



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Newmarket Town Council

held on Monday 27th August 2024 at 6:15 pm at the Memorial Hall

Attendance:

Councillor J Harvey (Chair - Deputy Mayor)
Councillor J Berry
Councillor J Borda
Councillor L Crissall
Councillor A Drummond
Councillor P Hulbert

Councillor Jarvis
Councillor R Jones
Councillor J McHugh
Councillor S Perry
Councillor A Starkey

Also Present: C Whitaker – Town Clerk, J Ashton – Minute Assistant, S Elsom – West Suffolk Chamber of Commerce and 1 Member of the Press.

Minute

24/08/1 Welcome

The Chair read the Fire safety notice and confirmed that proceedings were being recorded by the Minute Assistant and asked if anyone else intended to record the meeting.

24/08/2 Apologies for Absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Anderson, Hood, Nobbs, Unwin, Winter and Yarrow. Cllr Clover was absent.

Cllr Berry joined the meeting.

24/08/3 Declaration of Members Interests & to Remind Councillors of the Need to Keep up to Date Their Register of Member's Interests and to Consider any Requests Received for Member's Dispensation

None noted. There were no requests for Member's Dispensation.

24/08/4 To Receive and Confirm the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 22nd July 2024 and any Matters Arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2024 were presented and the following was agreed:

24/08/4.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2024 be adopted and signed as a correct record by the Deputy Town Mayor.

Matters arising.

Page 2 - Rayes Lane Horse Crossing – it was reported that the switch for the lights needs to be moved back 50m this will be reported to the Jockey Club to take forward.

Page 4 – 24/07/16 – Cllr Perry reported that a meeting had been held with SCC regarding the grant for the station and a report is awaited.

24/08/5 Public Open Session

No members of the public were present.

24/08/6 Police Report

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A written report was presented and noted.

24/08/7 Chamber of Commerce

Steve Elsom outlined the benefits for members which included networking opportunities with other members at meetings, access to the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce website to post events, access to free health & safety, HR and legal advice from Quest. There is also 1 million public liability insurance cover included in the membership. Any business can join and become a member.

Cllr Starkey advocated the value of membership, citing benefits of attending networking events with the opportunity to drive potential revenue for the Council. Steve will circulate the dates of next cycle of meetings.

The Chair gave his thanks for the update.

24/08/8 Councillor Reports

SCC – Cllr Drummond reported that the monthly report had been issued, with information regarding Sunnica and the future sports facility in Newmarket.

West Suffolk Council (WSC) – Cllr Jarvis reported that the Scandinavian designed gardens at Studlands were overgrown and have not been touched for 10yrs plus. He is going to request that WSC get them restored to the original design and WSC are committed to this project.

Ward – Cllr Starkey reported that the Jockey club consultation on “Playing our Part 2” to follow on from the first session held in March 2022, will be held on 19th and 20th September in the White Heart Hotel quiet room. They will also be meeting with WSC Cabinet to discuss strategic measures for Newmarket.

Steve Elson left the meeting.

Cllr Hulbert reported that a new bus service the 312, will start on 2nd September 2024 from Newmarket to Bury St Edmunds stopping at Kentford Post Office. The timetable will be circulated and any comments would be welcomed.

Cllr Hulbert was congratulated for this great achievement.

Outside bodies

The Minutes from the MARPA meeting held on 27/07/2024 were received and noted. A further meeting will be held to discuss the train timetable regarding putting extra services on in the rush hour and later at night.

24/08/9 Mayors Announcements

The Mayor reported that, in addition to attending committee meetings, working groups and other meetings, her activities included the following:

16th August 2024 – opened the Nexus Charity Superstore.

24/08/10 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee Meetings held on 5th & 19th August 2024

The Vice Chair of the Development & Planning Committee presented the minutes and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 5th & 19th August 2024. There were no recommendations.

