



# Newmarket

## TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Newmarket Town Council**  
**held on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 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 K Bovill  
Councillor G Cole  
Councillor A Drummond  
Councillor J Richer

Councillor R Fletcher  
Councillor W Hirst  
Councillor P Hulbert  
Councillor M Jefferys  
Councillor R Millar  
Councillor J Uney

Also Present: Isabelle Barrett – Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant, Acting Sgt L Sampher, PC K Green, 1 Member of the Press, 1 Member of the Public

Minute	Action by
<p><b>08/09/9</b>      <b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> Apologies were received from Councillors Hudson, Jaggard and Sadler.</p>	
<p><b>08/09/10</b>    <b><u>ABSENT</u></b> Councillors Brighty and D Cross were absent.</p>	
<p><b>08/09/11</b>    <b><u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS &amp; CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u></b> None noted.</p>	
<p><b>08/09/12</b>    <b><u>TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 08</u></b> 08/09/7.02 - Councillor Jeffreys observed that the paragraph <i>In addition, the Town Council believes it better represents and reflects the well-established identities of the different parts of Suffolk</i> appeared twice and Councillors agreed it should be deleted under section 1.  With this amendment, the Town Mayor signed the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 08 as a correct record.</p>	
<p><b>08/09/13</b>    <b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 08</u></b> None noted.</p>	

08/09/14

**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 D Garrad spoke regarding the old war memorial bus shelter on Exning Road, which he had enclosed within his building site. He said he was trying to solve this problem and resented the local press saying his action betrayed the war dead. He bought the property two years ago and was trying to find out who owned the bus shelter land, but meanwhile FHDC had advised him to board it up as it was in a poor state of repair and was used by youths for smoking, drinking, etc. The owner of the property next door had been unable to sell their house due to this anti-social behaviour. Mr Garrad was happy to contribute towards a memorial plaque, which was currently in the Exning Road Club.

Councillor Turner advised that a suggestion had been made at the Community Services Committee that Councillor Bailey should liaise with Mr Garrad regarding the future of the site and the possibility of mounting a memorial plaque outside the Exning Road Club. Mr Garrad agreed with this suggestion.

Cllr Mrs Bailey

08/09/15

**TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillors noted that the Town Mayor had attended the following:  
Palace house Mews – Local Government review hosted by Cllr Lisa Chambers

Council Chambers – Wellington Street feasibility study

Edward Jones Investments – official opening of new premises in High Street

Sudbury Town Hall – with Isabelle, meeting with Town Clerk to view facilities Sudbury offers

Council Chambers – Meeting with project manager about memorial hall

British Racing School – Visit to view their facilities and progress of students

Millennium Centre, Red Lodge – Local government review hosted by SALC

Tattersalls sales ring – St Felix Middle School regeneration concert

All Saints Church – RAFA commemoration service for the Battle of Britain

Memorial Hall – Presentation of art and writing prizes to Newmarket school students

FHDC – Leader of FHDC reception

Newmarket Police Station – Meeting with Inspector Clifton

The Deputy Mayor had attended the following:

RAF Mildenhall – BBQ held by Vice Commander 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Force

Memorial Hall – Attended Newmarket & District Gardening Society Show and presented prizes

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08/09/16

**REPORT FROM NEWMARKET POLICE REPRESENTATIVE**

Acting Sgt Lee Sampher reported that, compared to previous years, crime figures in general were down on the year to date, the only slight increase being in vehicle crime.

Detective Inspector Clifton had been appointed to Newmarket and Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the town were to be merged to form one team for the whole of the town. The new community team would cover the town from 8.00 am to midnight every day. Acting Sgt Sampher hoped that the Town Clerk or her Deputy would attend future SNT meetings to be aware of and raise issues.

Councillor Turner thanked Acting Sgt Sampher for providing the crime statistics prior to the meeting.

In reply to questions from Councillor Fletcher, Acting Sgt Sampher confirmed that the statistics related to reported crimes but detection rates could be included in future. Crimes such as purse stealing and shoplifting were included in Total Crime figures and anti-social behaviour was only included if the offender was arrested.

Councillor Millar asked how many crimes in Newmarket involved knives and was advised that there had been none recorded so far this year.

Following a further question from Councillor Millar, Acting Sgt Sampher advised that the police cells were not used at Newmarket as they were not adequate for purpose. He was unable to say if there were plans to move Newmarket Police Station elsewhere.

Councillor Cole expressed concern at cars parked at Studlands on grass verges adjacent to double yellow lines and was advised that this was illegal, as was parking on the pavement. The Police tried to prevent this but were not always able to cover the areas involved.

