



Newmarket

T O W N C O U N C I L

Minutes of the Meeting of the Newmarket Town Council
held on Monday, 26th October 2009 at 7.00 pm
at the Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8JP

Attendance :

Councillor Mrs J Bailey, Town Mayor
Councillor K Bovill
Councillor C Turner
Councillor W Burch
Councillor G Cole
Councillor R Fletcher

Councillor A Drummond
Councillor D Hudson
Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor W Hirst
Councillor G Jaggard
Councillor R Millar
Councillor Mrs J Uney

Also Present: Erika Jensen –Assistant to the Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant, Mr S Osborne – FHDC, Sgt Mark Shipton – Newmarket Police, 2 Members of the Press, 10 Members of the Public

	Minute	Action by
09/10/1	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)</u> Apologies were received from Councillors C Brighty, G Edge, M Jefferys and W Sadler.	
09/10/2	<u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST – LGA 2000 Part III (Order 2001)</u> None noted.	
09/10/3	<u>TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28th SEPTEMBER 09 – LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2)</u> The Town Mayor signed the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 28 th September 09 as a correct record.	
09/10/4	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 28th SEPTEMBER 09</u> None noted.	

09/10/5

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)

Mr Justin Wadham expressed concern that if the LDF proceeded Newmarket would no longer be the home of horseracing. The proposed development at Hatchfield for a large housing estate on a Greenfield site was being pushed by Conservatives without consultation with the racing industry. Many constituents and all groups representing racing were against the proposal but FHDC were determined to go ahead with it. With the increased housing, traffic, etc, Newmarket would no longer be a small rural town and would not be a horseracing town in the future. Trainers believed they had to train in Newmarket to get to the top and they wanted peace and quiet – this development would cause Newmarket to suffer the fate of Epsom and the town could say goodbye to horseracing.

Mr John Goode, as a member of the Press and a local resident, expressed his concern that the minutes of the LDF Working Group stated that site specific matters would be discussed in private initially and he believed public views would not be taken into account.

09/10/6

PRESENTATION FROM CLLR R MILLAR RELATED TO LDF CORE STRATEGY AND THE HOME OF HORSE RACING PROJECT

Councillor Millar first gave an update on the Home of Horse Racing Project, outlining developments since FHDC bought Palace House and Stables in 1993 with a view to expanding and extending the racing experience and heritage in Newmarket. Palace House was restored and opened in 1998. FHDC later set up a Working Group to look at leisure facilities and attractions and it was agreed that the Horse Racing Museum should be revitalised to realise its full potential. A Trust had been set up to run and shape the Home of Horse Racing project – a business plan had been made and the Mews renovated in 2006. The stable yard had been stabilised. The Museum would be revitalised and expanded, with educational facilities, galleries, shop, restaurant, etc, and ex-racehorses in the stable yard so people could see how a yard operated. Paddocks at the back would be used as a show arena. Agreement had now been secured from Tate London British Sporting Art Trust to have a permanent home in Palace House and finer details were being finalised. £3,000,000 had been raised plus £1,000,000 from SCC with pledged revenue funds to keep the project moving on. A further £2,000,000 was needed and the Project Manager was optimistic in raising this.

Councillor Millar then explained his views on the LDF. There was tension between the level of change wanted or needed by the Council and the people and their views on how Newmarket should look in 10 or 20 years' time. He identified 3 areas of difficulty – 1) Time pressure on FHDC – the Local Plan had expired, but in September 2007 some policies were saved. 2) National target was for extra houses for the whole district and FHDC were trying to find room for numbers to fit the target, not the place. 3) Interest groups, which he welcomed, but which had many differences of opinion. As Chairman of the LDF Group, he had to listen to all views and a significant number of people wanted the town to develop, such as businesses and families needing more housing.

Regarding confidentiality, FHDC had worked to previous guidelines, which had now changed. The LDF Process would take time going through the various stages and committees; it was open and transparent, all outcomes would be made public and there would be a public discussion. Evidence was important, not just opinions, and the difference should be recognised. The LDF was driven by how to meet the Government target – 1200 houses was less than what should be built – FHDC were looking for a minimum number and would see what was right for Newmarket at the Public Examination.

Councillor Millar's role as Chairman was to ensure the integrity of the project, to see the process through and the best way forward. The LDF could be reviewed at any time and targets could change. It was not a careless process and the intention was not to undermine racing.

