



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Monday, 1st September 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, one Member of the Public

Minute	Action by
<p><i>Following a suggestion by Councillor Hirst, the Committee agreed to move Item 17 on the Agenda from the Confidential section into the public part of the Agenda as the information was available on the Safer Neighbourhood Team website.</i></p>	
<p>C/08/09/1 <u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Bovill.</p>	
<p>C/08/09/2 <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.</p>	
<p>C/08/09/3 <u>TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th JULY 08</u> Councillor Hirst signed the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 7th July 2008, as a correct record.</p>	
<p>C/08/09/4 <u>MATTERS ARISING</u> C/08/07/7 – Councillor Fletcher advised that it had been agreed at the last meeting of the Town Council that due to the economic downturn no action should be taken at present regarding the land adjacent to 41 and 43 Field Terrace Road. The situation would be reviewed in January 2009. C/08/07/8.01 – In reply to a question from Councillor Turner, Councillor Hirst advised that the USAF would maintain the 348 properties at Studlands and carry out patrols until the end of December. FHDC had given Persimmon Homes letters to all tenants enquiring whether they would be interested in selling their property.</p>	

Councillor Cole advised that contractors were spraying all wood, renewing fences as necessary and carrying out essential maintenance work. Six properties were up for sale and there were approximately 11 USAF families left.

Councillor Jaggard confirmed that FHDC were doing everything possible to move the situation forward.

C/08/09/5 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

Mr A Pringle expressed his concerns regarding the disused memorial on Exning Road which the developer had taken into his possession and could, after 10 years, apply for possessory title. He felt it was a betrayal to those on the plaque to have removed it to the Exning Road Club and he believed the Health Authority owned the title deeds as this had been their land. It had been consecrated in 1950 with thanks to Captain King and the hospital for the land and Mr Pringle asked where the deeds were. The Head of Newmarket College wanted it to be knocked down as it was used as a smoking shelter by pupils.

Following a suggestion by Councillor Hirst, it was agreed that Item 11 on the Agenda should be brought forward.

C/08/09/6 UPDATE ON DISUSED SHELTER LOCATED ON EXNING ROAD

Councillor Burch advised that FHDC, SCC and Land Registry had been contacted but there was no record of ownership of the land, which had been given to Exning Road by the health authority.

Councillor Drummond declared an interest in this item as he had written to the local press on this matter, following which there had been no replies from the public.

Councillor Hirst advised that FHDC had requested that the plaque be moved to Exning Road Club 11-13 years ago as it was being vandalised. The Club had also looked after the memorial but gave up when it was repeatedly vandalised.

After discussion, the following recommendation was agreed:

C/08/09/6.01 Recommendation

That the Town Clerk contact Exning Road Club regarding displaying the plaque outside the Club and ask the developer if he would be willing to contribute towards the cost. (Councillor Drummond abstained from the vote)

Town Clerk

C/08/09/7 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM NEWMARKET IN BLOOM

Councillor Hirst reported that results would be received from Anglia in Bloom on 9th September. Prizes would be awarded to local prize-winners at

7.00 pm on 23rd September at the Catholic Church. All Councillors were welcome to attend.

All

NIB had held a very successful car boot sale on Bank Holiday Monday.

C/08/09/8 UPDATE ON THE ST FELIX SCHOOL CHILDREN POSITION

Councillor Drummond advised that he had attended a meeting at Shire Hall as a school governor in the absence of the Head. SCC were keen to keep the St Felix ethos alive despite the school reorganisation review and it had been agreed that a St Felix village of high-standard temporary accommodation would be erected on the field behind the school. The Lambton fields would be used for PE etc. Pupils would temporarily be housed as follows:

Year 5 – Laureate School
Year 6 – Houldsworth Valley School
Years 7 & 8 – Newmarket College

All pupils would return to school week commencing 8th September and the temporary accommodation would be available at the end of October.

The Rutland Arms Hotel had provided rooms for staff to draw up lesson plans etc and FHDC had provided free parking for teachers.

Members of the Committee discussed how the Town Council could support St Felix School until the temporary accommodation would be in place, and after discussion the following recommendation was agreed:

C/08/09/8.01 Recommendation

That NTC immediately offer St Felix School the use of the Memorial Hall at no cost and that the Town Clerk and Cllr Hirst discuss with Mr Bavington whether there was anything further the Council could do to help.

