



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Newmarket Town Council
held on Monday, 27th October 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 D Hudson
Councillor G Cole
Councillor J Uney

Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor W Hirst
Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor G Jaggard
Councillor J Richer

Also Present: Erika Jensen – Assistant to the Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant, Inspector Simon Clifton – Newmarket Police, 2 Members of the Press, 2 Members of the Public

	Minute	Action by
08/10/1	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Councillors K Bovill, A Drummond, M Jefferys, R Millar and W Sadler.	
08/10/2	<u>ABSENT</u> Councillors C Brighty and D Cross were absent.	
08/10/3	<u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> Councillor Turner declared an interest in Item 13 on the Agenda.	
08/10/4	<u>TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd SEPTEMBER 08</u> The Town Mayor signed the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 22 nd September 08 as a correct record.	
08/10/5	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 22nd SEPTEMBER 08</u> 08/09/25 – In reply to a question from Councillor Turner, the Assistant to the Town Clerk advised that she had no information regarding the publication of the Council's revised Mission Statement.	

08/10/6

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 C Reed expressed parents' concerns at the proposed closure and merging of Paddocks School with Houldsworth Valley School, which they believed was motivated by a surplus of school places and would have a detrimental impact on the pupils. The transition process would be extremely disruptive to the children's education and the proposed merged school would struggle to provide the same quality of educational experience. Paddocks was child-centred and popular with parents and its closure would significantly restrict parental choice. Houldsworth Valley was not geographically well placed and there would be an increased flow of traffic in the Exning Road/Rowley Drive area. The NUT had stated that it did not support the creation of primary schools of the proposed size.

Mrs Reed provided Councillors with the findings of an opinion survey completed by the parents of Paddocks children.

Following a suggestion by Councillor Turner, it was agreed that item 10 on the Agenda should be brought forward.

08/10/7

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6th OCTOBER 08

Councillor Hirst presented the minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 6th October 08.

08/10/7.01 Resolved

That NTC reaffirm their support for a 3-tier system, including the retention of Paddocks Primary School and Newmarket College Sixth Form.

The two members of the public left the meeting.

C/08/10/6 – First paragraph – Councillor Richer advised that it should read *2-tier system* and not 3-tier system.

08/10/7.02 Resolved

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

Noted

08/10/7.03 Resolved

That the 1st 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.

Figures were presented at the 03.11.08 CS Meeting

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<p>4995 Disused Churchyards: Transfer to Earmarked Reserves – delete figures</p>	<p>Done</p>
<p>4177 Clocks: Clock Tower expenses – Town Clerk to ask SCC to fund cleaning</p>	<p>Done on 10.11.08</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Done at 03.11.08 CS meeting</p>
<p>4037 The Severals: R&M Grounds) Transfer to 4043 The Severals: Horticultural Contractors) Leisure Services 4050 The Severals: Street Cleaning Contract) Budget</p>	<p>Done</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Letter mailed to FHDC 10.11.08</p>
<p>1020 Cemetery: Interment Income – increase fees by 5% 1021 Cemetery: Monumental Income – increase fees by 5%</p>	<p>Advised Linda on 10.11.08</p>
<p><u>08/10/7.04 Resolved</u> That NTC support SCC’s proposal to remove 23 Maple Trees in The Avenue and replace them with at least 39 Hornbeams.</p>	<p>Wrote letter to SCC 10.11.08</p>
<p><u>08/10/7.05 Resolved</u> That the quote of £1780 + VAT for works to trees and hedges at the Cemetery be accepted.</p>	<p>Tim dealt with this</p>
<p><u>08/10/7.06 Resolved</u> That any Councillors wishing to join the FHDC Standards Committee should write direct to FHDC.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>08/10/8</p>	<p><u>TOWN MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> Councillors noted that the Town Mayor had attended the following:</p> <p>Ipswich – Chair of SCC reception St Edmundsbury Cathedral – County of Suffolk harvest festival Memorial Hall – Battle of the Bands final Bedford Lodge Hotel – Forest Heath crime prevention panel awards Highpoint Prison – Business in action</p> <p>The Mayor also advised that the High Sheriff of Suffolk, Mrs Diana Hunt, and her husband would be visiting Newmarket on 31st October and a schedule for the day had been agreed.</p>

08/10/9

REPORT FROM NEWMARKET POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

Councillor Turner welcomed Inspector Simon Clifton to the meeting and thanked him for the early submission of crime statistics.

