



# Newmarket

## TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Newmarket Town Council**  
**held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 7.00 pm**  
**at the Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8JP**

**Attendance :**

Councillor C Turner, Town Mayor  
 Councillor W Burch  
 Councillor Mrs J Bailey  
 Councillor Mrs C Brighty (from 7.15 pm)  
 Councillor G Cole  
 Councillor K Bovill

Councillor D Hudson  
 Councillor A Drummond (from 7.29 pm)  
 Councillor R Fletcher  
 Councillor W Hirst (from 7.21 pm)  
 Councillor M Jefferys  
 Councillor J Richer  
 Councillor Mrs J Uney

Also Present: Isabelle Barrett –Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant, 1 Member of the Press

Minute	Action by
08/12/1 <b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) &amp; (2)</u></b> Apologies were received from Councillors P Hulbert, G Jaggard and W Sadler.	
08/12/2 <b><u>ABSENT – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) &amp; (2)</u></b> Councillor R Millar was absent.	
08/12/3 <b><u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS &amp; CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST – LGA 2000 Part III (Order 2001)</u></b> None noted.	
08/12/4 <b><u>TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 08 – LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2)</u></b> The Town Mayor signed the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> November 08 as a correct record.	
08/12/5 <b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 08</u></b> 08/11/19 – Councillor Turner advised that no replies had yet been received from SCC or FHDC regarding a date for the first of two Annual Meetings of the Town. The Assistant to the Town Clerk would chase up.	Asst to the Town Clerk
08/12/6 <b><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 – LGA 1972, Section 100(1)</u></b> There were no members of the public present.	

08/12/7

**TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillors noted that the Town Mayor had attended/would be attending the following:

Visit to Bury St Edmunds Magistrates' and Crown Courts with Chair of West Suffolk Magistrates

Thomson's Travel Agents – opening of foreign exchange desk and revamped office

Leisure Centre – tour of new facilities with FHDC officers and Councillors

Racing Welfare – visit to 5 new units in regenerated part of Park Lane

High Street – Carol service and lighting of Christmas tree with St Nicholas Hospice. Judging late night shopping 'best dressed shop' with Newmarket Weekly News

RAF Mildenhall – Winter reception

Ditton Lodge School – Christmas performance

Staff Christmas lunch

Exning Road Club – Dedication of plaque

Memorial Hall Haverhill – 'Remember When' performance, Haverhill

Town civic and parish carol service

Memorial Hall – Children's Christmas party

Councillor Turner advised of an incident on 4<sup>th</sup> December when the Fire Brigade were called to the Memorial Hall following a power surge, which fused the heating in the hall and caused a smell. Emergency measures were taken to ensure that staff were safe and that bookings could go ahead although there had been no heating downstairs for three days. A report on the incident would be made to the next meeting of the Memorial Hall Committee.

08/12/8

**REPORT FROM NEWMARKET POLICE REPRESENTATIVE**

No Police representative was present and no statistics available.

Councillor had no issues they wished to raise.

08/12/9

**REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

None noted.

08/12/10

**REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Councillor noted the information received from Councillor Chambers regarding gritting facts and figures in Suffolk.

08/12/11

**TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 08**

Councillor Bailey presented the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 08.

**08/12/11.01 Resolved**

**That the sum of £100 be included in future budgets towards the NBA Awards.**

**08/12/11.02 Resolved**

**That resolution 08/07/18.06 be rescinded.**

**08/12/11.03 Resolved**

**That any correspondence to the Council's bankers should be signed by the Town Clerk and countersigned by two authorised signatories.**

F/08/12/9 – Following a question from Councillor Richer, Councillor Turner advised that he and Councillor Bailey would be discussing the best way to make the public aware of NTC's aims. A presentation would be held at the Memorial Hall to outline the Council's proposals and the costs involved.

**08/12/12**

**TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 08.**

Councillor Fletcher presented the minutes of the Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 08.

D/08/12/8/08 – Decision to be amended to read *The Committee objected as they felt it would be detrimental to the site of a single storey listed building.*

**08/12/12.01 Resolved**

**That no objections be voiced to planning application F/2008/0717/FUL (Redevelopment of stable yard at Gainsborough Stables Hamilton Road Newmarket) as it was in accordance with the Racing Policy.**

E-mailed FHDC

**08/12/13**

**PARKING ISSUES IN BURY ROAD**

Councillor Fletcher advised that he had written to the Chairman of Newmarket Trainers Association and had received a swift and positive reply stating that trainers would be asked to park on the other side of the road by Sir Mark Prescott's wall. Councillor Fletcher proposed that he monitor the situation and the Police be asked to take action should cars continue to be parked the Severals side, a problem which could increase with the proposed sporting facilities on the Severals.

Councillor Richer reported that the Police were taking a more proactive line regarding parking on pavements in Bury Road and Rous Road.