Following a question from Councillor Richer, Acting Sgt Sampher confirmed there would be no reduction in manpower on the amalgamated SNT – another PCSO would be joining the Team.

*Councillor Turner thanked Acting Sgt Sampher for his report and he left the meeting.*

08/09/17

**REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

None noted.

08/09/18

**REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

None noted.

**08/09/19**      **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 08**

Councillor Hirst presented the minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 08.

*Councillor Drummond, although fully supporting the following Resolution, abstained from voting.*

**08/09/19.01 Resolved**

**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.**

Advised EJ to mail letters  
26.09.08

*Councillor Drummond declared an interest in the following item:*

Councillor Hirst advised that he had spoken with Mr Bavington, who had requested that St Felix School also be allowed to use the Severals and asked whether NTC could supply a trophy and award for the schools valediction ceremony in the summer of 2009.

**08/09/19.02 Resolved**

**That St Felix School be granted the use of the Severals and Memorial Hall at no cost and that the Council supply a trophy and grant an award for the school's valediction ceremony in summer 2009.**

Town Clerk  
Mailed letter on  
26.09.08

**08/09/19.03 Resolved**

**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.**

Advised EJ to mail letter  
26.09.08

**08/09/19.04 Resolved**

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

Town Clerk – Big  
Clean Up had  
already passed

**08/09/19.05 Resolved**

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

Advised EJ to mail letter  
29.09.08

**08/09/19.06 Resolved**

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

TC – letter mailed  
26.09.08

08/09/20	<p><b><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE EMPLOYMENT &amp; STAFFING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 08</u></b></p> <p>Councillor Turner presented the minutes of the Employment &amp; Staffing Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 08.</p>	
	<p><b><u>08/09/20.01 Resolved</u></b>  <b>That the minutes of the meeting of the Employment &amp; Staffing Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 08 be accepted.</b></p>	Noted
08/09/21	<p><b><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 08</u></b></p> <p>Councillor Jefferys presented the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 08.</p>	E-mail SP Landscapes 23.09.08
	<p><b><u>08/09/21.01 Resolved</u></b>  <b>That the quote of £600 + VAT for spraying the entire grassed area of the Severals with Micram Plus be accepted, the work to be carried out as soon as possible. Town Clerk to ascertain how long the Severals would be out of use following the spraying.</b></p>	
	<p><b><u>08/09/21.02 Resolved</u></b>  <b>That the quote from Sportsequip for removing existing rubber tiles from under the swing and replacing with black Compliant Wetpour EPDM rubber impact absorbing surface onto the existing timber edged concrete base in the sum of £1790 + VAT be accepted, the work to be carried out in March 09.</b></p>	Letter mailed 23.09.08
	<p><b><u>08/09/21.03 Resolved</u></b>  <b>That the quote from Sportsequip for removing existing wetpour from the water play area, cleaning and priming the concrete base as necessary and laying black Compliant Wetpour EPDM rubber impact absorbing surface onto the existing timber edged concrete base in the sum of £1575 + VAT be accepted, the work to be carried out in March 09.:</b></p>	Letter mailed 23.09.08
	<p><b><u>08/09/21.04 Resolved</u></b>  <b>That Town Clerk investigate other suppliers of water play features and report back to the next meeting.</b></p>	EJ in progress
	<p><b><u>08/09/21.05 Resolved</u></b>  <b>That no advertisement for the Late Night Shopping event be placed.</b></p>	Town Clerk – e-mailed Sue on 23.09.08
	<p><b><u>08/09/21.06 Resolved</u></b>  <b>That Councillor Bovill investigate the possibility of the Christmas lights all being switched on simultaneously.</b></p>	Cllr Bovill In progress

08/09/22

**TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL  
REGENERATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 08**

Councillor Burch presented the minutes of the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 08.

**08/09/22.01 Resolved**

**That Newmarket Town Council make arrangements to fund £10,000 + VAT towards design and other costs to be incurred before 22<sup>nd</sup> October 08. This would be before and therefore at risk of the Funder's agreement in principle.**

Town Clerk –  
advised H Martin  
via e-mail  
23.09.08

**08/09/22.02 Resolved**

**That Newmarket Town Council make arrangements to fund the remaining £40,000 +VAT towards design and other costs to be incurred pre-contract but post and therefore not at risk of the Funder's agreement in principle.**

Advised H Martin  
via e-mail  
23.09.08

08/09/23

**TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE & POLICY  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 08**

Councillor Bailey presented the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 08 and advised that the words *the following recommendation was agreed* should be deleted from minute F/08/09/10.

