



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Newmarket Town Council
held on Monday 25th June 2018 at 6.00 pm
at the Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8JP

Attendance:

Councillor R Hood (Town Mayor)
Councillor A Appleby
Councillor J Berry
Councillor J Clarke
Councillor A Drummond
Councillor W Hirst
Councillor D Hudson

Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor M Jefferys
Councillor J Lay
Councillor R Nobbs
Councillor C O'Neill
Councillor J Wadham
Councillor P Winter
Councillor D Wright

Also Present: Roberta Bennett – TCM, Cathy Whitaker – RFO, Julie Ashton – Minute Assistant, Gillian Padbury – Admin Officer, 1 Member of the Press and 12 Member of the Public.

Minute

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- 18/06/1** **FIRE SAFETY BRIEFING AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE FILMED OR RECORDED**
The Mayor opened the meeting and read out the Fire Safety Briefing and the announcement that the meeting may be filmed or recorded.
- 18/06/2** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Anderson, Morrey, O'Neill and Starkey.
- 18/06/3** **DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS AND TO REMIND COUNCILLORS OF THE NEED TO KEEP UP TO DATE THEIR REGISTER OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR MEMBERS DISPENSATION**
None noted.
- 18/06/4** **TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PART OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 29TH MAY 2018 AND ANY MATTERS ARISING**
The Town Mayor presented the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 29th May 2018 and the following amendments was made:

Page 1 – 18/05/2 – Spelling of Cllr Jefferys was corrected.
Page 2 – 18/05/4 - Spelling of Cllr Jefferys was corrected.

Subject to the amendments being made, the following was agreed:

18/06/4.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 29th May 2018 be adopted and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.

Cllr Berry joined the meeting

Matters arising:

Page 4 – 18/05/13.03 Resolved – RFO confirmed that the licence fee for 45 Field Terrace Road was £75 per year.

Page 8 – 18/05/21 – The request to add an item for the Newmarket Recycling Depot had not been actioned and would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

18/06/5 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE SKATE PARK WORKING GROUP

Students from Newmarket Academy gave a short presentation on a campaign for a new skate park. The existing skate park was falling apart and needed to be replaced with one constructed with more robust materials. They had conducted a survey with the results showing a majority were in favour of the proposal. The cost was estimated to be in the region of £150,000 to £300,000 and they had started to seek funding.

A number of Cllrs supported the proposal and Cllr Drummond pledged to do all he could in his role at FHDC. The following was agreed:

18/06/5. 01 Resolved

That NTC endorse and support the campaign for a new skate park in Newmarket and the plan to raise funds.

The Mayor thanked the students for their presentation and the work done so far. A request was made to return later in the year to give an update on designs, outline planning and details of other partners involved with raising funds.

11 Members of the public left the meeting

18/06/6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PUT QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS OF NOT MORE THAN 3 MINUTES DURATION. NO RESOLUTIONS CAN BE MADE BUT COUNCILLORS ARE VERY HAPPY FOR MATTERS RELATING TO THE TOWN TO BE BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION

None noted.

18/06/7 TO CONSIDER COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER COMMITTEES

The Mayor advised that Cllr Wright had requested to be on the Committees of Leisure Services, Community Services and Development & Planning. Cllr Winter had requested to be the British Legion Representative and the following was agreed:

18/06/7.01 Resolved

That Cllr Wright be a member of the Leisure Services. Community Services and Development & Planning Committees. That Cllr Winter be

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the British Legion Representative.

18/06/8 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

The Mayor advised that the SCC report for June 2018 was not yet available.

18/06/9 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

None noted.

18/06/10 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported the following:

15th June – Opened the new Wickes store

The Deputy Mayor reported the following:

Attended the Civil Reception for the Mayor of Bury St Edmonds

18/06/11 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND CONSIDER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE D&P COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 4TH AND 18TH JUNE 2018

The Chairman of the Development & Planning Committee presented the report and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 4th and 18th June 2018. There were no recommendations.

18/06/12 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 4TH JUNE 2018

The Chairman of the Leisure Services Committee presented the report and recommendations from the Leisure Services Committee meetings held on 4th June 2018.

18/06/12.01 Resolved (L/18/06/7.01 Recommendation)

That any surplus in the Winter Wonderland budget be transferred to an earmarked reserve.

18/06/13 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JUNE 2018

The Chairman of the Community Services Committee presented the report and recommendations from the Leisure Services Committee meetings held on 11th June 2018. There were no recommendations.

The following recommendation was amended:

18/06/13.01 Resolved (C/18/05/18.01 Recommendation)

A number of suppliers were considered and a preferred supplier was agreed, subject to the tender process.

18/06/13/02 Resolved (C/18/06/6.01 Recommendation)

That NTC purchase a number of horseshoes to be determined subject to

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available funds.

18/06/13.03 Resolved (C/18/06/8.01 Recommendation)

That NTC do not permit the sale of larger graves for bricking up to bring it in line with the practices of neighbouring Cemeteries. That the Cemetery Regulations be amended accordingly and be enforced immediately.

18/06/13.04 Resolved (C/18/06/9.01 Recommendation)

That a local security team be used in the short term to open the Cemetery gates on request.

18/06/12.05 Resolved (C/18/06/10/01 Recommendation)

That the font used in the NTC logo be changed to remove the extended “k” from the logo.

18/06/13.06 Resolved (C/18/06/12.01 Recommendation)

That the toilets in the Memorial Gardens be opened and closed at the weekends and bank holidays by a local security team.

18/06/14 TO RECEIVE THE PUBLIC PART OF THE MINUTES AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JUNE 2018

The meeting was not quorate and did not take place.

18/06/15 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18TH JUNE 2018

The Mayor presented the report and recommendations from the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 18th April 2018.

