



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Monday, 1st March 2010 at 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket

Attendance :

Councillor W Hirst (Chairman)
Councillor J Bailey
Councillor W Burch
Councillor G Cole
Councillor G Edge

Councillor A Drummond
Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor M Jefferys
Councillor J Uney

Also Present: Isabelle Barrett –Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant, 2 members of the public, 1 member of the Press

Minute	Action by
<p>C/10/03/1 <u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Councillors D Hudson and G Jaggard.</p>	
<p>C/10/03/2 <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.</p>	
<p>C/10/03/3 <u>TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2010</u> Councillor Hirst signed the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 1st February 2010, as a correct record.</p>	
<p>C/10/03/4 <u>MATTERS ARISING</u> C/10/02/9.01 – Town Clerk advised that she had received requests for salt/grit bins to be placed at the Day Centre and Sefton Way. Councillor Edge asked for a further bin to be sited in Birdcage Walk.</p>	
<p>C/10/03/5 <u>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</u> None noted.</p>	
<p>C/10/03/6 <u>TRAINERS SEVERALS CAR PARK</u> Councillor Hirst advised that all paperwork was complete and the work would be carried out as soon as weather permitted. FHDC had waived the £2,000 covenant release fee and the Jockey Club had met all legal fees.</p>	

C/10/03/7 NTC REPRESENTATION FOR PROPOSED KING CHARLES II STATUE WORKING GROUP

After discussion, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:

C/10/03/7.01 Recommendation

That Councillors Cole and Hirst represent NTC on the proposed King Charles II Statue Working Group.

C/10/03/8 NTC REPRESENTATIVE FOR SNT NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY PANEL

The Committee noted the letter from Sgt Mark Shipton and after discussion agreed the following recommendation:

C/10/03/8.01 Recommendation

That Councillor Uney represent NTC on the SNT Neighbourhood Community Panel. Councillor Hirst to ascertain if Councillor Turner would also represent NTC on the Panel.

Cllrs Uney & Turner

C/10/03/9 SNT CAMPAIGN RELATED TO CYCLING ON PAVEMENTS IN NEWMARKET

The Committee noted the SNT's decision to make the problem of cycling on pavements a priority and after discussion agreed the following recommendation:

C/10/03/9.01 Recommendation

That the SNT be advised that NTC do not agree that dealing with cycling on pavements should be a priority.

Town Clerk

C/10/03/10 BRIEF FROM A-BOARD MEETING HELD 12th FEBRUARY 2010

Town Clerk advised that the traders had failed to agree on the design of a sign and had requested a meeting with the manufacturers, following which a decision would be taken. She and Councillor Hirst would be meeting with FHDC/SCC to look at suitable sites for the new signs and traders would have to apply for planning permission before they could be erected.

Councillors expressed concern at the delays in the process and the impact it was having on other traders.

Councillor Jefferys asked that some of the signage in the High Street be removed as it was no longer relevant and Town Clerk agreed to bring this to Simon Batey's attention.

C/10/03/11 BRIEF FROM MEETING HELD 25th FEBRUARY RELATED TO ALLOTMENTS FOR STUDLANDS PARK

Councillor Cole advised that the Studlands Allotments Society had been formed and a Committee and Officers elected. Their next meeting would be on 4th march and he would keep NTC informed of progress.

C/10/03/12 NTC INVOLVEMENT IN EAST CAMBS SOUTH AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

The Committee noted the East Cambs South Area Neighbourhood Panel's suggestion that a representative from NTC should be co-opted to their Panel and after discussion the following recommendation was agreed:

C/10/03/12.01 Recommendation

That Councillor Hirst and Town Clerk attend the next meeting of the East Cambs South Area Neighbourhood Panel on 31st March and report back to the Community Services Committee.

