



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Newmarket Town Council
held on Tuesday 25th March 2008 at 7.00pm
at the Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8JP

Attendance :

Councillor W Burch, Town Mayor	Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor C Turner, Deputy Town Mayor	Councillor D Hudson
Councillor Mrs J Bailey	Councillor W Hirst
Councillor Mrs C Brighty	Councillor M Jefferys
Councillor G Cole	Councillor J Richer
Councillor D Cross	Councillor W Sadler
Councillor R Millar (from 7.15pm)	Councillor R Fletcher

Also Present: Isabelle Barrett – Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant, PCSO Julie Sharp and PC Lee Sampher – Newmarket Police, 2 members of the Press

Minute	Action by
08/03/1 <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Councillors K Bovill, A Drummond, G Jaggard and Mrs J Uney.	
08/03/2 <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.	
08/03/3 <u>TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY 08</u> The Town Mayor signed the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 28 th February 08, as a correct record.	
08/03/4 <u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 28th FEBRUARY 08</u> There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 28 th February 08.	
08/03/5 <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> There were no members of the public present.	
08/03/6 <u>TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> None noted.	

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08/03/7

REPORT FROM NEWMARKET POLICE

PC Sampher advised that Inspector Lerner was unable to attend the meeting and submitted crime statistics for April 07 – February 08. These figures showed an increase in Violence Against the Person, mainly connected with the night-time economy, but extra Police had been drafted in and the Police would continue to look at public order issues at weekends. Drug Offences were also up, again connected to the night-time economy, due to using drug sniffer dogs at night club entrances. This figure would probably rise further with improved methods of detection but he hoped it would eventually decrease. Total offences for the year to date were also at a higher level than previous years but Vehicle Crime and Burglary were down.

In reply to a question from Councillor Turner, PC Sampher advised that horses had been used over Easter and crime and public order offences had decreased slightly. Unfortunately, it was not always possible to have the horses in town.

Councillor Bailey reported that taxis were parking on yellow lines and the pavement in the High Street beyond Grosvenor Yard, causing obstruction to other traffic and PC Sampher advised that they would be moved on as it was illegal to park there. He also suggested that NTC should contact FHDC Licensing Department regarding this issue.

Following a question from Councillor Richer, PC Sampher advised that, due to a technical error, crime figures for Grosvenor Yard were included in the North side figures, whereas the Yard was actually in the South side.

Councillor Cole reported that HGVs were still parking in Oaks Drive and Studlands Park Avenue overnight and asked whether they could be moved from Studlands Park Avenue. PC Sampher advised that the situation was being looked into and HGVs parked in Studlands Park Avenue were being asked to move on. Licence details were also being noted and VOSA contacted where necessary.

Councillor Millar reported that he had received complaints regarding older youths congregating and using the play equipment in the play area next to All Saints car park. PC Sampher advised that the Police were aware of the situation and, although it was not illegal for them to be there, they tried to move them on. There were also problems experienced by the residents whose properties backed on to the car park. Councillor Millar asked if the Police could patrol the area at the times when youths were known to congregate there and was advised that the Police would try to fit this in with their shift patterns.

Councillor Millar also questioned arrest procedures and PC Sampher advised that with minor offences the Police took personal details and the offender had to report to the Police Station at a later date; for more serious offences, the offender would be arrested and taken into custody at Bury St Edmunds.

Councillor Burch thanked PC Sampher and PCSO Sharpe for their report and they left the meeting.

08/03/8

TO CONSIDER THAT CLLR FLETCHER BE A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES,, DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEES

The following resolution was agreed:

08/03/8.01 Resolved

That Councillor Fletcher be a member of the Community Services, Development & Planning and Leisure Services Committees.

Noted on all relevant Agendas

08/03/9

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Hirst advised that Councillor Jaggard had asked that the Council forward their preferences regarding the proposed re-organisation of Local Government. Councillor Hirst advised that he would address this issue again under the correct Agenda item.

Councillor Hirst reported that he had attended meetings with the Boundary Commission and SALC, who had asked for information from NTC.

