



# Newmarket

## TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Services Committee**  
**held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket**

**Attendance :**

Councillor W Hirst (Chairman)  
Councillor J Bailey  
Councillor W Burch  
Councillor G Cole  
Councillor A Drummond  
Councillor R Fletcher  
Councillor D Hudson  
Councillor P Hulbert  
Councillor g Jaggard  
Councillor C Turner  
Councillor J Uney

Also Present: Isabelle Barrett –Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman –Minute Assistant, 2 members of the Press, 8 Members of the Public

| Minute  | Action by |
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| <i>Councillor Hirst advised that Mr Manzaroli was unable to attend the meeting and item 6 would be removed from the Agenda.</i>   |           |
| <i>As members of the public wished to speak regarding items 11 and 16 on the Agenda, it was agreed that these items should be brought forward and discussed following item 5.</i>   |           |
| <b>C/08/10/1 <u>APOLOGIES</u></b><br>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Bovill.  |           |
| <b>C/08/10/2 <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS &amp; CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u></b><br>None noted.   |           |
| <b>C/08/10/3 <u>TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 08</u></b><br>Councillor Hirst signed the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2008, as a correct record. |           |
| <b>C/08/10/4 <u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b><br>None noted.  |           |

**C/08/10/5 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**

Mrs R Allen expressed her concerns regarding the proposed closure of Paddocks Primary School despite assurances from SCC that no primary schools would be closed as a result of the Schools Reorganisation Review. The 2007 Ofsted Report stated that the children's behaviour was excellent, they were independent, SATS results were above average in most subjects and teaching was often outstanding. The school was unique and the children were thriving so why destroy it? Paddocks had a friendly environment with excellent facilities. A merger with Houldsworth Valley school would take time and take away parental choice, leading to an increased journey length for parents and children, more use of cars with associated parking problems. The merger would also make the change to a 2-tier system even worse as children born in 2005/06 would have just one year at Paddocks school, then be transferred to Houldsworth Valley. It was not apparent why Paddocks school should be closed - parents were working very hard to keep it open and Mrs Allen asked for the Council's support in their campaign.

**C/08/10/6 SCHOOL ORGANISATION REVIEW**

Councillor Drummond advised that NTC had voted against the introduction of a 3-tier system and he expressed concern at the following new proposals:

Newmarket College would have 1050 pupils excluding a 6<sup>th</sup> Form – such a large unit had not worked in the past

Paddocks school closure had not been discussed

No discussions or consultation had been held regarding the proposal to close St Felix earlier

Councillor Drummond urged Councillors not to agree to the proposed reorganisation.

**C/08/10/6.01 Recommendation**

**That NTC reaffirm their support for a 3-tier system, including the retention of Paddocks school and sixth form at the Newmarket College.**

*Mrs Allen and another member of the public left the meeting.*

**C/08/10/7 NOISE POLLUTION – CANNON LAUNDRY**

Mr D Soanes reported that Cannon Laundry ran their noisy boiler continuously from 5 am – 10 pm five days a week plus some Saturdays and Bank Holidays, saying they have a 24-hour right to work. They had now introduced a new machine which ran continuously from 8 am – 4.30 pm. As the Laundry was surrounded by residential properties, a complaint had been made to FHDC. Residents were unable to use their gardens during the summer and had to keep windows closed. The boilers also caused vibrations. FHDC were taking action to assess the situation and Mr Soanes asked that NTC support the residents in their bid to get the noise reduced.

After discussion, the Committee agreed that the Town Clerk write to FHDC Planning Department regarding Cannon Laundry's operating licence terms and to FHDC Environmental Health Department regarding acceptable/legal noise limits.

Letters mailed  
on 07.10.08

*The remaining members of the public left the meeting.*

**C/08/10/8 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM NEWMARKET IN BLOOM**

Councillor Hirst reported that Newmarket had received a Silver Gilt award from Anglia in Bloom and prizes to winners of all categories had been presented by Mr Clive Brittain and Councillor Turner at a recent Awards Evening. After a suggestion by Councillor Turner, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:

**C/08/10/8.01 Recommendation**

**That a Mayor's Cup be purchased and presented to one of the winners in the Newmarket in Bloom competition.**

Advised LP to  
purchase Cup  
with Town  
Mayors Award  
engraved.

