



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Newmarket Town Council
held on Monday, 14th December 2009 at 7.00 pm
at the Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8JP

Attendance :

Councillor Mrs J Bailey, Town Mayor
Councillor G Cole
Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor G Edge
Councillor D Hudson

Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor W Hirst
Councillor M Jefferys
Councillor W Sadler
Councillor C Turner
Councillor J Uney

Also Present: Isabelle Barrett –Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant, Inspector Simon Clifton and Inspector Neil Ireland - Newmarket Police, 2 Members of the Press, 2 Members of the Public

	Minute	Action by
09/12/1	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)</u> Apologies were received from Councillors K Bovill, W Burch, A Drummond, G Jaggard and R Millar.	
09/12/2	<u>ABSENT</u> Councillor C Brighty was absent.	
09/12/3	<u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST – LGA 2000 Part III (Order 2001)</u> None noted.	
09/12/4	<u>TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23rd NOVEMBER 09 – LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2)</u> The Town Mayor signed the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 23 rd November 09 as a correct record.	
09/12/5	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 23rd NOVEMBER 09</u> None noted.	

09/12/6

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 – LGA 1972, Section 100(1)

Ms Julie Eaden, Coffee & Co, Sun Lane, reiterated her concern at the removal of A-boards. She had worked hard to increase her customer base and spent money on marketing the business to make it successful. Coffee & Co depended on drop-in trade so her A-board in the High Street was vitally important. Without it, she stood little chance of attracting new customers. However, even if she paid the £335 + VAT for planning permission, this would not be granted as the board would be more than one metre from her business. It was not apparent there were any businesses in Sun Lane, so without the A-board she would only get her regular customers and her business would not survive. She had seen a 30-40% drop in takings since the board had been removed. Independent retailers were important to Newmarket and marked it a place worth visiting. Businesses in the side streets were in grave danger of having to close if A-boards were removed and nothing put in their place.

09/12/7

TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- 03 Nov Met Youth Group cleaning graffiti with PCSO and SNT officers
- 03 Nov 2020 Vision for Addenbrookes launch
- 04 Nov Neighbourhood Meeting at Freshfields
- 07 Nov NTC Councillors Surgery
- 08 Nov Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service
- 10 Nov Official opening of the Leisure Centre
- 12 Nov Head Teachers Meeting
- 21 Nov Open St Nicholas Hospice Shop
- 24 Nov Erika's leaving farewell
- 24 Nov Lexington Link Meeting
- 25 Nov US Thanksgiving Service, Ely Cathedral
- 26 Nov 2012 Reception at the Leisure Centre
- 27 Nov Retailers' Forum, Bedford Lodge
- 01 Dec Launch of Late night Shopping
- 04 Dec Yuletide Reception, RAF Mildenhall
- 09 Dec Racing Welfare Carol Service at Tattersalls
- 11 Dec Staff Christmas Dinner
- 14 Dec Councillors' Christmas Drinks
- 17 Dec Adults' Christmas Party
- 18 Dec Children's Christmas Party
- Jan 2010 – Visit to St Nicholas Hospice

09/12/8

REPORT FROM NEWMARKET POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

Inspector Clifton introduced his successor, Inspector Neil Ireland, and was pleased to advise that there had been a 9.4% overall decrease in crime in the period April – November. Public Order offences had reduced 21% and serious violence offences related to drink/drugs were 35% lower. He expressed his thanks to all those involved in achieving these figures – the Town Pastors, SOS Bus, SNT, etc. Licensed premises had also been fully supportive of providing a safe environment. Inspector Clifton also thanked NTC for their great support in resolving issues. In a recent Police survey, 93% of those surveyed felt safe or very safe in the area in which they lived and 81% rated the Police excellent or very good – one of the highest rates in the county.

Councillors wished Inspector Clifton well on his new appointment and Councillor Bailey welcomed Inspector Ireland to the area.

Inspector Clifton and Inspector Ireland left the meeting.

09/12/9

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

None noted.

