Minutes of the Meeting of the Newmarket Town Council
held on Monday, 25th March 2013 at 7.00 pm
at the Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8JP

Attendance:
Councillor G Jaggard (Deputy Mayor) Councillor R Hood
Councillor J Berry Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor K Bovill Councillor M Jefferys
Councillor J Clarke Councillor C Pearce
Councillor S Crickmere Councillor W Sadler
Councillor J Fanshawe Councillor C Turner
Councillor W Hirst Councillor J Uney

Also Present: Susan Bell - Assistant to Town Clerk, Julie Ashton – Minute Assistant, 2 Members of the Press and 5 Members of the Public.

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<td><strong>13/03/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) &amp; (2)</strong></td>
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<td>Members noted that apologies had been received from Cllrs Lambton (on holiday), Hudson and Webb, and Suffolk County Councillor Lisa Chambers.</td>
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<td>Cllr Anderson was absent.</td>
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<td><strong>13/03/2 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS &amp; CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST – LGA 2000 Part III (Order 2001)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>13/03/3 TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR MEMBERS DISPENSATION</strong></td>
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<td><strong>13/03/4 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25TH FEBRUARY 2013 – LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2)</strong></td>
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<td>Cllr Jaggard presented the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 25th February 2013 and Members agreed the following:</td>
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<td><strong>13/03/4.01 Resolved</strong> That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 25th February 2013 be signed as a correct record by Cllr Jaggard.</td>
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13/03/5  **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25\textsuperscript{TH} FEBRUARY 2013**

None noted.

13/03/6  **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)**

Mr W Gittus representing the Jockey Club Estates – item 11 spoke against the Brickfield Stud application for a change of use to community football facilities that the D&P Committee had considered on 4\textsuperscript{th} March 2013.

Mr Gittus pointed out that Brickfield Stud had not been allocated as open space in the Local Plan and the application therefore contradicted the Horse Racing Policy which had designated the land as a racing resource. Developers should not be allowed to swap land allocations to suit their own purposes; Brickfield Stud will continue to be a racing resource and should be preserved. He requested that NTC support the recommendation from the D&P Committee to object to the application.

Mr Douce – item 12 Community Services Committee Minutes - Rail Infrastructure in the Newmarket area.

Network Rail had recently announced a major £2.2 billion blueprint to boost the country’s rail infrastructure which included improvements to Ely and a new station at Soham.

Whilst he applauded Network Rail for any proposals to improve rail services, as a resident of Newmarket he remained disappointed that the town no longer had a direct link with Soham and Ely. Previously one had existed up until the 1960s when half a mile of track was removed.

More and more proposals are now being put forward across the country to reinstate rail services and he believed that if the missing track was re-laid the benefits to Newmarket and surrounding villages would be far reaching. Improving the rail service at Soham should include the reinstatement of the Soham-Newmarket-Cambridge service.

In addition to writing to the Community Services Committee he had also written to CCC, ECDC, The Department of Transport, Network Rail and Sir James Paice MP and asked Members to consider supporting his proposal by writing likewise to these people and organisations.

Ms Beckett - item 11 spoke against the Brickfield Stud application for a change of use to community football facilities and had noted in documentation that the Football Association and Sport England had made comments and spoke of proposals to improve facilities as part of a compensation pack for the loss of the George Lambton Playing Fields.

Ms Beckett said she believed that this was part of a bigger plan and not
just the plans that were presented, nor for the reasons we were led to believe. The loss of the George Lambton Playing Fields, which were central to the Community of Newmarket and were leased by FHDC, cannot and should not be considered for relocation to Brickfield Stud. The site was protected for the people of Newmarket and surrounding area as Studland/Paddocks.

Ms Beckett said Brickfields Stud was situated half a mile from Exning Road and one and half miles from the Market Square so how could this be a viable replacement for the community of Newmarket; it was situated well outside the hub of Newmarket. It would increase traffic and youth members of any sporting activity would not be able to access it on foot, which she understood was the aim of Newmarket Football Club.

She was concerned that the presentation for Brickfields Stud stated that 5:4 of the Local Plan had changed the use of the allocation. However, she had correspondence from a Principal planner with reference to Local Plan Policies Saved or Replaced which stated “There has been no further policy documents adopted since 2010 that have led to any deletion of any earlier policies, so the position set out in the document you referred to remains extant”

Ms Beckett referred to item16; Mayor’s email regarding attendance at Prince’s Foundation Enquiry by Design Workshop and stated that she could find nothing in the minutes regarding a discussion taking place when the Mayor was elected.