Cllr Hirst

C/10/03/13 REVISED TIMETABLE RELATED TO STAGECOACH BUS SERVICES IN NEWMARKET

Councillor Hulbert outlined his concerns regarding the revised Stagecoach timetables, which could result in missed connections and lead to people losing their jobs. After discussion, the following recommendation was agreed:

C/10/03/13.01 Recommendation

That Town Clerk write to SCC to make them aware of the difficulties experienced by Newmarket residents as a result of changes in the Stagecoach timetables.

Town Clerk

C/10/03/14 BRIEF FROM FHDC DISABILITY FORUM

Councillor Hulbert advised that the Disability Forum had discussed the following topics at their February meeting:

- 1 The proposed courtesy crossing was not disabled-friendly
- 2 In 2018 banks would no longer use cheques - disabled people were unable to use hole-in-the-wall machines
- 3 FHDC Officer Louise Perkins had given information regarding equipment for the disabled/elderly at risk

C/10/03/15 QUOTES RELATED TO FENCING AT ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD

The Committee received and discussed the quotes received for fencing at St Mary's Churchyard and made the following recommendation:

C/10/03/15.01 Recommendation

That the quote of £834.25 (including VAT) from Greenfingers Landscapes for fencing at St Mary's Churchyard be accepted.

Town Clerk

C/10/03/16 REFURBISHMENT OF THE COOPER MEMORIAL

The Committee received and discussed the quotes received for the refurbishment of the Cooper Memorial and made the following recommendation:

C/10/03/16.01 Recommendation

That the quote of £3,514 + VAT from Rattee & Kett for refurbishing the Cooper Memorial be accepted.

Town Clerk

C/10/03/17 UPDATE ON WORKS TO PATH AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Town Clerk advised that works to the path at All Saints Church were almost complete but further work had been found to be necessary. She had asked the Church Warden to obtain quotes but this had not been done and additional costs of £1,600 had been incurred. A request had now been received for NTC to contribute £800 towards this. After discussion, the following recommendation was agreed:

C/10/03/17.01 Recommendation

That NTC agree in principal to pay £800 towards the cost of additional works to the path at All Saints Church subject to Town Clerk and Councillor Hirst meeting the Church Warden to look at the quotes for the work.

Town Clerk/
Cllr Hirst

C/10/03/18 REMOVAL OF FLINTSTONES FROM CEMETERY

Town Clerk reported that she had been advised that the flintstones had no value and she had asked the Newmarket Journal to include an article inviting the public to take them away.

C/10/03/19 POLLARDING OF TREES IN MEMORIAL GARDENS

Councillor Hirst advised that the quote from Greenfingers Landscapes had been accepted and a planning application prepared.

C/10/03/20 SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE DRAFT INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2010/11

The Committee noted that the Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service Draft Fire Action Plan 2010-11 was now available on-line and that a public consultation would be carried out at Newmarket Fire Station on 25th March.

C/10/03/21 TOWN KEEPER'S REPORT

The Committee noted that rabbit control had been carried out at the Cemetery. A meeting had been held between SP Landscapes and Town Council staff to discuss grave-digging and 10 further graves had been pre-dug by Moons. The Town Keeper had agreed to assist SP Landscapes in removing the spoil heap, the Chapel had been painted and flooring re-coated and polished by Burwell Cleaning.

C/10/03/22 CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the following correspondence:

- 1 FHDC Environmental Services – Closure of Waste Recycling Centre on 8th March 2010
- 2 FHDC – Guineas and Rous Road Car Parks – Temporary closure dates

C/10/03/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 6th April 2010 at 7.15 pm.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC

C/10/03/24 TO CONSIDER WHETHER UNDER SECTION 100A (4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, THE PRESS AND PUBLIC SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY INVOLVE THE LIKELY DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS PRESCRIBED IN PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND INDICATED AGAINST EACH ITEM ***

Following a vote, it was agreed that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business.

C/10/03/24.01 Resolved

That the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

C/10/03/25 *HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT**

Councillor Burch updated the Committee regarding the Horticultural Contract.

The meeting closed at 8.31 pm.

Signed : _____

Date: _____