**08/09/23.01 Resolved**

**That the Town Clerk takes a mileage reading of the Council's van on the first working day of each month.**

Town Clerk –  
noted

**08/09/23.02 Resolved**

**That the schedules for payments relating to the periods 1/7/08 - 31/7/08 and 1/8/08 – 31/8/08 be received and adopted.**

Noted

**08/09/23.03 Resolved**

**That a separate bank account be opened for the Sports Facilities on the Severals.**

Wrote to bank  
requesting  
relevant forms  
23.09.08

**08/09/23.04 Resolved**

**That Newmarket Town Council make arrangements to fund £10,000 + VAT towards design and other costs to be incurred before 22<sup>nd</sup> October 08. This would be before and therefore at risk of the Funder's agreement in principle.**

**08/09/23.05 Resolved**

**That Newmarket Town Council make arrangements to fund the remaining £40,000 +VAT towards design and other costs to be incurred pre-contract but post and therefore not at risk of the Funder's agreement in principle.**

**08/09/23.06 Resolved**

**That when interacting with the press verbally, Councillors should make it clear whether they are expressing their personal views or those of the Council and when writing letters to the Press that Councillors close their letters with the following wording:**

**The views expressed in this article are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Town Council.**

**08/09/23.07 Resolved**

**That the schedule of payments for Staff Salaries for the months of July and August 2008 (Cashbook 3) be received and adopted.**

Town Clerk –  
emailed all Cllrs  
26.09.08

Noted

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

**08/09/24**

**TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 08.**

Councillor Fletcher presented the minutes of the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**08/09/24.01 Resolved**

**That NTC voice no objections to planning application F/2008/0603/FUL – extension of existing stable yard to form traditional courtyard of 40 loose boxes, tack, feed, drying, rest, wc and office accommodation (Major Development) – La Grange Stables Fordham Road Newmarket.**

E-mailed FHDC  
26.09.08

*Councillors Drummond and Hirst returned to the meeting.*

**08/09/25**

**MISSION STATEMENT AND 3 YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Councillors received and discussed the revised Mission Statement and proposed development plan 2008/2011.

Councillor Drummond expressed concern that the Council didn't renew the Investors in People status. Councillor Millar suggested that the Mission Statement should include an item stating that NTC was committed to developing its staff and members of the Council.

Discussion took place regarding the future of the market square and Councillor Hirst advised that FHDC had set up a group to look at all aspects of the square, including the market and other uses of the square. Councillor Bailey reported that FHDC/SCC had advised the Working Group that the market square would be regenerated, which would bring people in and help regenerate the rest of the town. Councillor Burch felt it was unlikely more traders would be attracted to the market square.

<b><u>08/09/25.01 Resolved</u></b>	That the revised Mission Statement be accepted with the following addition:	E-mailed all Cllrs 26.09.08
6 Newmarket Town Council is committed to developing its staff and members of the Council.		
<b><u>08/09/25.02 Resolved</u></b>	That the three year development plan for 2008/2011 be accepted.	Noted
08/09/26	<b><u>LETTER TO THE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE ACCOMPANYING TC RESOLUTIONS MADE OF LGR</u></b> Councillors discussed the draft letter to the Boundary Committee and made the following Resolution:	
	<b><u>08/09/26.01 Resolved</u></b> That the draft letter to the Boundary Committee be accepted with the following amendments:	Town Clerk letter mailed 23.09.08
	Paragraph 4 – First sentence – delete <i>for Newmarket</i> and add <i>Newmarket would be a considerable distance from any administration in these areas.</i>	Amended 23.09.08
08/09/27	<b><u>REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS ELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES</u></b> Councillor Hirst advised that Anglia in Bloom had awarded Newmarket a Silver Gilt award. This was the best result to date and he thanked all the volunteers and the Town Clerk for their work in achieving this award.	
08/09/28	<b><u>WARD REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS</u></b> None noted.	
08/09/29	<b><u>TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE</u></b> The following correspondence was noted:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Suffolk Together – Local Government Review/Boundary Committee</li> <li>2 SCC – Suffolk LINK</li> <li>3 Suffolk Police – Suffolk Public Police Meetings</li> <li>4 Suffolk Preservation Society – Boundary Committee proposals</li> <li>5 SCC – Closure of A1304 High Street from the Clock Tower to the B1081 Dullingham Road (HGVs only) from 20-24 October, 1900 – 0600.</li> </ol>	
08/09/30	<b><u>TO CONSIDER ANY LICENSING ISSUES RAISED WITH THE COUNCIL</u></b> None noted.	

08/09/31

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 08 at 7.00 pm

The business of the meeting concluded at 8.10 pm.

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

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