08/03/10

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Sadler advised that the new Chief Executive for SCC had been appointed.

08/03/11

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3rd MARCH 08

Councillor Sadler presented the Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 3rd March 08.

08/03/11.01 Resolved

That the District Valuer be asked to value the land adjacent to 45 Field Terrace Road Newmarket with a view to selling it with outline planning permission.

Letter mailed to District Valuer on 27.03.08 to obtain quote to carry out valuation of land

08/03/11.02 Resolved

That Councillor Millar be appointed as NTC representative to the British Legion Memorial Gardens Appeal Committee.

Noted

08/03/11.03 Resolved

That FHDC be asked whether planning permission was needed for the erection of banners on properties located in a conservation area.

Mailed letter to D Beighton FHDC on 27.03.08

08/03/11.04 Resolved

That NTC voice no objections to naming the new development on land off Cricket Field Road Newmarket as Numbers 1-18 Sovereign Court Newmarket Suffolk CB8 8JG.

E-mailed D O'Reilly FHDC with TC comments on 27.03.08

08/03/11.05 Resolved

That, as a reply was required by 17th March, Town Clerk should e-mail the Department of Transport recommending that Bus Users UK should represent Option 2.

TC and Cllr Hulbert carried out this action via e-mail

08/03/12

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10th MARCH 08

Councillor Jefferys presented the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee held on 10th March 08. Councillor Millar declared an interest in minute L/08/03/12 (July Festival) but remained in the meeting.

Spoken with K Marley who is looking into whether the waster collected from the bins would be classed as Trade Waste

08/03/12.01 Resolved

That further details and information be sought from NCP and FHDC regarding emptying bins and tidying up the BMX site at Studlands Park as this was an FHDC site.

Advised EJ on 27.03.08 of theme and asked that letters be now mailed to schools

08/03/12.02 Resolved

That the theme for the Art and Writing Competitions for 2008 should be Heroes and Heroines.

Noted and asked Erika on 27.03.08 to advise Lucy

08/03/12.03 Resolved

That the Severals, Memorial Gardens and Memorial Hall could be used free of charge to stage events in connection with the July Festival 08.

Date noted in diary

08/03/12.04 Resolved

That a Civic Reception for the community groups, societies and businesses who had participated in the July Festival be held on 12th July to mark the end of the Festival, the event to be financed by carrying forward the current Town Mayor's budget to 2008/09.

08/03/12.05 Resolved

That, subject to a sponsor being found by Lucie, a Treasure Trail for teams of 5-12 year olds be organised in conjunction with the local schools, the Trail to include places such as the History Museum, Palace House, the Clock Tower, Cooper Memorial, War Memorial, Memorial Gardens, a stud in the town, established retailers, etc.

Noted and asked EJ on 27.03.08 to write to schools to invite them to take part and Lucy to obtain sponsorship

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	<p><u>08/03/12.06 Resolved</u> That through Lucie, Tastes of Anglia be invited to stage an event in the Memorial Gardens on 12th July. Town Clerk to make enquiries regarding a suitable band.</p>	<p>Advised EJ on 27.03.08 to write to Lucy that the gardens will be available</p>
<p>08/03/13</p>	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11th MARCH 08</u> Councillor Turner presented the minutes of the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee held on 11th March 08.</p>	
	<p><u>08/03/13.01 Resolved</u> That, in accordance with Standing Order 42.2, Mr G Lambton be co-opted to the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee in an advisory capacity.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p><u>08/03/13.02 Resolved</u> That SCC Officer Frances Bedding be asked to identify the appropriate officers at Framlingham and Town Clerk and Councillor Turner visit them for advice on how to raise funds.</p>	<p>Asked EJ on 27.03.08 to obtain contact details.</p>
	<p><u>08/03/13.03 Resolved</u> That Committee members each draw up a list of priorities which need to be carried out to refurbish the Hall for a maximum cost of £500,000, the final list for submission to the John's Practice to be agreed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Committee members</p>
	<p><u>08/03/13.04 Resolved</u> That the Energy Saving Trust be asked to carry out a free consultation on ways to improve sustainability of the Hall.</p>	<p>Cllr Bovill and TC</p>
<p>08/03/14</p>	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17th MARCH 08</u> Councillor Turner presented the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 17th March 08.</p>	
	<p><u>08/03/14.01 Resolved</u> That the schedules for payments relating to the period 1/2/08 – 29/2/08 be received and adopted.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p><u>08/03/14.02 Resolved</u> That a SUPPORT NEWMARKET IN THEIR NO PLASTIC BAG DAYS banner be erected in the High Street from 25th March – 2nd June 08.</p>	<p>Banner has now been displayed</p>
	<p><u>08/03/14.03 Resolved</u> That the title of the Annual Review 2007/08 be Racing Ahead.</p>	<p>Noted and in hand</p>