09/12/10

REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Sadler advised that the Schools Adjudicator had ruled in favour of implementing the 2-tier education system in Suffolk.

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

09/12/11

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7th DECEMBER 09

Councillor Fletcher presented the minutes of the Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 7th December 09. There were no recommendations. Councillor Fletcher advised that the next meeting would be held on 21st December 09.

Councillor Hirst returned to the meeting.

09/12/12

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7th DECEMBER 09

Councillor Jefferys presented the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 7th December 09.

F/09/12/6 – Paragraph 4 – Councillor Hirst advised that the second sentence should read *Councillor Hirst advised*

09/12/12.01 Resolved

That an amnesty be given to the end of December 2009 to enable normal trade over the festive period. This amnesty would continue into 2010 for the traders in Sun Lane, Wellington Street, Crown Walk, Old Station Road and Market Street until the Town Council in partnership with FHDC and SCC could put acceptable measures in place to protect the businesses in those areas.

Town Clerk/Cllr
Hirst/Cllr Uney

The two members of the public left the meeting.

09/12/12.02 Resolved

That the Town Clerk be given delegated powers to negotiate with the trader regarding the loss of goods from the Memorial Hall. The question of security at the Hall to be referred to the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee.

Done

09/12/12.03 Resolved

That NTC pay the deficit towards the cost of replacing the PA system in the Memorial Hall. Town Clerk to obtain a quote for 'new for old' insurance.

PA System
ordered

09/12/13

PROPOSED STUDLANDS PARK ALLOTMENTS & COMMUNITY GARDENS

Councillor Hirst reported that FHDC had agreed to enter into a long term lease with the Town Council for a Community Garden. The Town Council would proceed to lease the land to the Voluntary Network, who were a registered charity and a limited company. Apart from any legal costs involved with drafting both leases, there would be no additional expenditure incurred by the Town Council.

FHDC were also prepared to enter into a long term lease with the Town Council for Allotments at Studlands Park, giving the Town Council up to three years to enter into the lease agreement. This would enable the Town Council to meet with the interested residents at Studlands Park to agree a way forward on how best to obtain grants to finance the allotment project. FHDC advised that a Community Group was more successful when applying for Community funding than a Government body. Therefore, the proposal was to hold a meeting with those residents who had expressed an interest in taking over an allotment plot to discuss the best way forward.

Councillor Cole reported that interested residents were concerned that the project was taking so long and advised that a Studlands Allotment Society should be set up as quickly as possible.

09/12/14

REPORT ON THE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

Councillors noted the letter from SALC advising that the Court of Appeal had recognised that the process the Boundary Committee had followed in formulating its draft proposals in Suffolk was lawful and consistent with the guidance that the Secretary of State issued. The uncertainty therefore continued as a decision from the Secretary of State was awaited to see whether politically and logistically there remained the will to progress this issue in Suffolk.

Councillor Sadler reminded Councillors that the Boundary Committee had made two proposals – a unitary county authority or a two-unitary pattern comprising Ipswich & Felixstowe and Rural Suffolk. He believed the latter proposal would not be good for the rest of Suffolk as most of the industry was in the Ipswich/Felixstowe area.

09/12/15

REPORT FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillors received and noted the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 3rd December and Councillor Turner advised that the young people liked the Newmarket shops, leisure activities and schools.

09/12/16

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

None noted.

09/12/17

WARD REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

None noted.

09/12/18

TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE

Councillors noted the following correspondence:

FHDC Officer Joanne Rogers – Thanks to NTC staff for their support with the Late Night Shopping evening.

09/12/19

TO CONSIDER ANY LICENSING ISSUES RAISED WITH THE COUNCIL

None noted.

09/12/20

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 25th January 2010 at 7.00 pm. A presentation by students who visited Lexington would be held prior to the meeting at 6.30 pm – all Councillors invited to attend.

All

09/12/21

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC

With the vote being unanimous, it was

09/12/21.01 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 : _____