Town Clerk/Cllr
Hirst

C/08/09/9 REPORT ON THE HIGH STREET CLUTTER

The Committee received Councillor Fletcher's report regarding clutter in the High Street and Councillor Bailey advised that a second survey had been carried out and photographs taken of A boards etc and rubbish in the High Street and town centre. She proposed that the Newmarket Journal and Newmarket Weekly News be asked to publicise NTC's campaign and ask for their help. The Committee agreed to enable progress to be made that Councillors Bailey and Fletcher as well as the Town Clerk arrange to meet with FHDC to discuss the problems and seek solutions and report back at the next meeting.

C/08/09/10 PROPOSED SHARED ROUTE FOR EXNING ROAD CYCLE TRACK

Councillors noted SCC's proposal to allow cyclists to use the footway along Exning Road between Laureate School Road and Wellington Street. Councillor Hulbert expressed concern for the safety of cyclists as the crossing near the hospital would not be a controlled crossing. The

Committee noted that a separate scheme was being developed for a crossing where Rowley Drive meets Mill Hill.

After further discussion, the following recommendation was agreed:

C/08/09/10.01 Recommendation

That Town Clerk write to SCC requesting that they consider installing a controlled crossing at the hospital and reinforcing the need for a crossing at the junction of Rowley Drive and Mill Hill.

Town Clerk

C/08/09/11 REPORT ON CEMETERY WALL AFTER CLEARANCE WORK

Councillor Bruch advised that the rear Cemetery wall was in a poor state and in need of repair. As it would be difficult to obtain matching coping tiles, advice was being sought by the Cemetery Custodian regarding the repairs and a report would be made to the next meeting.

Cemetery
Custodian

C/08/09/12 THE BIG TIDY UP CAMPAIGN

The Committee noted that FHDC were supporting the Big Tidy Up Campaign being run by ENCAMS during the whole of September. Although it was too late to organise an event, NTC would be supporting the campaign through their current project to remove clutter and litter in the town. The following recommendation was also agreed:

C/08/09/12.01 Recommendation

That Town Clerk contact Councillor Richer and ask if ReNew could become involved in the Big Tidy Up campaign.

Town Clerk

C/08/09/13 HGV PARKING ISSUES IN NEWMARKET

Councillor Drummond reported that HGV's were again starting to park overnight in Birdcage Walk. Councillor Bailey advised that complaints should be made to SCC Integrated Transport Group Officer Janice Hubbard, who would contact VOSA or the lorry owners. Councillor Hirst agreed to raise the matter at the next SNT meeting.

Cllrs Drummond
& Hirst

C/08/09/14 CANCELLATION OF BUS ROUTE 10

Councillor Hulbert reported that Stagecoach had cancelled bus route 10 – Burwell, Studlands, Valley Way, the Rookery – meaning that residents in Valley Way no longer had a bus into the town or to Tesco.

Councillor Hirst advised that he had telephoned the bus company and been informed that route 10 would run from 10.00 – 6.30 Monday to Saturday but not on Sundays.

C/08/09/14.01 Recommendation

That Town Clerk write to Stagecoach and request that they reinstate the route 10 service on Sundays.

Town Clerk

C/08/09/15 CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the following correspondence:

SCC – Prohibition of Right Turn from Rookery Service Road into Exeter Road and Waitrose Access Road into Fred Archer Way

SCC – Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981: Modifications of definitive map, Byways 24 and 25.

C/08/09/16 PROVISION OF INFORMATION GIVEN TO THE TOWN COUNCIL FROM THE NEWMARKET POLICE

The Committee received the report from Suffolk Constabulary regarding their review of Safer Neighbourhood Teams and noted that there would be no changes in the Newmarket area.

Councillor Hirst suggested that information on the SNT website should be circulated to Councillors each month to form a basis of discussion with the Police, together with crime statistics. He also advised that he had accompanied the Police on a weekend evening to observe the results of the night-time economy and suggested that the night clubs should be asked to contribute towards the high costs of policing, police horses, ambulance services and litter picking.

C/08/09/16.01 Recommendation

That Town Clerk contact Chief Inspector Houldsworth to make clear the Council's requirements regarding statistical information and explore the possibility of night clubs contributing towards the cost of policing etc.

Town Clerk

C/08/09/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 6th October 2008 at 7.15 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.27 pm.

Signed : _____

Date: _____