



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Newmarket Town Council **held on Monday 24th March 2025 at 6:15 pm at the Memorial Hall**

Attendance:

Councillor P Winter (Town Mayor)
Councillor J Berry
Councillor J Borda
Councillor L Crissall
Councillor A Drummond
Councillor J Harvey (Deputy Town Mayor)

Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor J Jarvis
Councillor J McHugh
Councillor R Nobbs
Councillor A Starkey

Also Present: N Alecock – Deputy Town Clerk, Charlotte O'Reilly – Events Manager and 7 Members of the Public.

Minute

25/03/1 Welcome

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

25/03/2 Apologies for Absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Anderson, Clover, Hood, Yarrow, Perry and Unwin.

25/03/3 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.

25/03/4 To Receive and Confirm the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 24th February 2025 and any Matters Arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2025 were presented and Cllr Winter made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Drummond. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

25/03/4.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2025 be adopted and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.

There were no matters arising.

25/03/5 Public Open Session

A member of the public spoke to item 12 on devolution.

A member of the public joined the meeting at 6.18pm.

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A representative from Newmarket Avenue Bowls Club addressed the Council and asked them to consider giving them a grant of £1000 towards their £5000 upgraded electrical costs. A grant form will be sent to them for submission and consideration at a future meeting.

A 2nd member of the public spoke to item 12 on devolution.

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25/03/6 Awards Presentation

The Mayor announced that this item would be deferred as requested by the Brownies.

25/03/7 Police Report

A written report from Sgt Button was presented and noted.

25/03/8 Councillor Reports

SCC – Cllr Drummond reported that the monthly report had been issued. He has taken part in a vote at SCC for devolution and local government restructure.

The owners of Morecroft House have taken down the fence at either end of their site to facilitate pedestrian access from Willie Snaith Road to Laureate School Road; Cllr Drummond thanked the Town Council for collating the information required.

West Suffolk Council (WSC) – Cllr Jarvis proudly reported that a new recycling scheme in Newmarket has been published in the Daily Mirror which coincides with The Great British Spring Clean; he thanked the Town Council and West Suffolk Council for being progressive in this.

Ward Reports – Cllr Hulbert attended the Disability Forum last Thursday.

Outside Bodies – None noted.

25/03/9 Mayors Announcements

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

27th February 2025 – Light up the Town – St Mary’s Church

9th March 2025 – Covid Remembrance Service – War Memorial

23rd March 2025– Suffolk Justice Service – St Edmundsbury Cathedral

25/03/10 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee Meetings held on 3rd and 17th March 2025

The minutes and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 3rd and 17th March 2025 were presented. There were no recommendations. Cllr Harvey made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Hulbert. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted.

25/03/11 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 3rd March 2025

The minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 3rd March 2025 were presented. Cllr Winter made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Crissall. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted:

25/03/11.01 Resolved (C/25/03/7.01 Recommendation)

That subject to an amendment, the revised Cemetery Regulations for Newmarket Cemetery for 2025/2026 be approved and adopted.

25/03/11.02 Resolved (C/25/03/8.01 Recommendation)

That the public conveniences be closed from 1st April 2025 and only open when events are running in the Memorial Gardens and Town events.

25/03/11.03 Resolved (C/25/03/9.01 Recommendation)

That the Speed Indicator Devices be transferred to the Development and Planning Committee.

25/03/12 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Finance & Policy Committee Meeting held on 17th March 2025

The minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 17th March 2025 were presented. Cllr Harvey made a proposal, seconded by Cllr McHugh . A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted:

25/03/12.01 (F/25/03/6.01 Recommendation)

That the ratification of the schedules of payments for the period 01/01/2025 – 31/01/2025 and 01/02/2025 – 28/02/2025 (Cash Book 1 - 5) be received and adopted.

25/03/12.02 (F/25/03/9.01 Recommendation)

That the request from Newmarket Scout Group for a grant be approved and be awarded £1,000.

25/03/12.03 (F/25/03/9.02 Recommendation)

That the request from the Racing Centre Primary Healthcare for a grant be approved and be awarded a provisional £2,000 followed by a review, engaging with the Racing Centre to establish the impact of the reduction from last year's award of £4k which was seen as "pump-priming" and what actions they are taking to attract alternative funding sources to reduce dependency on the Town Council contribution and so that the service is sustainable.

25/03/12.04 (F/25/03/10.01 Recommendation)

That the following policies be delegated to the Policies Working Group for review:

- **Newmarket Town Council Standing Orders NTC/2.3**
- **Newmarket Town Council Financial Regulations NTC/2.3**
- **Newmarket Town Council Financial Risk Assessment**
- **Newmarket Town Council Internal Control Statement**

25/03/13 Working Group Reports

None.

25/03/14 Devolution Consultation

The NTC response to the consultation was considered. Cllr made a proposal seconded by Cllr . A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

25/03/14.01 Resolved

That the draft NTC response to the Devolution Consultation be submitted.

25/03/15 Correspondence

An email had been received with regards to Suffolk Libraries; however a decision has already been made on this by SCC.

25/03/16 Date of the next Meeting

Monday 28th April 2025 in the Memorial Hall at 6:15pm.

Meeting closed at 6.47pm.

Signed: Cllr Winter Date: 28/04/25

Summary of Resolutions

Resolution	Resolution Wording
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