Following a question from Councillor Turner, Councillor Millar advised that committees did not have to meet in public and site specific discussions would be held in private but their conclusions made public.

In reply to a question from Councillor Fletcher, Councillor Millar advised that the figure of 1200 houses had been put in to avoid the risk of being non-compliant and the decision being referred to an Inspector. There were good arguments to support this figure.

Councillor Burch expressed his concern that an extra 1200 houses in one area would turn Newmarket into a satellite to Cambridge. Councillor Hirst pointed out that group members had to take a decision at each meeting regarding putting items in the confidential section of the meeting.

Councillor Millar thanked Councillors for their questions and agreed Newmarket was a special town and the LDF was not a plan for its destruction.

Councillor Bailey thanked Councillor Millar for his presentation.

Mr Osborne left the meeting.

As it was closely related to Councillor Millar's presentation, Councillor Bailey brought forward Development & Planning Recommendation D/09/10/11.01

09/10/7

VISION FOR NEWMARKET

Councillor Bailey explained that, if the Council was to carry out a project to produce its own Vision for the future of Newmarket, it must be a feasible, comprehensive and professional report, done in consultation with various other authorities and interested parties within the community to make sure the end result was achievable. She recommended that a Working Group be formed to produce a paper on a vision for the future development of Newmarket through dialogue with other interested parties in the Town.

Councillor Fletcher said he believed one of the most important duties of the Town Council was to develop and maintain a vision for the future so the town could grow and prosper for the benefit of all its residents. There was currently no such vision or even a town plan but the D&P Committee had recently considered a document produced by a local resident outlining his vision for the future of the town and found it contained a number of interesting ideas. Councillor Fletcher agreed that a group should be set up to gather ideas and proposals from all interested parties and to formulate a vision for the future of the town that the Council could adopt as being fully representative and which may be used to influence the future development of the town. It need not involve extra work for the Town Clerk but would require some effort by Councillors and he urged that a working group be set up without delay.

Councillor Millar said a Vision was critical for the town and would play an important role alongside the District Plan. FHDC wanted larger communities to develop a Development Plan Document as part of the planning process but he cautioned there would be much time, effort and, eventually, cost involved.

09/10/7.01 Resolved

That a Working Group be formed to produce a Paper on a vision for the future development of Newmarket through dialogue with other interested parties in the town.

All

Councillors Bovill and Uney expressed an interest in joining the Working Group and other Councillors wishing to join were asked to contact Councillors Bailey or Fletcher. Any Councillor would be able to attend meetings of the Working Group. Councillor Millar suggested the Group should meet with FHDC Head of Planning to see how the vision would mesh with FHDC plans.

09/10/8

TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- 01 Oct Meeting with Ahsan Mohammed from the Muslim community
- 02 Oct Presented awards at Newmarket in Bloom
- 03 Oct NTC Councillors' Surgery
Attended Memorial Service and reception for Kenneth Kemp-Turner
- 07 Oct Attended Suffolk Constabulary Public Meeting
- 08 Oct Meeting with SALC with Town Clerk
- 09 Oct CleanUp Litter pick meeting
- 11 Oct Harvest Festival Service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral
- 15 Oct Lexington Link Meeting
- 18 Oct Forest Heath Crime Prevention Panel annual presentation
- 20 Oct Meeting with Deputy Mayor
- 24 Oct CleanUp 'Love Newmarket' Litter Pick
- 30 Oct Children's Halloween Party in the Memorial Hall

Councillor Bailey advised that Late Night Shopping would be on Tuesday, 1st December – Opening at 6.00pm at the Clock Tower plaza.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

09/10/9

REPORT FROM NEWMARKET POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

Sgt Shipton apologised that Inspector Clifton was unable to attend and also that crime statistics had not been previously circulated.

He reported that in September 2009 there had been 195 cumulative crimes against 225 last year and to date 161 crimes compared to 200 last year. Police priorities: 1) anti-social behaviour in the Market Square – Police would be targeting certain individuals to remove ring-leaders. 2) The Guineas – the car fire was not caused by the core group. FHDC had a strategy for the next few weeks and hoped to see the end of the problems. Police patrols would continue.

Councillor Bailey thanked Sgt Shipton for attending and he left the meeting.

