

Membership from May 2022

Councillor Borda
Councillor De'Ath
Councillor Drummond
Councillor Ferries (Vice Chair)
Councillor Hall
Councillor Harvey
Councillor Hood
Councillor Hulbert
Councillor Jefferys
Councillor Lay
Councillor Winter (Chair)
Councillor Yarrow

Quorum = 3



Newmarket
TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket Suffolk CB8 8JP

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

to be held at

Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8JP

on **Monday 6th February 2023 at 7.00pm**

***or following on from the Development and Planning
Committee meeting, whichever is the later time***

A G E N D A

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- 1) Chair to read** fire safety notice and announce that proceedings may be filmed or recorded.
- 2) Apologies** - To receive and accept apologies for absence
- 3) Declaration of interests**
 - a) Councillors are invited to raise any declarations of interest concerning items on the agenda
 - b) To consider any requests for dispensation
- 4) Minutes of previous meeting held 5th December 2022**
 - a) To consider and adopt the minutes, as a true record of the proceedings
 - b) To consider any matters arising
- 5) Public participation** – an invitation to members of the public to make representations to Councillors.
Resolutions can only be made on items on the agenda
Rules of public participation: no person may speak for no longer than 3 minutes in total. The maximum time permitted for this item is 15 minutes. This is the only opportunity during the meeting, for members of the public to address Councillors.
- 6) Accounts** – To receive and note the accounts for Community Services for the previous month
- 7) Speed Indicator Devices** –
 - a) to receive a report
 - b) to consider new locations and moving the Bury Road site to the opposite side of the road
- 8) Weed Control** – To consider taking on responsibility for weed control in the High Street and close environs from Suffolk Highways
- 9) Allotments** – To receive further representation from Newmarket Allotment Association regarding pest control
- 10) Correspondence**
- 11) Date of next meeting 3rd April 2023 at 7pm**

Signed: *CE Whitaker* Cathy Whitaker, Town Clerk

Date: 31st January 2023

To: Chairman and Members of Community Services Committee, Other Council Members, The Press

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Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Services Committee **Held on Monday 5th December at 7:15 pm**

Attendance:

Councillor P Winter (Chairman)
Councillor J Ferries

Councillor J Harvey
Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor M Jefferys

Also Present: C Whitaker – Town Clerk, J Ashton – Minute Assistant and 1 Member of the Press.
Minute

C/22/12/1 Chairman to Read the Fire Safety Notice and Announce that Proceedings May be Filmed or Recorded

The Chairman opened the meeting, advised that the fire safety briefing was not required and announced that the meeting may be filmed or recorded.

C/22/12/2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Borda, De'Ath, Drummond, Hood, Lay and Yarrow. Cllr Hall was absent.

C/22/12/3 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. There were no requests for dispensations.

C/22/12/4 To Receive and Confirm for Accuracy the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting Held on Monday 3rd October 2022 and Any Matters Arising

Members received the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 3rd October 2022 and the following was agreed:

C/22/12/4.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 3rd October 2022 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chairman of the Community Services Committee.

The replacement of St Mary's Churchyard fencing was raised: this will be planned for the new financial year in April, with further quotes being brought to council.

C/22/12/5 Public Open Session

No members of the public wished to speak.

C/22/12/6 To Receive the Accounts

The accounts for November 2022 were received and noted.

C/22/12/7 Budget 2023/2024

A draft budget for 2023/2024 (version 2) was presented and considered. The following was agreed:

Book number 9 2022 -2023

C/22/12/7.01 Recommendation

That the draft budget for 2023/2024 (version 2) for the Community Services Committee be received and adopted.

C/22/12/8 Speed Indicator Devices

An update on the progress with investigations into the deployment of further SIDs/Locations was given and included the following:

- a. A SID is on order (solar powered) – this unit was included in the budget for the current year. A decision as to its location will be made once it is received.
- b. A request has been made to Cllrs Drummond and Hood for funding for a further unit; this unit potentially to be deployed on Fordham Road once approval is received.
- c. Self-assessment surveys are under way for the additional areas and requests will be made to the SCC Road Safety Management Team for approval of the locations.

A report on the latest data from the SIDs was noted.