Inspector Clifton advised that crime was still falling, a trend mirrored across the Force area. The target for the number of crimes solved was 32% and Newmarket success rate was currently 44%, which was very pleasing. Crimes of violence against the person were down, vehicle crime slightly up and criminal damage and burglary were both reducing. Total drugs offences were down and any future increase could mean that the Police were being more proactive. Compared to September 07, crimes in Newmarket were falling and there was a better detection rate.

In reply to questions from Councillor Fletcher, Inspector Clifton advised that Suffolk had not been involved in misrecording statistics, the figures presented included all crimes – solved and unsolved – although public order offences were sometimes recorded as an event and not included in the crime statistics. The target of 32% was set to reflect the population make-up of Newmarket, number of staff, etc, and would probably be set higher next year.

Following a question from Councillor Hudson regarding the percentage of crimes which led to prosecution, Inspector Clifton advised that the Police obtained evidence and presented it, then others decided guilt.

Councillor Hirst asked if the Crimes of Violence figures could be shown in am and pm to assess at what time of the day they occurred. Inspector Clifton agreed to see if this information was available.

Inspector Clifton also advised that the Police horses would be used on the weekend 31st October/1st November.

Councillor Turner thanked Inspector Clifton for his report and he left the meeting.

08/10/10

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Jaggard reported that the FHDC Parish Briefing was now available and highlighted the changes in customer services regarding cash payments. He advised that FHDC were being inspected by the Audit Commission from 10th – 14th November and that they had submitted their case to the Boundary Committee for East Suffolk, West Suffolk and Greater Ipswich Unitary Authorities.

Following a question from Councillor Bailey, Councillor Jaggard advised that no date had yet been set for the opening of the swimming pool. He agreed to try and arrange a visit to the Leisure Centre by Councillors prior to the opening.

**Circulated to all
Cllrs on 30.10.08**

Cllr Jaggard

08/10/11

REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

None noted.

As NTC had been asked to monitor the situation following the revised traffic scheme in Fred Archer Way/Exeter Road, Councillor Turner expressed concern at the crossing from Waitrose towards the Technical Institute, which he felt was dangerous as it had no controls there. Councillor Hirst also expressed concern at the crossing from Waitrose towards the Guineas Car Park as there was no centre island.

08/10/12

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 08

Councillor Hudson presented the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee held on 13th October 08.

08/10/12.01 Resolved

That a Christmas Music Show be held for residents at an approximate cost of £800. Town Clerk to seek sponsorship towards the event and agree a date (possibly the afternoon of 11th December)

In progress

08/10/12.02 Resolved

That in accordance with Financial Standing Order 3.2, an item be included on the F&P Agenda to approve acceptance of the quote of £2906 + VAT from DNA Electrical for the installation of exterior light switches for the simultaneous switching on of the Christmas lights, the work to be carried out this year if feasible.

Acknowledged

08/10/12.03 Resolved

That the Christmas Lights be switched on on 15th November 08.

Acknowledged

08/10/12.04 Resolved

That £1,000 be included in the Leisure Services budget to cover the cost of the St George's Day celebrations 2009.

Done

08/10/12.05 Resolved

That the 1st draft budget for the Leisure Services Committee for 2009/10 be accepted subject to the following amendments:

4186 Events Entertainment – increase to £1,750

4310 Christmas Lights – increase to £10,000

309 Leisure Services Grants – create a new heading for Grants to Charitable or Voluntary Organisations - £2,000

Done

Done

Done

08/10/13

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL REGENERATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 14th OCTOBER 08

Councillor Burch presented the minutes of the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee held on 14th October 08.

08/10/13.01 Resolved

That the 1st draft budget for the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee for 2009/10 be accepted.

08/10/14

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 20th OCTOBER 08

Councillor Bailey presented the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 20th October 08.

08/10/14.01 Resolved

That the schedules for payments relating to the period 1/9/08 - 30/09/08 be received and adopted.

08/10/14.02 Resolved

That the 1st draft budget for 2009/10 for the Finance & Policy Committee be accepted subject to the following amendment:

4013 Memorial Hall Hire Standard Rate – insert £12,000

Done

08/10/14.03 Resolved

That the Town Clerk write to the External Auditor and apologise for the delay in completing and approving the Risk Assessment for year ended 31st March 08 and ask for this to be overlooked.