09/10/10

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

None noted.

09/10/11

REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

None noted.

Three members of the public left the meeting.

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

09/10/12

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 5th & 19th OCTOBER 09

Councillor Fletcher presented the minutes of the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 5th and 19th October 09.

09/10/12.01 Resolved

That as this development of racing was in accordance with the Horse Racing Policy, no objections be voiced to planning application F/2009/0491/FUL – Proposed racehorse training yard with new access from Hamilton Road to site and from site onto Gallops (Major Development).

E-Mailed to FHDC

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

09/10/12.02 Resolved

That Councillor Fletcher and any other available members of the D&P Committee represent NTC at the Public Examination of the FHDC LDF Core Strategy Submission.

Cllr Fletcher

Councillor Millar returned to the meeting.

09/10/12.03 Resolved

That Councillor Turner be a member of the Development & Planning Committee.

Councillors Drummond, Jaggard and Hirst returned to the meeting. One member of the public left the meeting.

09/10/13

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th OCTOBER 09

Councillor Hirst presented the minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 5th October 09.

09/10/13.01 Resolved

That Councillor Hudson be a member of the Community Services Committee.

09/10/13.02 Resolved

That the Town Clerk discuss with Ian Shipp the possibilities of FHDC preparing the land ready for allotment use or granting sufficient funds for NTC to carry out the work at no cost to NTC.

Meeting arranged

09/10/13.03 Resolved

That NTC agree in principle to a match funded PCSO subject to satisfactory financial arrangements and Town Clerk seek information from SALC regarding the experiences of other local Councils who were match funding a PCSO. (Councillors Burch and Millar voted against the recommendation)

Town Clerk

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C/09/10/13.01 Recommendation

That the lease on the land adjoining 45 Field Terrace Road be extended for a further six months.

Members of the Council discussed the above recommendation and agreed to resolve an amendment to the recommendation as follows below:-

09/10/13.04 Resolved

That the lease on the land adjoining 45 Field Terrace Road be extended for a further four years while maintaining a rolling six-month cancellation clause and the rent payable increased to £75 pa.

In progress

09/10/13.05 Resolved

That the 1st draft budget for 2010/2011 for the Community Services Committee be accepted.

Town Clerk

09/10/13.06 Resolved

That NTC approve the request from Mrs H Palmer for a bench to be installed in the PDK section of the Cemetery in memory of her mother, all costs to be met by Mrs Palmer.

Assist. TC

09/10/13.07 Resolved

That Town Clerk advise FHDC that NTC own no land at Freshfields and that no objections be voiced to the proposed application for an advisory disabled parking bay at 89 Freshfields Newmarket.

Advised SCC via e-mail

09/10/14

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12th OCTOBER 09

Councillor Bovill presented the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee held on 12th October 09.

09/10/14.01 Resolved

That the existing Sport on the Severals Sub-Committee should establish a new committee of management of the premises in consultation with Sport Newmarket to discuss responsibilities.

First meeting arranged

09/10/14.02 Resolved

That the Carnival Committee Accounts be underwritten by £1,003 subject to the Carnival Committee reviewing their procedures to enable them to work within their given budget.

Done

09/10/14.03 Resolved

That a Ballroom Dance be organised on a Saturday night and the Galaxy Band hired at a cost of £650.

Event Manager

<u>09/10/14.04 Resolved</u>	That the Eastern Angles production of Long Way Home be staged in the Memorial Hall in Spring 2010.	Event Manager
<u>09/10/14.05 Resolved</u>	That the 1 st draft budget for the Leisure Services Committee for 2010/2011 be accepted subject to the following amendments:	Done
	4312 Newmarket Carnival – Increase grant to £2,500 plus £1,000 contingency for licence to close/divert road 4802 New Play Equipment – reduce to £62,000	
09/10/15	<u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL REGENERATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 09</u> Councillor Burch presented the minutes of the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee held on 13 th October 09.	
	<u>09/10/15.01 Resolved</u> That Henry Martin be asked to put the scheme for the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall out to tender.	Discussed at M.H.R. Meeting
	<u>09/10/15.02 Resolved</u> That the 1 st draft budget for the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee for 2010/2011 be accepted.	
09/10/16	<u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 19th OCTOBER 09</u> Councillor Bailey presented the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 19 th October 09.	
	<u>09/10/16.01 Resolved</u> That the schedules for payments relating to the period 1.9.09-30.9.09 (Cash Books 1 and 2) be received and adopted.	
	<u>09/10/16.02 Resolved</u> That the 1 st draft budget for the Finance & Policy Committee for 2010/2011 be accepted.	
	<u>09/10/16.03 Resolved</u> That NTC Councillors be invited to attend a 2-hour Well Being training session in February 2010 at a cost of £150 – Town Clerk to circulate Councillors with a list of possible dates and arrange the session accordingly.	Requested dates from SALC
	<u>09/10/16.04 Resolved</u> That the Town Council has approved and accepted BDOs audit opinion related to the annual return for the year end 31 st March 09 and has noted the recommendations that do not affect the opinion of the External Auditor.	Noted

