



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Newmarket Town Council

held on Monday 24th February 2025 at 6:15 pm at the Memorial Hall

Attendance:

Councillor P Winter (Town Mayor)
Councillor J Borda
Councillor L Crissall
Councillor J Clover (arrived 6.19pm)
Councillor A Drummond
Councillor J Harvey (Deputy Town Mayor)

Councillor R Hood
Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor J Jarvis
Councillor R McHugh
Councillor R Nobbs
Councillor K Yarrow

Also Present: C Whitaker – Town Clerk, J Ashton – Minute Assistant, Inspector Scott – Suffolk Police, J Gilbert – Racing Centre, S Elsom and N Robinson – Newmarket BID, 1 Member of the Press and 3 Members of the Public.

Minute

25/02/1 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.

25/02/2 Apologies for Absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Berry, Jones, Perry, Starkey and Unwin. Cllr Anderson was absent.

25/02/3 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.

25/02/4 To Receive and Confirm the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 27th January 2025 and any Matters Arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2025 were presented and Cllr Drummond made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Nobbs. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

25/02/4.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2025 be adopted and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.

There were no matters arising.

Cllr Clover and N Robinson joined the meeting 6:19pm

25/02/5 Public Open Session

Alan Shand spoke to item 19 and asked who he should contact regarding the sports provision at the St Felix site for the community. The Chair advised that he should contact WSC. Cllr Hood added that this is in her Ward and the houses were already allocated but half of the site had been secured to build a sports hub by WSC and a sports strategy is being created.

Alan suggested that he was happy to give up his time to resurrect the sports club forum.

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A member of the public spoke regarding the technology which could provide energy infrastructure to generate and store energy to supply the communities. The energy could be stored using sand rather than lithium batteries. He was asked to send the details to the Town Clerk.

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

25/02/6 Police Report

A written report from Sgt Button was presented and noted.

Inspector Tim Scott, who will attempt to attend our meetings on a six-monthly basis, has been in post since September 2024 and gave a verbal report and update on current activities.

They have recently introduced ‘Newmarket Together’, an initiative to stamp out national crime. It has a 3-step approach working with councils and housing officers to gather information, set up youth workers and family support groups and then the build phase will include all parts of the community.

He also gave an update on latest crime figures for vehicle offences, and thefts from 3 mobile phone shops. The recent commercial burglaries are under investigation and the general crime rate has seen a reduction and overall is looking positive.

A member of the public joined the meeting at 6:28pm

Cllr Crissall reported that there was a pattern of ABS incidents. Inspector Scott was not aware of this, and videos and notes of incidents will be sent in to be reported.

Cllr Drummond asked about the vehicle thefts. Additional overnight patrols had been introduced, and doorbell footage had been used to identify offenders.

Cllr Hood raised the issues with Vape shops sales. Trading Standards are looking at counterfeit products. 3 shops were found to have non-compliant vapes.

The Chair thanked Inspector Scott for coming to the meeting and he left the meeting at 6.45pm.

25/02/7 Flagship

Apologies were received from Georgie Holmes who was going to give a presentation on the Flagship plans for Icewell Hill. A new date for a meeting with Councillors will be arranged.

25/02/8 Racing Centre

John Gilbert gave a report on the success of the NHS Clinics supported by a grant from NTC. He was grateful for the funding grant for this great community project which has become a pilot for other areas, and he hoped that it would keep going in the years to come.

The Chair thanked John for coming to the meeting and a decision will be made on further funding before the end of March.

25/02/9 Love Newmarket

Natalie Robinson presented a report on the BID ballot process and gave a brief outline. The current 5-year term ends 31st March 2026 and there will be another ballot within the

next 12 months. The ballot will be via post and members will receive a ballot notice and voting form. They can vote yes, no or abstain. Abstentions are not counted in the vote.

S Elsom, N Robinson and J Gilbert left the meeting at 6.57pm.

