



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8JP
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You are hereby summoned to attend the
MEETING OF THE NEWMARKET TOWN COUNCIL
to be held at
THE MEMORIAL HALL, HIGH STREET, NEWMARKET
On Monday 23rd September 2019 at 6.00pm

A G E N D A

The meeting is held in public and the public are encouraged to attend and participate. Occasionally matters relating to contractual or staffing issues do have to be held in the confidential part of the meeting.

Members of the public and press may not orally report or comment about a meeting as it takes place if present at a meeting of the Council, but otherwise may:

- a. film, photograph or make an audio recording of the meeting;
- b. use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later;
- c. report or comment on the proceedings in writing, during or after a meeting or orally after the meeting.

The Council will where possible facilitate such recording unless it is being disruptive. It will also take steps to ensure that children, the vulnerable and members of the public who object to being filmed are protected without undermining the broader purpose of the meeting.

1. Mayor to read fire safety notice and announce that proceedings may be filmed or recorded.
2. Review of rules for behaviour at all council meetings
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Declaration of Members' Interests & to remind Councillors of the need to keep up to date their Register of Members' Interests and to consider any requests received for Members' Dispensation.
5. Policing in Newmarket – Attendance of Inspector Mark Shipton
6. Flagship Housing – Further discussion of issues raised.
7. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 19th August 2019 and any matters arising.
8. Public participation 'An invitation to members of the public to put questions/statements of not more than 3 minutes duration. Resolutions can only be made on items on the agenda, but Councillors are very happy for matters relating to the Town to be brought to their attention.
9. To receive and note the report (if any) from County Councillors – County Councillor Millar to update re Children's Services.
10. To receive and note the report (if any) from District Councillors
11. To receive Ward Reports (if any) from Town Councillors
12. To receive reports (if any) from Town Councillors elected as representatives on other bodies
13. To receive the Town Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's Announcements.
14. To receive the minutes and consider any recommendations from the Development & Planning meetings held on 5th and 19th August, 2nd and 16th September 2019
15. To receive the minutes and consider any recommendations from the Leisure Services meeting held on 5th August and 2nd September 2019
16. To receive the minutes and consider any recommendations from the Community Services Meeting

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held on 12th August and 9th September 2019

17. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the Human Resources meeting held on 12th August 2019
18. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the Finance & Policy meeting held on 12th August and 16th September 2019
19. **Purple Tuesday** – Project update
20. **Sky Lanterns** – Resident Request
21. **Litter in Newmarket**
22. Correspondence:
 - a. Unex Group re Fitzroy Park,
23. Date of the next Meeting– **Monday 28th October 2019**

Signed



Roberta Bennett, Town Council Manager, 17th September 2019

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The Localism Act 2011 requires every council to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members of the Council. In discharging that duty, a council must adopt a code of conduct. Newmarket Town Council has adopted the Suffolk Local Code of Conduct for this purpose and this has been provided to all councillors and is available on the Town Council Website.

In Accordance with Local government Act 1972, Sch 12, it is the responsibility of the Mayor to ensure good order.

The following is an extracted from the standing orders:

16 RULES OF DEBATE

- n. The ruling of the Chairman on a point of order or on the admissibility of a personal explanation shall not be discussed.
- o. Members shall address the Chairman.
- p. If two or more members begin to speak, the Chairman shall call upon one of them to speak and the others to defer.
- q. Whenever the Chairman rises during a debate all other members shall be seated and silent.
- r. All councillors will stand when addressing the Council.

18 DISORDERLY CONDUCT

- a. **All members must behave in a manner required by the Code of Conduct currently adopted by the Council.**
- b. **No member shall at a meeting persistently disregard the ruling of the Chairman, wilfully obstruct business, or behave irregularly, offensively, improperly or in such a manner as to scandalise the Council or bring it into disrepute.**
- c. **If, in the opinion of the Chairman, a member has broken the provisions of paragraph (a) or (b) of this Order, the Chairman shall express that opinion to the Council and thereafter any member may move that the member named be no longer heard or that the member named do leave the meeting, and the motion, if seconded, shall be put forthwith and without discussion.**
- d. **If either of the motions mentioned in paragraph (c) is disobeyed, the Chairman may suspend the meeting or take such further steps as may reasonably be necessary to enforce them.**

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SKY LITTER

Newmarket Town Council have been asked by a resident to ban the releasing of sky litter from its land. The following information has been taken from the RSPCA website:

Sky litter is a danger to animals. Email your local council today to urge them to implement a ban on the release of sky lanterns and balloons.

Sky lanterns



Also known as paper or Chinese lanterns, sky lanterns are a danger to wildlife. Although the release of them are banned on Council owned land and property in Wales, it's still legal to release paper lanterns in England.

An estimated 200,000 sky lanterns are sold and released each year in the UK. As the popularity of these items increase, so does the risk to wildlife. Sky lanterns can cause injury and suffering to animals and have a devastating impact on the environment. There have been reports of animals becoming entangled in these lanterns and becoming injured trying to free themselves, which will cause extreme stress and suffering.

A fire hazard to animals and the countryside

Sky lanterns also have a open flame to help them fly, which is a fire hazard to wildlife and can damage their habitats and the environment. During the dry summer months, this risk is increased as it's easier for grass and countryside to catch fire.

Balloon releases



Many balloons are released each year and although they make an impressive sight, when they land they pose a danger to animals and become litter.

In recent years there has been a great increase in the amount of balloon litter. Balloons are often mistaken for food by both land and marine animals, posing a big choking hazard for them. The strings and ribbons that are tied to balloons are also a threat and can cause animals, especially birds, to get tangled up in them.

The impact that balloons can have on animals can be fatal.

Counter-arguments suggest the use of biodegradable balloons and lanterns are a safe alternative, however, this waste is still a risk to animals and can take decades to degrade.

Take action for your local area

Releasing a balloon or sky lantern is a form of littering. Call on your local council to implement a ban on the release of balloons and sky lanterns on council land.