<u>09/10/16.05 Resolved</u>	That the Youth Council be granted a budget of £500, and any expenditure should be commensurate with the benefit to the community of Newmarket.	Incl. in 2010/11 budget
<u>09/10/16.06 Resolved</u>	That a member of the Council staff be allocated to attend Youth Council meetings and provide administrative support.	Event Manager
<u>09/10/16.07 Resolved</u>	That the F&P Committee be given delegated responsibility to agree suitable advertisements for the Town Crier, the cost of a 6cm x 5cm box advertisement to be £25.00.	Noted
<u>09/10/16.08 Resolved</u>	That the schedule of payments for Staff Salaries for the month of September 09 (Cashbook 3) be received and adopted.	
09/10/17	<u>REPORT FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL</u>	
	Councillor Turner reported that the Youth Council held their second meeting on 1 st October, with the Chair and Vice Chair being elected. Three groups were organised who discussed the Police role within the community, town centre management and youth opportunities funding. Feedback was taken and showed what the Youth Council could initiate. A music festival was agreed on and Mrs Jensen agreed to look into possible funding for the project. She would work with two Newmarket college students to apply for funding. Councillor Turner had written to Heads of all local schools giving them feedback from the meeting and thanking them for their cooperation.	
09/10/18	<u>REPORT REGARDING NHS SUFFOLK PRIMARY CARE TRUST AND THE FUTURE OF NEWMARKET HOSPITAL</u>	
	Councillor Hirst advised that he had attended two meetings of the NHS Suffolk Primary Care Trust where the future of Newmarket Hospital had been discussed. Two local GP surgeries were currently negotiating to buy land at the hospital to establish surgeries there. The Hospital would remain on site – the 14 beds on Rosemary Ward were full – but concerns were expressed regarding the rest of the development, such as moving the x-ray department, improving wards, current closure of the pharmacy. The Gibson Centre was currently being used for offices and the Forum had asked for a proper plan of developments.	
09/10/19	<u>REPORT FROM SALC EXECUTIVE MEETINGS</u>	
	Deferred.	
09/10/20	<u>REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS ELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES</u>	
	Councillor Bailey advised that Newmarket students were presently in Kentucky and the visit was going well. It was planned that students from Lexington would visit Newmarket in 2010.	

09/10/21 WARD REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

None noted.

09/10/22 UPDATE ON THE CLEANUP CAMPAIGN

Councillor Bailey advised that the Litter Pick on 24th October had been very successful, with over 70 volunteers collecting an enormous amount of rubbish and raising awareness of the problem in the town. Domino Pizza had supplied pizzas to the volunteers and she thanked all Councillors who had helped. Letters had been delivered to 63 businesses with A-Boards in the High Street and surrounding area giving them 21 days to apply for advertising consent, failing which the signs would be removed by the Enforcement Officer. Businesses must adhere to the rules and regulations and must take in the boards at night.

09/10/23 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE

Councillors noted the following correspondence:

- 1 Mayor of Wootton Bassett – Letter of thanks for support for their continuing action at repatriation of servicemen.
- 2 Tony Bass, Anglia Leisure – Swimalong, 9th January 2010 – any Councillor wishing to participate to contact Councillor Turner.

09/10/24 TO CONSIDER ANY LICENSING ISSUES RAISED WITH THE COUNCIL

None noted.

09/10/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 23rd November 2009 at 7.00 pm.

09/10/26 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC

With the vote being unanimous, it was

09/10/26.01 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 8.30 pm.

Signed : _____

Date : _____