



Newmarket

T O W N C O U N C I L

Minutes of the Meeting of the Newmarket Town Council
held on Monday, 22nd February 2010 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 Brighty

Councillor W Burch

Councillor G Cole

Councillor G Edge

Councillor R Fletcher

Councillor P Hulbert

Councillor W Hirst

Councillor G Jaggard

Councillor M Jefferys

Councillor C Turner

Councillor J Uney

Also Present: Isabelle Barrett –Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant, Inspector Neil Ireland - Newmarket Police, FHDC Councillor A Appleby, 2 Members of the Press, 4 Member of the Public

	Minute	Action by
10/02/1	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)</u> Apologies were received from Councillors A Drummond, D Hudson, R Millar and W Sadler.	
10/02/2	<u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST – LGA 2000 Part III (Order 2001)</u> None noted.	
10/02/3	<u>TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th JANUARY 2010 – LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2)</u> The Town Mayor signed the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 25 th January 2010 as a correct record.	
10/02/4	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 25th JANUARY 2010</u> None noted.	

10/02/5

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 J Wadham advised that the proposed statue had been his idea and was supported by SHNAG, SCC Highways and the Newmarket public. There would be no cost to Newmarket Town Council as SHNAG would raise the necessary funds. The statue was a copy of an acclaimed work of art which would embellish the roundabout, publicise Charles II's connections with Newmarket and promote tourism. SHNAG was not an undemocratic group and would not foist the statue on the town.

Councillor Bailey advised that she had been saddened to receive offensive mails from people purporting to be SHNAG supporters.

10/02/6

TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Bailey advised that she and 10 other Councillors had attended training on the Power of Well Being on 16th February but 4 more Councillors needed to attend the training. A further half-hour session had been arranged at 6.30 pm prior to the Council Meeting on 22nd March and Councillors Burch, Cole and Jaggard agreed to attend. Town Clerk to contact Cllr Drummond and invite him to attend.

Advised relevant
Cllrs via e-mail
and booked
SALC on 23.02.10

10/02/7

REPORT FROM NEWMARKET POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

Councillors received the Crime Statistics up to January and noted that there had been a further reduction in total crime across all prime areas. Inspector Ireland advised that this was largely due to prompt action in dealing with local trouble-makers. Detection rates were slightly lower but bailed people would shortly be charged following robust investigations.

In reply to a question from Councillor Bovill, Inspector Ireland advised that burglary was not a particular issue or trend – the increase was in low-level offences such as sheds being broken into and the Police were monitoring the situation.

Councillor Turner reported that, as a member of the SNT, he was pleased that problems in Wellington Street and The Guineas car park had almost disappeared.

Councillor Bailey advised that there would be a Street Meet on the Lambton Estate from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm on 1st March and invited the Severals Ward Councillors to attend.

Councillor Bailey thanked Inspector Ireland for his report and he left the meeting.

10/02/8

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Hirst advised that an FHDC Planning Meeting would be held at 6.00 pm on 25th March solely to discuss the Hatchfield Farm planning application and a decision would be made at that meeting.

10/02/9

REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

None noted.

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

10/02/10

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 1st & 15th FEBRUARY 2010

Councillor Fletcher presented the minutes of the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 1st and 15th February 2010.

10/02/10.01 Resolved

That Newmarket Town Council objects to planning application F/2009/0713/ESO on the grounds that the houses are not required and that any perceived benefits to the town arising from this urban extension would be heavily out-weighed by the likely adverse impact on the fabric and unique character of the town and, particularly, on the well-being of the local equine industry, on which many of our citizens rely for their livelihood and which the Town Council is pledged to support.

Comments e-mailed to N George on 23.02.10

10/02/10.02 Resolved

That Newmarket Town Council advises Forest Heath District Council that, in the event that planning application F/2009/0713/ESO is approved by them, then a number of essential terms and conditions should be applied.

Comments e-mailed to N George on 23.02.10

10/02/10.03 Resolved

That Newmarket Town Council sends a letter to the Head of Planning at Forest Heath District Council, copied to the Chairman of the Planning Committee, explaining and giving further details of the recommendations above.

Letter e-mailed and mailed to N George on 23.02.10

10/02/10.04 Resolved

That no objections be voiced to planning application F/2010/0026/FUL - Erection of 2-storey residential development of 11 bedsit apartments together with bin and cycle storage and associated site works (demolition of British Legion Club, 7 Park Lane Newmarket) – subject to NTC having sight of the proposed building materials and agreeing that they are in keeping with other properties in the area.

E-mailed to FHDC on 23.02.10

10/02/10.06 Resolved

That NTC be represented at the FHDC Planning Committee meeting on 25th March and that Councillor Fletcher seeks to present the Council's views at that meeting.

Cllr Fletcher will confirm his attendance with N. George to speak on behalf of NTC

Councillors Hirst and Jaggard returned to the meeting.

10/02/11

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2010

Councillor Hirst presented the minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 1st February 2010.

10/02/11.01 Resolved

That NTC agree in principle to a statue of King Charles II being erected on a suitable site in the town, provided no costs were incurred to NTC.

Noted

10/02/11.02 Resolved

That a Working Group be set up with SHNAG to look into a suitable site to erect a statue of King Charles II.

Letter mailed to SHNAG on 23.02.10

10/02/11.03 Resolved

That NTC purchase six salt/grit bins and Ward Representatives submit requests for bins in streets in their Wards. Town Clerk to obtain costs for various sizes of bins.