Letter mailed
10.11.08

08/10/14.04 Resolved

That Committees be given delegated powers to approve financial items within their set and resolved annual budgets.

Acknowledged

Councillor Turner declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting.

F/08/10/15.01 – Councillor Fletcher advised that he felt this was an inappropriate recommendation as he believed Councillor Turner should not represent NTC or report back to the Council. There could be a conflict of interests and it could set a precedent. After discussion, the following resolution was agreed:

08/10/14.05 Resolved

That the Council notes Councillor Turner's prospective appointment as a Governor of Ditton Lodge School and wish him well on his appointment.

C Turner

Councillor Turner returned to the meeting.

08/10/14.06 Resolved

That the schedule of payments for staff Salaries for the month of September 08 (Cashbook 3) be received and adopted.

Councillors Jaggard and Hirst declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting.

08/10/15

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 6th and 20th OCTOBER 08.

Councillor Fletcher presented the minutes of the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 6th and 20th October 08.

08/10/15.01 Resolved

That NTC voice no objections to planning application F/2008/0622/FUL – erection of a single storey sports pavilion with associated vehicular and pedestrian access and formation of various sports pitches (Major Development), The Severals Bury Road Newmarket – but ask that consideration be given to locking and unlocking the access gate to prevent unauthorised access.

Done via e-mail

D/08/10/11 – Councillor Fletcher advised that he had not supported this recommendation for the following reasons:

- 1) No evidence was available that it would be harmful
- 2) Tyco Electronics had explained why they had chosen the proposed site - it would not spoil the street scene and the recommendation sought to prohibit masts anywhere in the town
- 3) It would be a disservice to residents not to install the base station

Councillor Fletcher believed the recommendation was prejudicial, discriminatory, unreasonable and unjustified. There being no seconder for the amended recommendation, the following resolution was agreed:

08/10/15.02 Resolved

That NTC vigorously oppose the proposal by Tyco Electronics to install a Vodafone Base Station in the town as this could lead to further applications from other mobile network providers.

Letter mailed by Erika on 28.10.08

08/10/15.03 Resolved

That Town Clerk write to FHDC expressing the Council's concern at the lack of time allowed to identify suitable sites for development and inform them they had been unable to identify any such sites in Newmarket.

Done on 11.10.08 via e-mail

D/08/10/29/01 – Councillor Fletcher reported that a healthy Horse Chestnut tree had been mistakenly felled by the contractors at Arborfield. He had spoken to the FHDC Development Control Manager, who advised that this was a criminal offence and appropriate action would be taken. After discussion the following resolution was made:

08/10/15.04 Resolved

That the Town Clerk write to FHDC regarding the failure of their tree protection procedures.

Letter mailed by Erika on 28.10.08

Councillors Jaggard and Hirst returned to the meeting.

08/10/16 **DATE FOR FIRST OF TWO ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE TOWN**

Councillor Turner reminded Councillors that it had been agreed at the last Annual Meeting of the Town that future meetings should be held twice-yearly. After discussion, the following resolution was agreed:

08/10/16.01 Resolved

That the Town Clerk should liaise with the Chief Executive of FHDC and SCC to arrange a date for an Annual Meeting of the Town in January 2009, the meeting not to coincide with an NTC meeting.

Dealt with by
Erika – in
progress

08/10/17 **REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS ELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

None noted.

08/10/18 **WARD REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS**

None noted.

08/10/19 **TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was noted:

- 1 Cartwright Bros – Move to Fitzroy Street Newmarket 31st March 09
- 2 Newmarket Citizens Advice Bureau – Thanks for grant of £2,500

08/10/20 **TO CONSIDER ANY LICENSING ISSUES RAISED WITH THE COUNCIL**

None noted.

08/10/21 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 24th November 08 at 7.00 pm

08/10/22 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

With the vote being unanimous, it was

08/10/22.01 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.

08/10/23

*****NEWMARKET IMPACT DAY**

Councillor Turner outlined the plan proposed by Newmarket Police for an Impact Day on 31st October/1st November and the following resolution was agreed:

08/10/23.01 Resolved

That Councillors Turner, Bailey and Cole participate in the Impact Day to be organised by Newmarket Police on 31st October/1st November. Councillor Hirst also to participate on behalf of the SNT.

Cllrs Turner,
Bailey, Cole &
Hirst

The business of the meeting concluded at 8.08 pm.

Signed : _____

Date : _____