**08/12/13.01 Resolved**

**That Councillor Fletcher monitor the situation regarding parking in Bury Road and the Police be asked to take action should cars continue to be parked on the Severals side.**

Cllr Fletcher

08/12/14

**UPDATE ON WORLD HERITAGE STATUS**

Councillor Fletcher advised that the Government report on World Heritage Status had now been published, showing significant costs to establish and maintain a site, with limited benefits. The Report was more critical of UK applications, seeming to prefer other more natural sites. However, Mr Graham Snelling will raise the issue with FHDC to judge their interest in leading the project and will keep NTC informed. Professional consultants would have to be employed to lead and prepare any bid. Councillor Fletcher to monitor developments.

Cllr Fletcher

08/12/15

**UPDATE ON BUS SHELTER IN THE AVENUE**

Town Clerk advised that SCC had now agreed to fund the replacement bus shelter in The Avenue.

08/12/16

**FHDC 'NO EXCUSES' CAMPAIGN**

Councillors noted FHDC's No Excuses litter campaign, which would run for six months starting at the end of January 09 to cover the following types of litter:

- Food and drink related litter
- Smoking litter
- Dog fouling
- Littering from vehicles
- Fly-tipping
- Chewing gum

Supporting promotional material and banners were being organised, a communications package and links with local media developed, together with related activities for children and additional events. The launch was likely to take place at College Heath School, Mildenhall.

Councillor Hirst advised that this would be a major commitment from FHDC to clean up the town.

08/12/17

**DEBRIEF RELATED TO CLEANUP NEWMARKET CAMPAIGN**

Councillor Bailey advised that the FHDC No Excuses campaign would link up with CleanUp Newmarket and a meeting with representatives from SCC and FHDC had been arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> January 09 at the Memorial Hall. She would raise the question of a launch at a Newmarket school at this meeting.

Cllr Bailey

08/12/18

**SAFETY REPORT RELATED TO THE PROPOSED CLOCK TOWER JUNCTION ROAD WORKS**

Councillors noted letters received from Mrs N Willis and Mr I Hitchman regarding their concerns over the Waitrose/Fred Archer Way junction.

The Safety Report related to the proposed Clock Tower junction road works was also received and discussed.

Councillors expressed their concerns at the long queues of traffic on roads leading to the Clock Tower, which seemed to be caused by the No Right Turn from Waitrose car park and incorrect traffic light phasing. There were also pedestrian safety issues which needed to be addressed urgently.

After further discussion, the following resolution was agreed:

**08/12/18.01 Resolved**

**That Town Clerk write to SCC and ask that no further work should go ahead with the proposed developments at the Clock Tower until the following problems had been resolved:**

- 1 Merging of traffic from the car park exit and Exeter Road**
- 2 Waitrose No Right Turn**
- 3 Incorrect phasing of traffic lights**
- 4 Lack of safety for pedestrians and cyclists – controlled crossings must be installed**
- 5 Heavy traffic on roads leading to the Clock Tower when the A14 is closed and on Race Days**

Letter mailed  
09.12.08

**08/12/19**

**APPLICATION FOR AN ADVISORY DISABLED PARKING BAY**

The Committee noted the SCC proposal for advisory disabled parking bays at 19 Lester Piggott Way Newmarket CB8 0BJ and 2 Cardigan Street Newmarket CB8 8HZ and made the following resolution:

**08/12/19.01 Resolved**

**That no objections be voiced to the proposed applications for advisory disabled parking bays at 19 Lester Piggott Way Newmarket CB8 0BJ and 2 Cardigan Street Newmarket CB8 8HZ.**

E-mailed SCC  
09.12.08

**08/12/20**

**REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS ELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

Councillor Bailey reported that she and Councillor Hirst had attended a meeting of Lexington Link and been advised that students from Newmarket would be visiting Lexington in October 2009.

**08/12/21**

**WARD REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Drummond advised that FHDC had voted to object to the Schools Organisation Review in its entirety and to keep the status quo.

**08/12/22**

**TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was noted:

- 1 FHDC – Newmarket SwimAlong organised by the Rotary Club and Newmarket Swimming Club, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2009 – Councillors Brighty, Hirst, Turner and Uney, Town Clerk and Events Organiser to take part
- 2 SCC – Implementation of cycle and pedestrian improvements and revocation of 20 mph speed limits on Exning Road, Mill Hill and Fred Archer Way

**08/12/23**      **TO CONSIDER ANY LICENSING ISSUES RAISED WITH THE COUNCIL**  
None noted.

**08/12/24**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7.00 pm

**08/12/25**      **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**  
With the vote being unanimous, it was

**08/12/25.01 Resolved**

That, 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 and, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The business of the meeting concluded at 7.50 pm.

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

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