<u>08/03/14.04 Resolved</u>	That the centre pages of the Review contain a short report from each Committee Chairman, highlighting an area of interest, and the back page contain photographs, ward and committee details, etc, of all Councillors. All articles to be received by Town Clerk by 25 th March.	To date not all articles have been received yet
<u>08/03/14.05 Resolved</u>	That an item be included on the Agenda for the Town Council meeting on 25 th March to discuss the Local Government Reorganisation and invite 3 Councillors to attend the meeting at FHDC with the Town Clerk.	
<u>08/03/14.06 Resolved</u>	That NTC adopt the Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit document and include it in the Financial Standing Orders to review annually.	Noted
<u>08/03/14.07 Resolved</u>	That a one-off payment of £1,000 be made to Lexington Link towards the cost of an American/British student exchange subject to sufficient funds being available at the end of the 2007/08 financial year.	Noted will have to wait until end of year accounts has been carried out
08/03/15	<u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 3rd & 17th MARCH 08</u>	
	Councillor Bailey presented the minutes of the Development & Planning Committee Meetings held on 3 rd and 17 th March 08.	
	Councillor Hirst declared an interest but remained in the meeting.	
	<u>08/03/15.01 Resolved</u>	
	That Town Clerk write to FHDC and ask them to explore every avenue to get the O ₂ mast removed from Exning Road.	Wrote to FHDC CEO on 28.03.08
	<u>08/03/15.02 Resolved</u>	
	That the possibility be explored of using the NTC website to set up an on-line petition to have the mast removed. Should this not be possible, the Newmarket Journal to be asked to set up such a petition.	Asked EJ on 27.03.08 to take this forward
08/03/16	<u>REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLOR(S) ELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES</u>	
	None noted.	
08/03/17	<u>WARD REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS</u>	
	None noted.	

08/03/18

0₂ TELECOMMUNICATION MAST INSTALLED ON EXNING ROAD

Councillor Jefferys advised that the application by 0₂ to erect the mast on Exning Road did not come to NTC and, although FHDC had said the situation was irrevocable, he believed NTC should not accept this situation as it was a precautionary principle regarding health risks that masts should not be erected near school sites. The mast was an eyesore outside the new swimming pool and he advocated a campaign to embarrass 0₂ into removing it.

Councillor Bailey advised that SCC had a policy not to have masts on their land and the Town Clerk was currently trying to ascertain who owned the land.

Councillor Hirst suggested that Newmarket College should be asked to contact all parents and ask them to protest against the mast.

Councillor Millar advised that the FHDC Overview & Scrutiny Committee had asked for a report on the situation which had led to the mast being erected.

08/03/18.01 Resolved

That, in addition to the action agreed in minutes 08/03/15.01 and 08/03/15.02 above, NTC should write to Newmarket College and ask them to contact all parents to start a petition for the removal of the 0₂ mast on Exning Road.

Letter mailed to NKT College on 27.03.08

08/03/19

REPRESENTATION AT THE FHDC MEETING RELATED TO RE-ORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Town Clerk advised that she had received notice of two meetings regarding the proposed re-organisation of Local Government and after discussion, the following resolutions were agreed:

08/03/19.01 Resolved

That Councillors Burch, Turner and Brighty should represent NTC at the FHDC meeting on 7th April at 7.00 pm.