13/03/7 REPORT FROM NEWMARKET POLICE REPRESENTATIVE AND TO RECEIVE STATISTICS FROM POLICE WEBSITE
www.police.uk
Apologies were received from Inspector Rose and Members received the statistics from the Police website. Further details on crime in the area can be obtained from the website.

13/03/8 TOWN MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Town Mayor’s Announcements were circulated to Members and included the following events:

- Monday 4th March – Attended a photo shoot at Newmarket Clock Tower for the launch of “Run the Walks”.
- Sunday 10th March – Attended a performance by the Band of the Royal Marines at the Regent Theatre, Ipswich, at the invitation of the Chairman of Suffolk County Council.
- Friday 15th March – Attended Newmarket Town Council’s Civic Reception.
- Friday 22nd March – Attended a reception for the Chairman of Suffolk County Council at the West Wing at Ickworth.

13/03/9 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
None noted.
13/03/10 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS
Members received the written report from Cllr Lisa Chambers and noted the Conservatives’ pledge not to increase Council Tax for the next 4 years if re-elected in May 2013.

Cllr Sadler had nothing further to report from Suffolk County Council.

Members elected Cllr Bovill to Chair the next item and Cllrs Hirst and Jaggard declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting.

13/03/11 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE D&P COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH AND 18TH MARCH 2013
Cllr Hood presented the report and recommendations of the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 4th & 18th March 2013.

13/03/11.01 Resolved
The Committee objected to the change of use on grounds that Brickfield Stud was designated for equine use in the Local Plan and other grounds including the following:
- Increased traffic
- Development of stud land was contrary to the Horse Racing Policy
- Potential damage to the environment
- Increased noise
- Light pollution
- Detrimental effect on flora and fauna
- NTC had already objected to the development of the George Lambton fields

13/03/11.02 Resolved
NTC write to FHDC to ask where in the Protocol is the authority to amend applications and an explanation on why applications are negotiated and amended.

13/03/11.03 Resolved
The Committee voiced no objections.

13/03/11.04 Resolved
That the original NTC decision to object remains.

13/03/11.05 Resolved
The Committee voiced no objections subject to the approval of the FHDC Listed Buildings Officer.

13/03/11.06 Resolved
That NTC write to request that FHDC consider holding all three meetings for the supermarket applications to be open to the public.

Cllrs Hirst and Jaggard returned to the meeting and Cllr Jaggard took the Chair.

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13/03/12 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2013

Cllr Hirst presented the report and recommendations of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 4th March 2013.

13/03/12.01 Resolved
That a report be produced for the July Community Services Committee on keeping the pavements in the High Street clear of snow.

Members were advised that the circulated SCC procedures for gritting and snow clearing were very helpful and would be included in the report. It was also noted that SCC advised that if residents wanted to clear their own paths or public spaces then it would be unlikely that they would be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries providing they were cleared carefully and followed the guidance on the SCC website.

13/03/12.02 Resolved
That NTC writes to Mr James Ashram of Network Rail to strongly request a rail link between Newmarket and Ely and invite him to discuss the proposal.

A-T/C 26.3.13

13/03/13 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2013

Cllr Uney presented the report and recommendations of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held 11th March 2013.

13/03/13.01 Resolved
That NTC write a letter in support of the Newmarket URC Tennis Club’s application for funding to Sport England.

A-T/C 27.3.13

13/03/13.02 Resolved
That Cllrs Uney, Jefferys and Lambton form a Working Group to take forward the Heading for Newmarket project.

13/03/13.03 Resolved
That Cllrs Uney, Clarke and Hudson form a Working Group for the Cinema Under the Stars event.

13/03/13.04 Resolved
That NTC fully supports the Trainers Open Day and allows the use of the Severals free of charge for car parking.

A-T/C 27.3.13

13/03/13.05 Resolved
That NTC hosts a welcome reception in the Council Chamber for the Lexington students.

13/03/13.06 Resolved
That NTC support the Run the Walk Community Group and allow C/f to July 2013 meeting

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the use of the Pavilion free of charge on 6\textsuperscript{th} October 2013 between 11:30am and 5:30 pm for the Run the Walk event.

13/03/14

**TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18\textsuperscript{TH} MARCH 2013**

Cllr Jaggard presented the report and recommendations of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held 18\textsuperscript{th} March 2013. The Chair was asked what were the financial implications relating to the error that had been made by the Accountant in relation to staff salaries and Members were advised that the response from the Accountant would be circulated to Members.

