



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Newmarket Town Council

held on Monday 27th January 2025 at 6:15 pm at the Memorial Hall

Attendance:

Councillor P Winter (Town Mayor)
Councillor M Anderson
Councillor J Borda
Councillor J Berry (from 6:29pm)
Councillor J Clover (from 6:17pm)
Councillor L Crissall
Councillor A Drummond

Councillor J Harvey (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor R Hood (from 6:19)
Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor J Jarvis
Councillor R McHugh
Councillor R Nobbs
Councillor K Yarrow

Also Present: C Whitaker – Town Clerk, N – Alecock, - Deputy Town Clerk, J Ashton – Minute Assistant, 1 Member of the Press, Rachel Stokes from Hope for Tomorrow and 4 Members of the Public.

Minute

25/01/1 Welcome

The Chair read out the Fire safety notice and announced that the meeting was being recorded by the Minute Assistant asked if anyone intended to record the meeting.

Cllr Clover joined the meeting at 6:17

25/01/2 Apologies for Absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jones, Perry, Starkey and Unwin.

25/01/3 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.

25/01/4 To Receive and Confirm the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 16th December 2024 and any Matters Arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2024 were presented and the following was agreed:

22/01/4.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2024 be adopted and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.

There were no matters arising.

25/01/5 Public Open Session

No members of the public wished to speak.

25/01/6 Police Report

A written report was presented and noted. The Mayor reported that she had met with Inspector Tim Scott and he will be attending the February Full Council Meeting.

A member of the public joined the meeting at 6:20pm

25/01/7 Presentation

Rachel Stokes from Hope for Tomorrow gave a summary of the work and services that

they provide with cancer treatments from a mobile unit to residents of Newmarket. They work alongside hospitals and GPs and the information is in support of a small grant application which will be considered at the next Full Council meeting.

Rachel Stokes left the meeting at 6.25pm

25/01/8 Councillor Reports

SCC – Cllr Hood reported that the monthly report had been issued.

Cllr Drummond reported that there had been a lot of complaints regarding the carwash on Fordham Road with cars queuing on the highway. He had made an enquiry for “no queuing on the highway” signs and asked NTC to request that he pursues this. Cllr Anderson reported that he had spoken to staff at the carwash to ask them to move cars on.

West Suffolk Council (WSC)

Cllr Yarrow reported that WSC have drawn up a tree maintenance plan to address the damaged trees that were planted in 2021 and have not had any work done on them – between Rowley Drive and Fitzroy Street. The Cherry trees at Freshfields will not be replanted due to a lack of budget. He had received a tree map for trees in Newmarket and it shows the lowest tree canopy cover in West Suffolk. However, the Jockey Club have recently planted a tree woodland and should be congratulated for this work by NTC.

Cllr Berry joined the meeting at 6:29pm

Ownership of the foot path behind the Academy and the steps has been established and the Academy is the owner. He will contact the Academy to take this further.

There has been no progress with the “20 is plenty” campaign but he will be taking this forward.

Ward Reports

Cllr Jarvis reported that no warning or information of the work starting on the St Felix site had been given to residents of Weston Way who have been disrupted by the building work and noise. A resident has installed a fence to provide privacy. Residents deserve an apology from the developer and WSC and should be offered compensation if they are out of pocket. The developers should erect a temporary fence to address the noise and he will take this up with WSC.

The Government has announced that the reverse vending machines will be rolled out to other towns in the Country.

Cllr Jones had sent in a Ward Report in his absence and this was noted. Thanks go to three groups – Newmarket Community Nature Reserve, Newmarket Chalk Streams Trust and Newmarket Community Arts. NCNR have planted trees, snowdrops and assorted bulbs and sown wildflower seed. Also they hosted the Wassail event on the orchard. NCST currently bidding for lottery funding with a 5-year plan to build and develop public knowledge and upkeep of the chalk stream. NCA are working alongside both groups and will be leading the 2025 Rivers of Light event on 22nd February. Volunteers drive these events and activities with a litter pick in February and monthly maintenance days at the Community Orchard.

Member of public left the meeting at 6:35

Cllr Drummond will contact the WSC officer regarding the St Felix Site and Cllr Nobbs

suggested that WSC could put this in reserved matters on the planning application.