Awaiting requests from Cllrs

10/02/11.04 Resolved

That Newmarket in Bloom prepare proposals for the re-design of the War Memorial gardens for submission to NTC for approval.

Noted and awaiting designs to be presented to CS Cttee

10/02/12

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY 2010

Councillor Bovill presented the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee held on 8th February 2010.

10/02/12.01 Resolved

That the draft letter to SCC regarding Newmarket Rugby Union Football Club's future use of the facilities at Scaltback Middle School be approved.

Letter e-mailed and mailed on 23.02.10

10/02/12.02 Resolved

That the draft letter to FHDC expressing concern that Newmarket appeared disadvantaged regarding facilities for outdoor sport, children and young people's space and natural green space, be approved.

Letter mailed and e-mailed on 23.02.10

<u>10/02/12.03 Resolved</u>	That the Employment & Staffing Committee initiate the process for the recruitment of a part-time Caretaker for the sports pavilion on the Severals.	Put on March E&S Agenda
<u>10/02/12.04 Resolved</u>	That the question of cycling on pavements in the town be referred to the Community Services Committee for discussion.	Put on March CS Agenda
<i>One member of the public left the meeting.</i>		
10/02/13	<u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL REGENERATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 15th FEBRUARY 10</u> Councillor Burch presented the minutes of the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee held on 15 th February 2010.	
	<u>10/02/13.01 Resolved</u> That the Press be invited to a meeting with representatives of the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee to brief them on the plans for the refurbishment of the Hall. (Councillor Bailey advised that the Press had been invited to attend a meeting on 24th February with herself and Councillors Jefferys and Burch to look at the plans)	Done via e-mail
	<u>10/02/13.02 Resolved</u> That plans for the final design of the Memorial Hall be accepted and The John's Practice and Hannah-Reed be thanked for their work on producing them.	Noted
	<u>10/02/13.03 Resolved</u> That SCC Officer Keith Fawkner-Simpson be advised that NTC agree in principle to the use of the Memorial Hall for any mass vaccination programme but that refurbishment works would prohibit this until they were completed.	Advised via e-mail
10/02/14	<u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15th FEBRUARY 2010</u> Councillor Jefferys presented the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 15 th February 2010.	
	<u>10/02/14.01 Resolved</u> That the schedules for payments relating to the period 1.01.10-31.01.10 (Cash Books 1 & 2) be received and adopted.	Noted
	<u>10/02/14.02 Resolved</u> That, should the need arise, the Leisure Services Committee be permitted to utilise the following funds towards the cost of the play equipment regeneration project in the Memorial Gardens:	Noted

Memorial Gardens budget (still in budget)	£4,000
Reserve	£6,000
Play Equipment Reserve Fund	£3,000

10/02/14.03 Resolved

That all communications and correspondence concerning NTC Committee business between Councillors, Chairman and Committees and other authorities and their officers should be sent by the Town Clerk and her advice sought on protocol and procedures. In addition, any correspondence issued by the Town Clerk concerning FHDC should be copied to the Chairman of the relevant NTC Committee as well as the Leader of Forest Heath District Council.

Noted

10/02/14.04 Resolved

That the draft Procedure for the Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit for 2009/10 be accepted.

Noted

10/02/14.05 Resolved

That the Internal Auditors interim internal audit be noted.

Noted

10/02/14.06 Resolved

That the schedule of payments for Staff Salaries for the month of January 2010 (Cashbook 3) be received and adopted.

Noted

10/02/15

REPORT ON THE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

Councillors received the report from the Minister for Local Government and noted that it had been decided not to take a statutory decision on the Boundary Committee's proposals relating to Suffolk. The Department shared the Boundary Committee's assessment that the alternative proposals they put forward for Suffolk met the criteria, the proposal for a single unitary county to the greater extent. Also, that the unitary proposal made by Ipswich Borough Council would not be reasonably likely to deliver the outcomes specified by the affordability criterion.

There was wide agreement across the county that there should be a unitary solution in some form but it was clear that neither of the unitary proposals were supported by all the principal councils in the county. The Department would not now take a statutory decision on the Suffolk proposals before them and invited all Suffolk Councils, with their Members of Parliament, consulting other stakeholders and through a county constitutional convention, to reach a consensus on a unitary solution for Suffolk.

10/02/16

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

Councillor Turner (Newmarket Youth Council) advised that pupils in local schools elected their class representatives for their year group and on to the School Council. Any decisions made at School Council were then fed back to year groups/classes. Now, the School Council was

being encouraged to bring issues and ideas to the Youth Council and Councillor Edge would shortly be speaking to them about the Council's Vision for Newmarket and asking for their views and ideas.

10/02/17 **WARD REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS**

None noted.

10/02/18 **TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillors noted the following correspondence:

SCC Councillor Lisa Chambers – Visit to Newmarket Fire Station, 9th March 2010. Anyone wishing to attend to notify the Town Clerk.

Jonathan Hale – Newmarket Long-Term Parking Strategy. Councillor Bovill agreed to attend the drop-in session on 9th March.

10/02/19 **TO CONSIDER ANY LICENSING ISSUES RAISED WITH THE COUNCIL**

None noted.

10/02/20 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 22nd March 2010 at 7.00 pm.

10/02/21 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

With the vote being unanimous, it was

10/02/21.01 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.

10/02/22 *****REPORT FROM THE EMPLOYMENT & STAFFING COMMITTEE**

Councillor Bailey updated Members of the Council on a matter as per the attached public exempt report.

The business of the meeting concluded at 7.52 pm.

Signed : _____

Date : _____