**C/08/10/9 TO RECEIVE THE 1<sup>st</sup> DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2009/10**

The Committee discussed and analysed the 1<sup>st</sup> draft budget and agreed the following recommendation:

**C/08/10/9.01 Recommendation**

**That the 1<sup>st</sup> draft budget for 2009/10 for the Community Services Committee be accepted subject to the following amendments:**

**4043 General Town Planting: Horticultural Contractors – Town Clerk to provide next meeting with cost of extra cuts needed**

Town Clerk

**4995 Disused Churchyards: Transfer to Earmarked Reserves – delete figures**

Town Clerk

**4177 Clocks: Clock Tower expenses – Town Clerk to ask SCC to fund cleaning**

Town Clerk

**4005 General Town Maintenance: Community Warden – Town Clerk to provide next meeting with more details of the post and how it would interface with that of the Town Keeper**

Town Clerk

**4037 The Severals: R&M Grounds ) Transfer to  
4043 The Severals: Horticultural Contractors ) Leisure Services  
4050 The Severals: Street Cleaning Contract ) Budget**

**4206 Allotments: R&M Grounds Reserve – Town Clerk to contact Allotments Society regarding waiting lists then write to FHDC regarding the use of former allotment land at Studlands Park**

Letter mailed to  
Allotment  
08.10.08

**1020 Cemetery: Interment Income – increase fees by 5%**

**1021 Cemetery: Monumental Income – increase fees by 5%**

Increase fees by  
5% form 1<sup>st</sup>  
April 09

**C/08/10/10 PROPOSED TREE AND ROAD WORKS FOR THE AVENUE**

The Committee noted Suffolk County Council's intention to remove the 23 Maple trees currently in The Avenue and replace them with at least 39 Hornbeams. After expressing concern regarding the timing of the work, which would clash with the redevelopment of the Clock Tower, the Committee made the following recommendation:

**C/08/10/10.01 Recommendation**

**That NTC support SCC's proposal to remove 23 Maple Trees in The Avenue and replace them with at least 39 Hornbeams.**

Town Clerk

**C/08/10/11 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – EXETER ROAD**

The Committee noted that Exeter Road had been closed near the High Street junction from 7.00 pm on 12<sup>th</sup> September to 6.00 pm on 13<sup>th</sup> September to enable surfacing works to be carried out.

**C/08/10/12 PEDAL CYCLE CAMPAIGN**

The Committee received the presentation by PC Kate Ellis regarding purchasing four pedal cycles for members of the Safer Neighbourhood Team and after discussion members agreed that Councillor Hirst raise this matter at the next SNT meeting.

Cllr Hirst

**C/08/10/13 PROPOSED TREE WORKS AT THE CEMETERY**

The Committee received the quote for works to trees and hedges at the cemetery and after discussion made the following recommendation:

**C/08/10/13.01 Recommendation**

**That the quote of £1780 + VAT for works to trees and hedges at the Cemetery be accepted.**

Town Clerk

**C/08/10/14 ADOPT A KIOSK PROGRAMME**

Following BT's suggestion that local councils could adopt telephone kiosks which they had scheduled for removal, the Committee noted that no kiosks in the town were affected.

**C/08/10/15 TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON THE FHDC STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Town Clerk advised that this item had been included on the Community Services Committee agenda as applications had to be received at FHDC by 10<sup>th</sup> October.

After discussion, the following recommendation was agreed:

**C/08/10/15.01 Recommendation**

**That any Councillors wishing to join the FHDC Standards Committee should write direct to FHDC.**

All members

**C/08/10/16 REPORT ON THE CEMETERY WALL**

Councillor Burch reported that as the work was likely to cost up to £80,000, the Assistant to the Town Clerk was investigating suitable grants.

EJ

**C/08/10/17 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Committee noted the following correspondence:

FHDC – Working Together for a Cleaner Forest Heath. Councillor Bailey advised that she and Councillor Fletcher would be meeting with FHDC on 22<sup>nd</sup> October to look at litter and environmental problems in the town centre. Councillors also identified the Yellow Brick Road and No 1 Drain as problem areas.

**Letter mailed to  
FHDC 07.10.08**

The British Australia Society – Anzac Day Service, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Town Clerk to advise the Society to contact local churches

**Advised EJ  
07.10.08**

NATS – Terminal Control North: Consultation

SCC – Prohibition of HGV night-time traffic from 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October in the High Street to Dullingham Road due to road resurfacing.

Resident of Houldsworth Terrace – Copy letter of complaint regarding Newmarket Town Football Club car parking

**C/08/10/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 at 7.15 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm.

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_