Outside Bodies – Cllr Borda reported that he had attended the Christmas day lunch event organised by Churches Together and had attended the Sepsis event at the Memorial Hall.

25/01/9 Mayors Announcements

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

Monday 13th January 2025 - Attended the launch of ‘The Community Pantry’ at the Racing Centre.

Sunday 19th January 2025 - Attended ‘The Re-designation and Making of The Minister Church of Ipswich, St Mary Le Tower’.

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 - Attended a meeting of 1st Dullingham and Stetchworth Beaver and Scouts group.

Saturday 25th January 2025- Attended a ‘Sepsis Awareness meeting at The Memorial Hall.

25/01/10 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee Meetings held on 16th December 2024, 6th and 20th January 2025

The minutes and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 16th December 2024, 6th and 20th January 2025 were presented. There were no recommendations.

25/01/11 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 6th January 2025

The minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 6th January 2025 were presented.

25/01/11.01 Resolved (C/25/01/7.01 Recommendation)

That the Cemetery Table of Fees for Newmarket Cemetery for 2025/2026 be approved.

25/01/12 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Performance & Audit Committee Meeting held on 13th January 2025

The minutes of the Performance & Audit Committee meeting held on 13th January 2025 were presented. There were no recommendations.

25/01/13 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Finance & Planning Committee Meeting held on 20th January 2025

The minutes of the Finance & Planning Committee meeting held on 20th January 2025 were presented.

25/01/13.01 Resolved (F/25/01/6.01 Recommendation)

That the ratification of the schedules of payments for the period 01/11/2024 – 30/11/2024 and 01/12/2024 – 31/12/2024 (Cash Book 1 - 5) be received and adopted.

25/01/14 Working Group Reports

The Transport and Parking Working Group reported that as part of the Bus Service Improvement Plan there is now further funding available and the Newmarket bids are to be reconsidered. A survey to support the proposal is to be held. The RPZ parking

scheme to be revisited with new proposals from WSC.

25/01/15 Newmarket Town Council Budget 2024/2025

The projected outcomes for 2024/2025 were received and noted. A final report will be produced at the end of the year.

25/01/16 Devolution

Information regarding the proposed Suffolk Devolution Programme was discussed and SCC are awaiting to hear from the Government in response to its application. It was noted that if the application is successful, the May elections will need to be postponed.

25/01/17 Social media

A report on the Council's Twitter account was considered. Town Clerk reported that the account had not been frequently used and the following was agreed:

25/01/17.01 Resolved

That the Council's Twitter account be closed.

25/01/18 Traffic Issues

A response from Nick Timothy (MP) to a letter requesting average speed cameras to be installed on the A14 Newmarket bypass to be considered and that he was taking the suggestion forward with Highways England was noted. It was also noted that efforts should be focussed on road safety rather than an alternative diversion route.

The ongoing traffic issues including the A14 and A11 were discussed and a meeting is to be arranged by the Jockey Club with Highways England, SCC Highways and NTC.

The parking outside of the tennis courts is getting worse and double yellow lines are required to improve the safety of the road and junction. Cllr Hood agreed to take this up with Mathew Fox

25/01/19 Correspondence

WSC – EV Chargers in public areas – sites for public chargers to be installed that have accessible parking 24/7 were discussed and the information will be shared with other stakeholders.

25/01/20 Date of the next Meeting

Monday 24th February 2025 in the Memorial Hall at 6:15pm.

Meeting closed at 7:20pm

Signed: __ Cllr Winter _____

Date: _____ 24.02.25 _____

Summary of Resolutions

Resolution	Resolution Wording
<u>25/01/11.01 Resolved</u> <u>(C/25/01/7.01 Recommendation)</u>	That the Cemetery Table of Fees for Newmarket Cemetery for 2025/2026 be approved.
<u>25/01/13.01 Resolved</u> <u>(F/25/01/6.01 Recommendation)</u>	That the ratification of the schedules of payments for the period 01/11/2024 – 30/11/2024 and 01/12/2024 – 31/12/2024 (Cash

	Book 1 - 5) be received and adopted.
<u>25/01/17.01 Resolved</u>	That the Council's Twitter account be closed.