C/22/12/9 Birdcage Walk Area

Town Clerk had sought advice from SCC Highways and was advised that not one but two drop kerbs would be required with a path linking them along with disabled parking bays. This proposal is not affordable and a metal ramp has been purchased to provide disabled access to the area as required.

C/22/12/10 Cemetery

Cemetery building repair work – an update on the work was given and Collaboration 23 were commended for the excellent work.

Soil and Spoil area and storage area – it was noted that these are now in place and working well.

CCTV Cameras – a proposal to install CCTV cameras at Birdcage Walk to monitor the Cemetery gates was considered and the following was agreed:

C/22/12/10.01 Recommendation

That the quote from TrueTech to install CCTV cameras at Birdcage Walk for £1,200+VAT be approved. That the WSC monitoring/maintenance fee of £1,000 per annum be added to the SLA.

C/22/12/11 Bulb/Tree Planting

A request, via SCC, from Newmarket Community Nature Reserve to plant bulbs and a tree was considered and the following was agreed:

C/22/12/11.01 Recommendation

NTC encourages planting around the Town and the request from the Newmarket Community Nature Reserve to plant crocus bulbs in the verges on Manderston Road and Valley Way; and the planting of two cherry trees on the corner of Valley Road and Rowley Drive be approved.

Book number 10 2022 -2023

C/22/12/12 Studlands Streetlighting

A WSC Decision report on the ownership of the Studlands streetlighting was noted and the Town Clerk was asked to write to WSC to request that they take ownership of all streetlighting in Newmarket.

C/22/12/13 Outside Services and Cemetery SLA

A report regarding the SLA and managing the Cemetery from April 2023 was considered and the following was agreed:

C/22/12/13.01 Recommendation

- **Cemetery and Burial Management - That a quote be requested from WSC Cemeteries Management.**
- **CCTV Monitoring & Maintenance - That a quote be requested from WSC CCTV Monitoring.**
- **Grounds Maintenance for the Cemetery, closed Churchyards and bin emptying - That a quote be requested from WSC Grounds Maintenance.**
- **Grounds Maintenance other areas – that tenders are requested from three providers.**
- **That the quote/tendering process commence in early January 2023 and that delegated powers be given to the Chairman and Town Clerk to take the process forward.**

C/22/12/14 Memorial Hall Offices

Three quotes to install air-conditioning units in the Clerk's office and the main office were considered and the following was agreed:

C/22/12/14.01 Recommendation

That the quote from Pitkin & Ruddock for £7,836 be approved and be funded by the provision in the 2023/2024 budget.

C/22/12/15 Correspondence

None noted.

C/22/12/16 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th February 2023 at the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:45pm.

Signed _____ Date _____

Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation	Recommendation Wording
<u>C/22/12/7.01 Recommendation</u>	That the draft budget for 2023/2024 (version 2) for the Community Services Committee be received and adopted.
<u>C/22/12/10.01 Recommendation</u>	That the quote from TrueTech to install CCTV cameras at Birdcage Walk for £1,200+VAT be approved. That the WSC monitoring/maintenance fee of £1,000 per annum be added to the SLA.
<u>C/22/12/11.01 Recommendation</u>	NTC encourages planting around the Town and the request from the Newmarket Community Nature Reserve to plant crocus bulbs in the verges on Manderston Road and Valley Way; and the planting of two cherry trees on the corner of Valley Road and Rowley Drive be approved.
<u>C/22/12/13.01 Recommendation</u>	• Cemetery and Burial Management - That a quote be requested from WSC Cemeteries Management. • CCTV Monitoring & Maintenance - That a quote be requested from WSC CCTV Monitoring. • Grounds Maintenance for the Cemetery, closed Churchyards and bin emptying - That a quote be requested from WSC Grounds Maintenance. • Grounds Maintenance other areas – that tenders are requested from three providers. • That the quote/tendering process commence in early January 2023 and that delegated powers be given to the Chairman and Town Clerk to take the process forward.
<u>C/22/12/14.01 Recommendation</u>	That the quote from Pitkin & Ruddock for £7,836 be approved and be funded by the provision in the 2023/2024 budget.