18/06/15.01 Resolved (F/18/06/6.01 Recommendation)

That the Terms of Reference for the F&P Committee be adopted.

18/06/15.02 Resolved (F/18/06/7.01 Recommendation)

That the Final Accounts for 2017/18 be received and adopted. That questions 1 – 8 in the Annual Governance Statement be approved and that question 9 regarding Trust Funds be noted as not applicable.

18/06/15.03 Resolved (F/18/06/9.01 Recommendation)

That the new format of the meeting be continued next year and that the next Annual Town Meeting be held before the late May Bank Holiday. That the Annual Town Council meeting be held separately.

18/06/15.04 Resolved (F/18/06/10.01 Recommendation)

That the ratification of the schedules of payments for the period 01/05/2018 – 30/05/2018 (Cash Book 1, 2 and 4) be received and adopted.

The following amendment was agreed:

18/06/15.05 Resolved (F/18/06/15.02 Resolved)

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That/F/18/06/15.02 Resolved be amended to read F/18/06.02 Recommendation and that the cost of the soldier silhouettes be amended to £750 each.

18/06/15.06 Resolved (F/18/06/15.02 Recommendation)

That three outline figures of soldiers be purchased for £750 each. That two be sited outside of the Memorial Hall entrance door and one at the War Memorial.

18/06/16 TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE TOWN

The RFO presented the Annual Accounts and it was noted that the cricket wicket at the Severals should be removed from fixed assets and the following was agreed:

18/06/16.01 Resolved

That the Annual Accounts for the Town for 2017/2018 be received.

18/06/17 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

TCM advised that the F&P Committee had reviewed the statement in detail and the following was agreed:

18/06/17.01 Resolved

That questions 1 – 8 in the Annual Governance Statement be approved and that question 9 regarding Trust funds be noted not applicable.

18/06/18 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL RETURN

The RFO resented the Annual Return and the following was agreed:

18/06/18.01 Resolved

That the Annual Return be approved.

18/06/19 TO CONSIDER SEEKING PERMISSION TO BORROW THE MEMORIAL GARDENS

TCM presented a report on funding for the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall Gardens via a Public Works Loan for a loan of £100,000 along with the application process. The proposal was considered and the following was agreed:

18/06/19.01 Resolved

That NTC apply for permission to borrow £100,000 and that the evidence collected so far be collated to demonstrate public support.

Cllr Wright joined the meeting

18/06/20 TO APPROVE THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

The pre-submission consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan was issued at the meeting and Members were advised that a link to the consultation would be added to the website. The consultation period was for 6 week and would be advertised to encourage comments with feedback to be sent to the TCM. The

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following was agreed:

18/06/20.01 Resolved

That the Neighbourhood Plan for Pre-Submission Consultation be approved.

The Mayor thanked the Neighbourhood Plan Secretary, TCM, Cllr Jefferys and Rachel Wood for their work on the consultation.

18/06/21 TO CONSIDER A DONATION TO THE INJURED JOCKEY FUND

The campaign for funding for the new rehabilitation facilities at Peter O’Sullivan House was explained and the following was agreed:

18/06/21.01 Resolved

That NTC support the campaign to raise funds for new rehabilitation facilities at Peter O’Sullivan House and purchase 10 horseshoes. That the F&P Committee be given delegated powers to select a budget to fund it.

18/06/22 TO APPROVE THE UPDATED LOGO

Members considered the work that had been done to improve the NTC logo for use on the website but felt that it could be improved further and the following was agreed:

18/06/22. 01 Resolved

That the TCM be given delegated powers to see if further improvements could be made to the NTC logo.

18/06/23 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON WEATHERBY RAILWAY CROSSING

Members were advised that the conclusion meeting had been held in May in Ipswich and that a decision was awaited from the Secretary of State. Two issues would be considered on safety and whether the proposed alternative route was satisfactory. A response was expected between June and December 2019. Thanks were given to two residents who had given tremendous support to the campaign and details of the history of the crossing were being collated.

18/06/24 TO CONSIDER THE RECENT ISSUES RELATING TO UNAUTHORISED USE OF THE GEORGE LAMBTON PLAYING FIELDS

Members were advised about the recent unauthorised use of the George Lambton Playing Fields by travellers and the quick action taken by FHDC to evict them. FHDC had taken into account the needs of both residents and the travellers when dealing with the issue and the TCM was asked to write to FHDC thanking them for their efficient and quick action to resolve the issue.

18/06/25 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS ELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

None noted.

18/06/26 WARD REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Mayor advised that SCC Highways were becoming more proactive and the

planned work in July had been rescheduled.

18/06/27 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- a. Email relating to wildlife
- b. SCC – Letter relating to Weatherby Crossing an byways
- c. Email relating to Silver Sunday

18/06/28 TO CONSIDER THE NATIONAL HERITAGE CENTRE FOR HORSE RACING AND SPORTING ART (THE MUSEUM: EVENTS, INCLUDING 15TH JULY SUFFRAGETTE)

The Mayor advised that a number of events would be held in Suffolk for the Centenary of the Suffragettes and that an event would be held at the Heritage Centre on 15th July 2018.

18/06/29 TO CONSIDER THE USE OF THE BID FOR USE OF THE SEVERALS AS PART OF THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Members were advised that the BID were looking to put a fairground on the Severals as part of the Christmas celebrations and the BID manager would be asked to give more details in a presentation to the Leisure Services Committee.

18/06/30 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday 23rd July 2018 at 6:00pm

TCM reminded Members of the changes to the meetings in July to accommodate the Lexington reception.

18/06/31 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Newmarket Recycling Depot

Meeting closed at 7:38pm

Signed : _____

Date : _____