**13/03/14.01 Resolved**
That the schedules of payments for the periods 01/02/2013 – 28/02/2013 (Cash Books 1 & 2) be received and adopted.

**13/03/14.02 Resolved**
That the recommendation to paint the main hall in neutral colours from Method at an estimated cost of £220 plus VAT be adopted.

**13/03/14.03 Resolved**
That the report from Method be received and that NTC subscribes to the Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce for a subscription fee of £220 per year.

**13/03/14.04 Resolved**
That Diane Jimpson is employed to complete the end of year accounts at a cost of £20 per hour plus mileage.

**13/03/14.05 Resolved**
That the Council’s Asset Register Risk Assessment be adopted.

**13/03/14.06 Resolved**
That NTC support the Run the Walk Community Group and allow the use of the Pavilion free of charge on 6\textsuperscript{th} October 2013 between 11:30am and 5:30 pm for the Run the Walk event.

**13/03/14.07 Resolved**
That a new procedure be adopted in Standing Orders for all items qualifying to be noted under correspondence to be received within the Town Council offices 4 working days before the date of a relevant meeting. That items noted under Correspondence be mailed out with the agenda papers.

**13/03/14.08 Resolved**
That an additional standard item for each Agenda be added to all agendas for Members to suggest new items for the next meeting be adopted.
13/03/15 TO RECEIVE AN INTERIM REPORT FROM THE PRINCE’S FOUNDATION ENQUIRY BY DESIGN WORKSHOPS HELD BETWEEN 25 AND 28 FEBRUARY 2013. SEE WEBSITE http://www.forest-heath.gov.uk/downloads/file/presentation

Members received the interim report from the Prince’s Foundation Enquiry by Design Workshops and were advised that the consultation workshops had been well attended although there had been an issue regarding some stakeholders that were not consulted. The interim report had been presented to FHDC last Thursday and a final report would be published next month.

13/03/16 TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH AN E-MAIL FROM THE TOWN MAYOR, GEORGE LAMBTON, REGARDING HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE PRINCE’S FOUNDATION NEWMARKET ENQUIRY BY DESIGN WORKSHOP

Members discussed the correspondence from Cllr Lambton and a member of the public, and as Cllr Lambton was not present, a proposal was made to defer this item to the next meeting. A vote was taken with 8 for and 4 against.

13/03/16.01 Resolved That the item be deferred to the next Town Council meeting.

13/03/17 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON SUBMISSION OF A RESPONSE TO ECDC LOCAL PLAN

Cllrs Hood and Bovill presented a response to the ECDC Local Plan which had concentrated on the areas surrounding Newmarket. Cllr Bovill was thanked for his efforts in producing the report and Members agreed to receive the report as NTC’s response.

13/03/17/.01 Resolved That the report be received as NTC’s response to the ECDC Local Plan.

13/03/18 TO RECEIVE REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS ELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

None noted.

13/03/19 WARD REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

None noted.

13/03/20 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE

SCC (Various Roads, Newmarket) Prohibition of Waiting and Revocation Order 2013 – A Member was disappointed that the views of residents had not been taken into account regarding parking issues at the junction of Armstrong Close and All Saints Road. Assistant to the Town Clerk was requested to liaise with the Cllr concerned to obtain the details.

13/03/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 22nd April 2013 at 7.00pm

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Members of the Press and Public left the meeting.

13/03/22  EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC

13/03/22.01 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.

13/03/23  TO RECEIVE THE PUBLIC EXEMPT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18TH MARCH 2013
Cllr Jaggard presented the public exempt report of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held 18th March 2013.

13/03/22.01
That the schedule of payments for Staff Salaries for the month of February 2013 (Cashbook 3) be received and adopted.

F/13/03/20 – Members were advised that the Chairman of the F&P Committee had not yet been able to confirm that the Town Council Staff bank accounts had been countersigned.

13/03/24  TO REVIEW THE STAFF MATTER RELATING TO THE WELL BEING OF THE COUNCIL
Members were given an update on the staffing matter and two options related to covering duties and the potential financial implications were discussed. A proposal was made to contribute £6000 to fund an operation and a vote was taken with 11 for, 3 against.

D13/03/24.01 Resolved
That NTC contribute £6000 to fund the required operation that the member of staff concerned needed to support a speedy recovery and return to work.

The business of the meeting concluded at 7.55pm

Signed : __________________  Date : ____________________