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading as at 31/01/2023

Month No: 10

Committee Report DRAFT M10

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
Community Services								
200 Outside Services								
1005 Misc Income	0	436	0	(436)			0.0%	
Outside Services :- Income	0	436	0	(436)				0
4029 General Equipment	88	671	500	(171)		(171)	134.2%	
4039 Vehicle Costs	828	6,649	5,000	(1,649)		(1,649)	133.0%	
4326 Outside Services SLA	17,834	60,970	76,310	15,340		15,340	79.9%	
Outside Services :- Indirect Expenditure	18,750	68,290	81,810	13,520	0	13,520	83.5%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(18,750)	(67,854)	(81,810)	(13,956)				
201 General Town Planting								
1007 Sponsorship Income	0	5,345	5,200	(145)			102.8%	
1009 Roundabout Sponsorship	5,002	5,002	5,200	198			96.2%	
General Town Planting :- Income	5,002	10,347	10,400	53			99.5%	0
4037 R&M - Grounds	0	4,232	6,000	1,768		1,768	70.5%	
4100 Seasonal Planting	0	13,632	3,450	(10,182)		(10,182)	395.1%	9,990
4101 Hanging Baskets	0	4,268	4,500	233		233	94.8%	
General Town Planting :- Indirect Expenditure	0	22,132	13,950	(8,182)	0	(8,182)	158.6%	9,990
Net Income over Expenditure	5,002	(11,785)	(3,550)	8,235				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	0	9,990						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	5,002	(1,795)						
202 Cemetery								
1000 Burial Fees	8,911	23,726	29,000	5,274			81.8%	
1005 Misc Income	0	20,125	0	(20,125)			0.0%	20,014
1020 Interment(Ashes) Income	1,635	5,527	4,000	(1,527)			138.2%	
1021 Monumental Income	2,172	6,172	4,000	(2,172)			154.3%	
1022 Grave Space Purchase Income	6,744	15,702	12,000	(3,702)			130.8%	
1029 Income Commemorative Bench	0	574	1,500	926			38.3%	
Cemetery :- Income	19,462	71,826	50,500	(21,326)			142.2%	20,014
4011 Rates	0	4,042	4,608	566		566	87.7%	
4012 Water Rates	24	279	1,000	721		721	27.9%	
4014 Electricity	126	573	1,600	1,027		1,027	35.8%	
4016 Cleaning	0	222	500	278		278	44.4%	
4017 Fire Precautions	0	0	163	163		163	0.0%	

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4035 Equipment	0	5	200	195		195	2.5%	
4036 R&M - Buildings	61	27,003	3,000	(24,003)		(24,003)	900.1%	24,144
4037 R&M - Grounds	5,284	51,419	26,000	(25,419)		(25,419)	197.8%	23,020
4040 Trade Refuse Collections	0	250	1,500	1,250		1,250	16.7%	
4047 Grave Digging	2,962	8,854	11,500	2,646		2,646	77.0%	
4325 Cemetery SLA	2,712	8,136	10,837	2,701		2,701	75.1%	
Cemetery :- Indirect Expenditure	11,168	100,784	60,908	(39,876)	0	(39,876)	165.5%	47,164
Net Income over Expenditure	8,294	(28,958)	(10,408)	18,550				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	0	47,164						
6001 less Transfer to EMR	0	20,014						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	8,294	(1,808)						
<u>203 Disused Churchyards</u>								
4037 R&M - Grounds	0	3,168	2,000	(1,168)		(1,168)	158.4%	1,168
Disused Churchyards :- Indirect Expenditure	0	3,168	2,000	(1,168)	0	(1,168)	158.4%	1,168
Net Expenditure	0	(3,168)	(2,000)	1,168				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	0	1,168						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	(2,000)						
<u>204 Memorial - War,Cooper,Tutte</u>								
4014 Electricity	23	89	100	11		11	88.9%	
4036 R&M - Buildings	0	99	500	401		401	19.8%	
4037 R&M - Grounds	0	770	1,000	230		230	77.0%	
Memorial - War,Cooper,Tutte :- Indirect Expenditure	23	958	1,600	642	0	642	59.9%	0
Net Expenditure	(23)	(958)	(1,600)	(642)				
<u>205 Clocks</u>								
4014 Electricity	26	155	250	95		95	62.1%	
4036 R&M - Buildings	0	850	500	(350)		(350)	170.1%	
4177 Clock Tower Expenses	115	1,150	1,400	250		250	82.1%	
Clocks :- Indirect Expenditure	141	2,155	2,150	(5)	0	(5)	100.3%	0
Net Expenditure	(141)	(2,155)	(2,150)	5				
<u>206 Bus Shelters</u>								
4036 R&M - Buildings	0	1,390	1,500	110		110	92.7%	
Bus Shelters :- Indirect Expenditure	0	1,390	1,500	110	0	110	92.7%	0
Net Expenditure	0	(1,390)	(1,500)	(110)				