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24/08/11 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Leisure Services Committee Meeting held on 5th August 2024

Cllr Harvey presented the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 5th August 2024.

24/08/11.01 Resolved (L/24/08/7.01 Recommendation)

That all of the activities take place only on Saturday 14th December for Winter Wonderland.

24/08/11.02 Resolved (L/24/08/7.02 Recommendation)

That the Carnival be held on Saturday 5th July 2025.

24/08/11.03 Resolved (L/24/08/8.01 Recommendation)

That the St Georges Day Event be held on Saturday 19th April 2025 on The Severals from 1:00pm – 4:00pm

24/08/11.04 Resolved (L/24/08/9.01 Recommendation)

That a Newmarket Earth Day Event be held on Saturday 26th April 2025 in the Memorial Gardens from 11:00am – 3:00pm.

24/08/11.05 Resolved (L/24/08/11.01 Recommendation)

That, when necessary, an interim report will be issued to the Committee by the Events Manager.

24/08/12 Working Group Reports

None noted. The Litter Group had met, and a report to the Development and Planning Committee is awaited.

24/08/13 Sunnica Energy Farm

The NTC response to the decision by the Secretary of State to approve the Sunnica application was presented and noted. Thanks were given to Cllrs Drummond, Jones and Harvey for working on this matter.

24/08/14 Remembrance Arrangements

Remembrance Day/Armistice Day arrangements 2024 – a wreath laying ceremony will be held at the War Memorial at 1:45pm followed by the parade to Tattersalls for a Service of Remembrance. Refreshments will be served at a reception at the Town Hall. There is an opportunity to purchase Remembrance Poppy wall motifs to display on the Memorial Hall frontage to complement the existing Remembrance displays (banners, Tommies). The following was agreed:

24/08/14.01 Resolved

That two poppy wall motifs at £950 plus installation costs be purchased. That the Remembrance Day reception be held at the Memorial Hall. That the Clock Tower lights be switched to red from 1st November until 12th November.

VE Day - 80 – Information was noted regarding an event to mark VE Day - 80 on 8th May 2025 from the Pageantmaster; a National Beacon lighting event at 9:30pm with Tribute and Proclamation. The following was agreed:

24/08/14.02 Resolved

That NTC participates in the National VE-80 celebrations on 8th May 2025 with a

National Beacon Lighting event at 9.30pm on the Severals. That the VE-80 flag be purchased and be raised at the Memorial Hall from 9am. That hot/cold drinks free of charge are provided at the Beacon Lighting event. That the Clock Tower lights are in red, white and blue on the day.

VJ Day – 80 – Official information regarding this National event on 15th August 2025 is awaited from Pageantmaster. The following was agreed:

24/08/14.03 Resolved

That NTC takes part in any National Beacon Lighting event on 15th August 2025 and enters discussions with RBL/NLHS regarding suitable activities of remembrance, possibly by means of an exhibition at the Memorial Hall.

24/08/15 Report from Policy Working Group

This item was deferred.

24/08/16 Correspondence

None noted.

24/08/17 Date of the next Meeting

Monday 23rd September 2024 in the Memorial Hall at 6:15pm.

Meeting closed at 6:52pm

Signed: _____ Cllr Winter _____

Date: _____ 23.09.24 _____

Summary of Resolutions

Resolution	Resolution Wording
<u>24/08/11.01 Resolved</u> (<i>L/24/08/7.01 Recommendation</i>)	That all of the activities take place only on Saturday 14th December for Winter Wonderland.
<u>24/08/11.02 Resolved</u> (<i>L/24/08/7.02 Recommendation</i>)	Recommendation That the Carnival be held on Saturday 5th July 2025.
<u>24/08/11.03 Resolved</u> (<i>L/24/08/8.01 Recommendation</i>)	That the St Georges Day Event be held on Saturday 19th April 2025 on The Severals from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.
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	Lighting event. That the Clock Tower lights are in red, white and blue on the day.
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