



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Newmarket Town Council
held on Monday, 22nd March 2010 at 7.00 pm
at the Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8JP

Attendance :

Councillor Mrs J Bailey, Town Mayor	Councillor A Drummond
Councillor K Bovill	Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor C Brighty	Councillor W Hirst
Councillor W Burch	Councillor W Sadler
Councillor G Cole	Councillor M Jefferys
Councillor G Edge	Councillor C Turner
Councillor R Fletcher	Councillor J Uney

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

Minute	Action by
10/03/1 <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)</u> Apologies were received from Councillors G Jaggard and D Hudson.	
10/03/2 <u>ABSENT</u> Councillor R Millar was absent.	
10/03/3 <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST – LGA 2000 Part III (Order 2001)</u> None noted.	
10/03/4 <u>TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd FEBRUARY 2010 – LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2)</u> The Town Mayor signed the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 22 nd February 2010 as a correct record.	
10/03/5 <u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 22nd FEBRUARY 2010</u> 10/02/14.03 – Cllr Bailey reminded Councillors that this was now Town Council Policy and must be adhered to. 10/02/15 – Councillor Sadler advised that, although the report from the Minister for Local Government said ‘there was wide agreement across the county that there should be a unitary solution in some form’, this was not true as the majority of people in the county did not want a unitary authority.	

10/03/6 **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)**

None noted.

10/03/7 **TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Bailey advised that she had attended/would be attending the following events:

25 Feb Press Briefing re Memorial Hall
01 Mar Police Surgery Manny Mercer Court
04 Mar Lexington Link Meeting
04 Mar Brough Scott Community Suite Opening
08 Mar Opening of FHDC Crime Prevention Panel, Crucial Crew
11 Mar East Cambs DC Reception – Ely Cathedral
12 Mar Counterskills Awards Dinner
19 Mar Gold Cup Lunch – Guest of Jockey Club
26 Mar Newmarket Mayor's Reception
27 Mar Opening of Memorial Garden Play Area and Garden
30 Mar Lexington Link Meeting

10/03/8 **REPORT FROM NEWMARKET POLICE REPRESENTATIVE**

Inspector Ireland had to leave the meeting unexpectedly and left his apologies.

10/03/9 **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Councillors received a report from Town Clerk regarding public toilets in Newmarket and noted that FHDC were unable to increase their offer of funding should NTC take over the management of the public toilets in the town. The notion of NTC opening up the public conveniences in the refurbished Memorial Hall had been discussed at a meeting at which Cllr Hirst, Town Clerk and a FHDC Officer were present. The FHDC Officer had advised that he would need to discuss this proposal with his superiors. To date no response had been received. However, the Town Clerk had spoken with Simon Phelan today, who confirmed that FHDCs Community Services Committee was due to meet tomorrow and he would submit the following proposals for their members' consideration. In parallel, NTC Members needed to consider the same proposals as follows:-

- FHDC would ensure that the public conveniences adjacent to the Memorial Hall would remain open until September 2010.
- Following this period the public conveniences would close coinciding with the commencement to the planned refurbishment of the Memorial Hall, which would include provision of a number of WCs inside the building.

- After completion of the refurbishment, the Town Council would enable the newly provided toilets within the building for daytime public use, subject to a payment from FHDC at a level consistent with that which may have been provided under the 'Community Toilet Scheme' investigated as part of this project and discussed with the Town Council by Paul Byrne during the Autumn of 2009.
- The existing public convenience building be demolished and the land made available as additional parking space for users of the Memorial Hall.

Councillor Hirst declared an interest and left the meeting.

Councillors discussed the possibility of the public using the Memorial Hall toilets and, whilst acknowledging that there was merit in the proposal, the following concerns were expressed:-

- Access to the toilets as currently the Hall was locked when not in use over weekends
- Insurance implications of leaving the Hall unlocked
- Additional cleaning costs

The following resolution was agreed:

10/03/9.01 Resolved

That FHDC be informed that there was merit in their suggestion to close the toilets next to the Memorial Hall and use the toilets inside the Hall but further investigation was required regarding funding, access, cleaning, etc. Councillor Burch to represent NTC in discussions with FHDC and, the matter to be referred to the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee.

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Councillor Hirst and FHDC Councillor Appleby returned to the meeting.

10/03/10 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Sadler advised that SCC were cutting services, including reducing staff by up to 25%, and aimed to set a nil increase in Council Tax in 2011 and 2012.

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

10/03/11 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 1st & 15th MARCH 2010

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

10/03/11.01 Resolved

That NTC welcome this new development in an existing industrial area, which will bring skilled and semi-skilled jobs to the town. (Erection of B8 storage, packaging and supply centre and erection of B2 sports car design and manufacturing unit)

P.P.P 25.03.10

10/03/11.02 Resolved

That NTC support the idea of an Arcade linking the High Street to the proposed Home of Horseracing attractions at Palace House and Stables, as it could increase visitor numbers and encourage economic activity in the High Street, and commend it to the Home of Horseracing Trust for them to consider as part of their plans.

Letter mailed on 24.03.10

Councillors Hirst and Drummond returned to the meeting.

10/03/12

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

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

C/10/3/10 – Councillor Hirst advised that traders, FHDC and SCC had agreed a design for the A-Boards and letters sent to all relevant traders to confirm by the end of March if they wish to participate. Business names could be added or removed from the A-Boards as appropriate in future. It was anticipated that the new A-Boards would be in place late June/early July, when the current amnesty would cease. The aim was to have common signage with matching colours in the town and irrelevant signs would be removed as soon as possible.

10/03/12.01 Resolved

That Councillors Cole and Hirst represent NTC on the proposed King Charles II Statue Working Group.