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207 General Town Maintenance								
4037 R&M - Grounds	0	730	2,000	1,270		1,270	36.5%	
4092 Infrastructure	0	3,360	2,500	(860)		(860)	134.4%	860
4108 Town Centre Regeneration	17,358	19,830	10,000	(9,830)		(9,830)	198.3%	
4140 Dog Waste Collection/Disposal	0	666	850	184		184	78.3%	
General Town Maintenance :- Indirect Expenditure	17,358	24,586	15,350	(9,236)	0	(9,236)	160.2%	860
Net Expenditure	(17,358)	(24,586)	(15,350)	9,236				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	0	860						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(17,358)	(23,726)						
208 Public Conveniences								
1181 Grant Received WSC	0	3,300	3,300	0			100.0%	
Public Conveniences :- Income	0	3,300	3,300	0			100.0%	0
4012 Water Rates	0	0	152	152		152	0.0%	
4014 Electricity	0	373	400	27		27	93.2%	
4016 Cleaning	0	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
4036 R&M - Buildings	0	529	900	371		371	58.8%	
4044 Public Toilet Cleansing	0	0	100	100		100	0.0%	
4046 Opening/Closing Costs	88	3,570	2,400	(1,170)		(1,170)	148.8%	
Public Conveniences :- Indirect Expenditure	88	4,472	4,252	(220)	0	(220)	105.2%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(88)	(1,172)	(952)	220				
211 The Queens Statue								
1005 Misc Income	0	330	0	(330)			0.0%	
The Queens Statue :- Income	0	330	0	(330)				0
4012 Water Rates	0	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
4014 Electricity	0	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
4037 R&M - Grounds	0	1,474	1,000	(474)		(474)	147.4%	
The Queens Statue :- Indirect Expenditure	0	1,474	1,500	26	0	26	98.3%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	0	(1,144)	(1,500)	(356)				
215 Allotments								
1010 Allotment Fees	900	900	900	0			100.0%	
Allotments :- Income	900	900	900	0			100.0%	0
4037 R&M - Grounds	0	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0%	
Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	0.0%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	900	900	(600)	(1,500)				

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<u>220 Studlands</u>								
4045 Street Lighting - Maint Cont	0	0	19,964	19,964		19,964	0.0%	
4052 Street Lighting - Repair	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
Studlands :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,964</u>	<u>20,964</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,964</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(20,964)</u>	<u>(20,964)</u>				
<u>308 Christmas</u>								
4310 Christmas Lights	12,149	16,563	15,500	(1,063)		(1,063)	106.9%	
4811 CP - Christmas Lights Infrast	4,100	4,100	9,000	4,900		4,900	45.6%	
Christmas :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>16,249</u>	<u>20,663</u>	<u>24,500</u>	<u>3,837</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,837</u>	<u>84.3%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(16,249)</u>	<u>(20,663)</u>	<u>(24,500)</u>	<u>(3,837)</u>				
Community Services :- Income	25,364	87,138	65,100	(22,038)			133.9%	
Expenditure	63,777	250,072	231,984	(18,088)	0	(18,088)	107.8%	
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(38,413)</u>	<u>(162,933)</u>	<u>(166,884)</u>	<u>(3,951)</u>				
plus Transfer from EMR	0	59,182						
less Transfer to EMR	0	20,014						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(38,413)</u>	<u>(123,765)</u>						
Grand Totals:- Income	25,364	87,138	65,100	(22,038)			133.9%	
Expenditure	63,777	250,072	231,984	(18,088)	0	(18,088)	107.8%	
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(38,413)</u>	<u>(162,933)</u>	<u>(166,884)</u>	<u>(3,951)</u>				
plus Transfer from EMR	0	59,182						
less Transfer to EMR	0	20,014						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(38,413)</u>	<u>(123,765)</u>						