Noted meeting is now held on 08.04.08 and relevant Cllrs have been advised of this

08/03/19.02 Resolved

That Councillor Hirst should represent NTC at the Boundary Commission meeting at Kesgrave on 7th April at 7.00 pm.

Noted

08/03/20

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM SCC RELATED TO THE NEW CLOCK TOWER JUNCTION TRAFFIC SYSTEM

The Committee noted the letter from SCC regarding the Clock Tower junction alterations and after discussion made the following resolutions:

<u>08/03/20.01 Resolved</u>	That Town Clerk write to SCC thanking them for the information and requesting sight of the safety audit and details of the timetabling of the scheme when available.	Letter mailed to R Sore on 31.03.08
<u>08/03/20.02 Resolved</u>	That SCC be asked to investigate the possibility of creating an exit for traffic from Waitrose car park into Exeter Road.	Letter mailed to R Sore on 31.03.08
<u>08/03/20.03 Resolved</u>	That SCC be asked to consider widening the footpath from the Waitrose exit towards the town.	Letter mailed to SCC on 31.03.08
08/03/21	<p><u>PROLIFERATION OF A BOARDS IN THE HIGH STREET</u> Councillor Bailey expressed concern at the number of A boards in the High Street, some of which were for businesses outside the town. The boards obstructed the pavements, were a danger to the public, were often left out at night and could possibly be used as an aid to violence. Should this be the case, it was unclear who would be responsible for any subsequent claim for damages.</p> <p>After discussion, the following resolutions were agreed:</p> <p><u>08/03/21.01 Resolved</u> That Town Clerk write to SCC and FHDC requesting delegated powers to deal with the problem of A Boards.</p> <p><u>08/03/21.02 Resolved</u> That the Clean Neighbourhood Act be studied to determine what powers NTC had to deal with A Boards.</p>	In Progress
08/03/22	<p><u>LICENCE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY MORTIMER'S FORMERLY KNOWN AS ORANGE HOUSE FOR THE VARIATION OF PREMISES TO EXTEND HOURS FROM 0040 TO 0200 HRS</u> After discussion, the following resolution was agreed:</p> <p><u>08/03/22.01 Resolved</u> That NTC strongly object to the application by Mortimer's for a variation of premises to extend hours from 0040 to 0200 hours.</p>	In Progress
08/03/23	<p><u>SPRING CLEAN SUFFOLK CAMPAIGN 31st MARCH TO 13th APRIL 08</u> Town Clerk advised that notice of the Spring Clean Suffolk campaign had not been received until 12th March, giving insufficient time for volunteers to be organised to take part.</p>	Mailed to N Vollenhoven on 31.03.08
08/03/24	<p><u>TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE</u> None noted.</p>	

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08/03/25 **TO CONSIDER ANY LICENSING ISSUES RAISED WITH THE COUNCIL**

None noted.

08/03/26 **URGENT BUSINESS – ANY ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS A MATTER OF URGENT BUSINESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 100(B)(4)(16) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Following a vote, it was agreed that Item 27 on the Agenda – To receive a verbal report from Councillor Hirst related to the Newmarket Health Forum – should be brought forward into the Public part of the meeting.

Councillor Hirst advised that the PCT had agreed that plans for Newmarket Hospital should go ahead at a cost of £12m - £15m. A Business Plan had been agreed and a Project Manager appointed. Two Newmarket Surgeries would relocate to the Hospital site, x-ray facilities and clinics would be developed and there would be 12-18 beds. Information regarding funding would be received in September/October 08.

08/03/27 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 28th April 2008 at 7.00pm

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC

08/03/28 **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.

08/03/28.01 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.

The member of the press left the meeting.

08/03/29 *****TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 17th MARCH 08**

08/03/29.01 Resolved

That the schedules for payments relating to the period 1/2/08 – 29/2/08 (Cashbook 3) be received and adopted.

The business of the meeting concluded at 8.07 pm.

Signed : _____

Date : _____