25/02/10 Councillor Reports

SCC – Cllr Hood reported that the monthly report had been issued. SCC Rights of Way have agreed to cut back the foliage on a part of Laureate School path and the owner of the old Allied property will allow it to run alongside the building.

Delegated Powers have been given to Cllrs Hood and Drummond to respond to the Newmarket Area Transport Plan. There had been some inaccuracies in the report, and the revised plan is now going to Cabinet for approval.

Cllr Drummond reported that the developers of the St Felix site will be installing a fence earlier than planned and will consult residents.

SCC held a meeting today and have decided to go for a single unitary structure for Suffolk.

West Suffolk Council (WSC) – Cllr Yarrow reported that WSC are updating the path on Manderston Road and will be submitting plans for a play park on the green.

Ward Reports

Cllr Yarrow reported that a survey for “20’s Plenty” campaign has been issued to residents on Freshfields and if it is supported, he will take this forward.

Cllr Jarvis reported that there had been an article in the Journal regarding the success of the reverse vending machines and he reported that this was a Newmarket initiative by a Newmarket councillor in a radio interview today. It has now been rolled out to Sudbury, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Cllr Crissall reported that the shop on Exning Road had suffered significant losses due to the extended utility works that prevented customers from using the carpark and accessing the shop. Cllr Drummond will make further enquiries regarding compensation for the loss of business.

Cllr Crissall reported that there have been a lot of posts on FaceBook regarding the state of the Leisure Centre which were reported to Environmental Health but they have not responded. Cllr Yarrow will take up the issues reported with WSC and report back.

Outside Bodies – The MARPA Spring 2025 Newsletter was noted.

25/02/11 Mayors Announcements

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

Tuesday 4th February 2025 - Attended the launch of Newmarket Together at Newmarket Academy.

25/02/12 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee Meetings held on 3rd and 17th February 2025

The minutes and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee

meetings held on 3rd and 17th February 2025 were presented. There were no recommendations. Cllr Hood made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Harvey. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted.

25/02/13 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Leisure Services Committee Meeting held on 3rd February 2025

The minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 3rd February 2025 were presented. Cllr Nobbs made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Hulbert. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted:

25/02/13.01 Resolved (L/25/02/7.01 Recommendation)

That quote from Newmarket Decorating Company for £11,910 to re-decorate the Memorial Hall be approved.

25/02/13.02 Resolved (L/25/02/8.01 Recommendation)

That a Christmas event be held at the Severals in principle, subject to time and costings.

25/02/13.03 Resolved (L/25/02/9.01 Recommendation)

That the Memorial Hall be used to host a Model Railway Exhibition for a weekend in August 2025 free of charge with chargeable light refreshments being provided.

25/02/14 Working Group Reports

Cllr Harvey reported that a survey had been issued to gather support for the bus transport improvement scheme, with circa. 200 responses. Thanks were given to Alison Hayes for assisting with the survey promotion in the Newmarket Journal. Cllr Harvey will be forming a report regarding the survey results.

25/02/15 Small Grant Consideration

An application from Hope for Tomorrow was considered. Cllr Winter made a proposal to approve a grant for £500; seconded by Cllr Yarrow. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

25/02/15.01 Resolved

That the grant application from Hope for Tomorrow be approved at £500.00.

25/02/16 St Felix Building Site

The recent disturbances to local residents were discussed and Cllr Jarvis has asked the developers to apologise to residents. They had admitted that a warning letter for when the work would commence had not been issued.

25/02/17 Committee Membership

A request from Cllr Yarrow to join the Development & Planning Committee was considered. Cllr Winter made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Hood. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

25/02/17.01 Resolved

That the request from Cllr Yarrow to join the Development & Planning Committee be approved.

25/02/18 Correspondence

An invitation from St John's Ambulance to visit the East Cambridgeshire Network was noted. Town Clerk was asked to invite them to attend a full Council meeting.

25/02/19 Date of the next Meeting

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

Meeting closed at 7:26pm

Signed: _____ Cllr Winter _____

Date: _____ 24.3.25 _____

Summary of Resolutions

Resolution	Resolution Wording
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