Item 7a

Latest SIDs data

For Project: ELIZABETH AVENUE

Project Notes:

Location/Name: Incoming

Report Generated: 17/01/2023 16:54

Speed Intervals: 5 MPH

Time Intervals: Instant

Traffic Report From 22/12/2022 00:00:00 through 17/01/2023 17:59:59

85th Percentile Speed 28.9 MPH

85th Percentile Vehicles 23810

Max Speed 45 MPH

Total Vehicles 28012 on 22/12/2022 21:50:00

AADT: 1047

Volumes -

weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	1104	1040
AM Peak	90	73
PM Peak	104	94

Speed

Speed Limit: 35

85th Percentile Speed: 28.9

Average Speed: 24.54

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Count over limit	24	22	21	28	30	34	20
% over limit	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7
Avg Speeder	37.7	37.7	38.2	37.9	37.8	37.8	37.5

For Project: FITZROY STREET

Project Notes:

Location/Name: Incoming

Report Generated: 17/01/2023 16:22

Speed Intervals: 5 MPH

Time Intervals: Instant

Traffic Report From 22/12/2022 00:00:00 through 17/01/2023 16:59:59

85th Percentile Speed 22.3 MPH

85th Percentile Vehicles 31645

Max Speed 40 MPH

Total Vehicles 37229 on 23/12/2022 09:25:00

AADT: 1393

Volumes -

weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	1506	1385
AM Peak	95	80
PM Peak	148	125

Speed

Speed Limit: 35

85th Percentile Speed: 22.3

Average Speed: 17.91

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Count over limit	1	0	0	1	2	0	2
% over limit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Avg Speeder	37.5	0.0	0.0	37.5	37.5	0.0	37.5



Report to	Community Services committee
Subject	Speed Indicator locations
Purpose	Information/decision
Classification	Unrestricted
Meeting date	6th February 2023
Item number	7b
Written By	Tracey Symonds Deputy Town Clerk

Summary: This report outlines the necessary steps to identify suitable locations for SIDs, and poles for SIDs to be installed

1.	Introduction
	For Suffolk County Council to consider post installation, the site should • Be within a 30mph limit, and also still be 30mph 100m away • Have 100m line of sight to oncoming traffic, ideally without junctions or driveways • Be away from trees or hedgerows unless they can be kept trimmed back • Have suitable nearby off-road parking for mounting/dismounting the SID • Have at least 0.5m clearance from the road edge/passing traffic • Be on firm, level ground If the site already has a traffic sign pole that meets the above criteria: • Is it tall enough for a SID to be mounted at 2.1m with the traffic sign, or 2.3m if the pole is beside or over a footpath
	Once a specific spot is identified, we require: • A letter of support from the closest resident/s • An OS grid reference • Photographs of the site • Height and diameter of the existing pole if applicable
2.	Next Steps/Recommendations
	Each proposed road/location to be adopted by a councillor to carry out the necessary investigations, provide the photographic evidence and obtain written support from the nearest residents. A template letter is available. • Fordham Road • Exning Road, near to Laureate Academy • New Cheveley Road • On the Studlands estate • Bury Road, on the opposite side to face traffic heading out of Newmarket • St Philips Road / Edinburgh Road



Report to	Customer Services Committee
Subject	Weed Control on the High Street and close environs
Purpose	Decision
Classification	Unrestricted
Meeting date	6th February 2023
Item number	8
Written By	Cathy Whitaker CLERK

Summary: This report outlines a proposal to take over the weed control in the High Street areas from SCC Highways.

1.	Introduction
a.	SCC Highways spray some of the weeds infrequently.
b.	NTC can take over this task to spray the High Street and some of the side streets.
2.	Context
a.	The Town Keeper requires a refresher course to be fully qualified to carry out this task.
b.	This will improve the look of the High Street greatly as weed control can be carried out on a regular, as needed basis. Collection of dead weeds will also be done.
3.	Proposal/Options
a.	To take out the Community Self-Help Scheme agreement with Suffolk Highways to allow NTC to do necessary weed control on the High Street and close side streets.
b.	To purchase necessary application equipment and PPE.
c.	To carry out a full Risk Assessment for this activity.
4.	Financial/Resource Implications
a.	Estimated initial outlay – relevant equipment and PPE - £200, refresher course £200
b.	Ongoing purchase of necessary spray – in line with Suffolk County Council/West Suffolk Council's policies, this will be acetic acid, and we will review the effectiveness of this by the end of the first season.
5.	Next Steps/Recommendations
a.	To approve the above proposals 3a, b, c.