Meeting took place. Place on April CS Agenda

10/03/12.02 Resolved

That Councillor Uney represent NTC on the SNT Neighbourhood Community Panel. Councillor Hirst to ascertain if Councillor Turner would also represent NTC on the Panel.

Advised Sergeant Shipton via e-mail/Cllr Hirst to speak with Cllr Turner

10/03/12.03 Resolved

That the SNT be advised that NTC do not agree that dealing with cycling on pavements should be a priority.

E-mailed Sergeant Shipton on 25.03.10

10/03/12.04 Resolved

That Councillor Hirst and Town Clerk attend the next meeting of the East Cambs South Area Neighbourhood Panel on 31st March and report back to the Community Services Committee.

Noted

	<p><u>10/03/12.05 Resolved</u> That Town Clerk write to SCC to make them aware of the difficulties experienced by Newmarket residents as a result of changes in the Stagecoach timetables.</p>	<p>In working progress</p>
	<p><u>10/03/12.06 Resolved</u> That the quote of £834.25 (including VAT) from Greenfingers Landscapes for fencing at St Mary's Churchyard be accepted.</p>	<p>Accepted quote on 25.03.10</p>
	<p><u>10/03/12.07 Resolved</u> That the quote of £3,514 + VAT from Rattee & Kett for refurbishing the Cooper Memorial be accepted.</p>	<p>Accepted quote on 25.03.10</p>
	<p><u>10/03/12.08 Resolved</u> That NTC agree to pay 50% of the original costs of additional works to the path at All Saints Church.</p>	<p>Paid additional costs to Moons in the sum of £578.12</p>
<p>10/03/13</p>	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE EMPLOYMENT & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD ON 8th MARCH 2010</u> Councillor Bailey presented the minutes of the Employment & Staffing Committee held on 8th March 2010.</p>	
	<p><u>10/03/13.01 Resolved</u> That recommendations agreed at the Employment & Staffing Committee held on 8th March 2010 be approved.</p>	
<p>10/03/14</p>	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 8th MARCH 2010</u> Councillor Bovill presented the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee held on 8th March 2010. There were no recommendations.</p> <p>L/10/03/7 - Councillor Bovill reminded Councillors that the opening of the new equipment in the Memorial Gardens was being held on Saturday, 27th March, at 11.00 am. An additional £6,000 had been received towards the cost of the project.</p> <p>L/10/03/5 – Councillor Hirst pointed out that, although the letter from SCC Officer Graham Dixon had stated that Scaltback School was scheduled for closure in 2011, this was incorrect; the school would close in 2012.</p>	
<p>10/03/15</p>	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL REGENERATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 9th MARCH 10</u> Councillor Burch presented the minutes of the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee held on 9th March 2010. There were no recommendations.</p>	

10/03/16

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15th MARCH 2010

Councillor Jefferys presented the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 15th February 2010.

10/03/16.01 Resolved

That the schedules for payments relating to the period 1.02.10-28.02.10 (Cash Books 1 & 2) be received and adopted.

Noted

10/03/16.02 Resolved

That the report on Risk Assessments for Key Risks facing the Town Council 2010 be received and accepted.

Noted

10/03/16.03 Resolved

That the report on Risk Assessments of Key Financial Activities facing the Town Council be received and accepted.

Noted

10/03/16.04 Resolved

That the Council's Standing Orders, Eighth Edition, March 2010, be received and adopted, subject to the amendment of para 33.3 referring to paragraphs (a) or (b) and para 33.4 referring to paragraph (c).

Done

10/03/16.05 Resolved

That the Council's Financial Standing Orders, Eighth Edition, March 2010, be received and adopted, subject to the inclusion of the NTC Travelling Expenses Policy in Section 7 – Expenses: Staff and Councillors.

Done

10/03/16.06 Resolved

That the 2009 Annual Review be entitled “10 Years of Working for Newmarket”.

Noted

10/03/16.07 Resolved

That the old computer be loaned to Councillor Burch.

Noted

10/03/16.08 Resolved

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

Noted

10/03/17

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

Councillor Turner advised that the Newmarket Youth Council had met on 4th March, when Councillor Edge had outlined the Vision for Newmarket. Members of the NYC had given him their views on what they would like to see in the future.

Councillor Bailey advised that Newmarket-based artist Paula Wilson had been chosen to have her design put forward to the Lexington Board in Kentucky to represent Newmarket in Horse Mania during the

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Equestrian Games in Lexington this year.

- 10/03/18** **UPDATE FROM VISION FOR NEWMARKET WORKING GROUP**
Councillor Edge gave an update on progress to date and outlined the next steps.
- 10/03/19** **FREE STANDING LOGO BOARD FOR NEWMARKET TOWN COUNCIL**
Councillor Uney suggested that NTC should purchase a logo board for use at events and after discussion the following was agreed:
- 10/03/19.01 Resolved**
That a free-standing logo board be purchased for Newmarket Town Council at a cost of approximately £200. Councillor Uney to liaise with Town Clerk regarding design and report back to the next meeting of the Town Council.
- 10/03/20** **WARD REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS**
None noted.
- 10/03/21** **TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE**
Councillors noted the following correspondence:
SCC Highways – Closure of Windmill Hill, Exning, 6th – 9th April 10.
- 10/03/22** **TO CONSIDER ANY LICENSING ISSUES RAISED WITH THE COUNCIL**
None noted.
- 10/03/23** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Monday, 26th April 2010 at 7.00 pm.
- 10/03/24** **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**
With the vote being unanimous, it was

Advised Events
Manager to liaise
with Cllr Uney

10/03/24.01 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 7.45 pm.

Signed : _____

Date : _____