) There is currently a proposal for the transfer of the Orchard House and Rookery Surgeries to the hospital. Had Stagecoach given any consideration to this proposal and would they agree that further bus services would be needed to the hospital once the transfer had taken place?
- 5) Had Stagecoach considered a restricted Sunday service around Newmarket?
- 6) Are Stagecoach currently providing a minimum or maximum service route delivery?
- 7) Had Stagecoach given consideration to the opening of the new Leisure Centre which would increase the use of the bus route?

Cllr Sadler advised that SCC has a responsible officer to liaise with bus services providers for Newmarket. Cllr Sadler advised that SCC subsidised some bus routes in Newmarket.

The Committee agreed that a copy of the letter addressed to Stagecoach should be mailed to SCC.

Town Clerk

C/08/06/11 SELL YOURSELF DAY IN NEWMARKET

Councillor Sadler reported that he had attended a Sell Yourself Day at Mildenhall which entailed inviting all local voluntary and charitable association to sell themselves to the general public. The day had been very well attended and he proposed that the Town Council run a similar scheme.

Cllr Uney supported the idea as it would bring awareness of the voluntary sector in Newmarket.

Due to the current work load in the office the following was agreed:-

C/08/06/11.01 Recommendation

That the Town Council agree in principle to hold a Sell Yourself Day.

C/08/06/12 REPAIRS TO CEMETERY CAR PARK ON NEWMARKET ROAD

Town Clerk reported that pot holes had appeared at the Cemetery Car park. The Clerk recommended that the pot holes be filled temporarily by the Town Keeper and that a quote be obtained prior the setting of the budget in September to enable a suitable figure to be included to allow the re-surfacing of the car park.

C/08/06/12.01 Recommendation

That the Town Keeper fill the pot holes at the Cemetery and that a suitable figure be included in the budget for the re-surfacing of the Car park.

Town Clerk

C/08/06/13 TOWN KEEPER'S REPORT

The Committee noted that the Town Keeper had maintained all areas under the control of the Town Council. Town Clerk advised of the incident that had occurred at the Cemetery prior the funeral on Thursday. Town Keeper would be unable to paint planters due to intricate gold detail on planters. The Town Keeper had agreed to wash the planters.

C/08/06/14 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

None noted.

C/08/06/15 APPLICATION FOR ADVISORY DISABLED PARKING BAY

The Committee noted the SCC proposal for an advisory disabled parking bay at 63 Freshfields, Newmarket, CB8 0EG, and made the following recommendation:

C/08/06/15.01 Recommendation

That no objections be voiced to the proposed application for an advisory disabled parking bay at 63 Freshfields, Newmarket.

Town Clerk

C/08/06/16 CORRESPONDENCE

None noted.

C/08/06/17 URGENT BUSINESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 100(B)(4)(16) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Cllr Turner advised that he disagreed with Cyclists cycling on pavements. Cllr Sadler recommended that Cllr Turner raise his concerns at the next Town Council Meeting when the police were in attendance. Cllr Turner advised that the Town Council should be seen to encourage the use of cycling routes in Newmarket. The Committee agreed that this item be put on the next Agenda.

Town Clerk

Cllr Cole advised that vandals had started to remove the taps from the empty properties on Studlands Park causing water leaks. The incident had been reported to the Police and Anglian Water – both to no avail. A Resident had been able to locate the stop cock to turn off the water. The Committee agreed that this item would be put on the Town Council Agenda.

Town Clerk

Cllr Drummond thanked Cllr Sadler for his commitment and leadership during his successful year as Chairman of Community Services Committee.

C/08/06/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Monday, 7th July 2008 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed : _____

Date: _____