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Report to	Customer Services Committee
Subject	Pest control in the New Cheveley Road allotments
Purpose	Decision
Classification	Unrestricted
Meeting date	6th February 2023
Item number	9
Written By	Cathy Whitaker CLERK

Summary: This report ongoing issues with the muntjac in the New Cheveley Road allotments.

1.	Introduction
a.	Cllr Harvey and the Clerk did a site visit to meet the Allotment Association.
b.	Council was updated verbally on the situation on 3/10/2022.
2.	Context
a.	The Allotment Association have requested permission to cull the muntjac.
b.	Fencing the whole area is not feasible, but would not remove the existing herd which are now living and breeding within the site.
3.	Proposals/Options
a.	Culling would involve shooting the deer. This is a built-up residential area and would not be recommended and council reputation must also be considered.
b.	Individual allotment holders could fence off their plots.
4.	Financial impact/Resources
a.	None.
5.	Next Steps/Recommendations
a.	To resolve not to allow culling of the deer.

Townclerk

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2023 12:17
To: Townclerk
Subject: Newmarket Allotments EGM follow up

Hi Cathy

Happy New Year to you all.

Further to our correspondents about the Muntjac Deer issue on our New Cheveley Road allotment site. We had our AGM where I presented a situation paper which included your response to culling of the deer. The members at the meeting requested an EGM to specifically look at the issue and the possible resolutions.

There was a total of 25 members who attended the EGM meeting, the Committee reported back on the Town Councils position on the culling but there was a concerted feeling from the room to appeal this.

We put this to a vote, and 12 out of the 25 attendees wanted the Committee to ask the Town Council to reconsider this decision; hence the purpose of this email.

It should be noted that in addition to this there were other options discussed, such as clearing as much of the site of scrub to reduce the deer's habitat and I am submitting a couple of grant applications to help pay for netting and such like to protect crops.

I look forward to hearing from you on any further thoughts the Town Council might have on options for culling the deer..

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Item 10

From: Peter
Sent: 27 January 2023 12:22
To: Deputy Town Clerk <DTC@newmarket.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Re: Dangerous Speeding on the Bury Road

Dear Tracy

I have been advised the below email, with our concerns regarding the speeding on the Bury Road should be sent to you so it can be officially recorded.

With best wishes

From: Peter
Sent: 19 January 2023 08:27
To:
Subject: Re: Dangerous Speeding on the Bury Road

Dear Nick,

Many drivers leaving Newmarket on the Bury Road speed up as they pass the Bedford Lodge and by the time they reach the entrance to Clarehaven Stables are driving far too fast by the time they reach the traffic lights. As the road splits in to 2 lanes they seem to think it is then the national speed limit and put their foot down. This is also frequently the case when drivers coming into Newmarket reach the Bury Road too. As evidence of this danger, there have been at least 4 accidents in the last 8 years resulting in 8 cars being written off in the vicinity of the entrance to Clarehaven Stables, one of which was actually caused by a Police car speeding into Newmarket on the Bury Road which nearly killed one of our employees and wrote off their car, as well as the Police car which had to have the roof removed to release the driver.

There are a number of examples of this reckless driving and speeding, which also affects strings of horses (ours and others) and it is extremely dangerous to both horse and rider. There have been numerous close calls when drivers have nearly hit horses and employees while they have been crossing the road with the lights on red for traffic. Drivers see the open road and accelerate.

We are, therefore, asking whether a fixed speed sign could be placed on the Clarehaven side of the Bury Road (which indicates the speed a driver is driving) so that drivers will drive more safely and not exceed the 30mph speed limit. This is the type of sign that lights up when drivers exceed 30 mph.

Could you please let us know your thoughts and what action can be taken.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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