



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Newmarket Town Council **held on Monday 28th April 2025 at 6:15 pm at the Memorial Hall**

Attendance:

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

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

Also Present: C Whitaker – Town Clerk, member of the Press, Hannah Walker from Brave Futures and Sally Daniels from My Wish Charity.

Minute

25/04/1 Welcome

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

25/04/2 Apologies for Absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Anderson, Berry, Borda, Jones, Perry, Starkey, Unwin.

25/04/3 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.

25/04/4 To Receive and Confirm the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 24th March 2025 and any Matters Arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 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:

25/04/4.01 Resolved

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

There were no matters arising.

25/04/5 Public Open Session

No members of the public wished to speak.

25/04/6 Presentations

Brave Futures – Hannah Walker gave a presentation on the services they provide in raising awareness and funding for supporting young victims of sexual abuse.

Further discussion will take place between Councillors regarding ways to support.

Hannah Walker left the meeting at 6.42pm.

St John's Ambulance – this item is deferred to the May agenda.

My Wish Charity – Sally Daniels gave a presentation regarding the charity and services they provide in homes and health settings – enhanced care provision specifically at the new community diagnostic centre at the Newmarket Community Hospital to help support children in hospital environments. The charity's small grant application will be considered at the Finance and Policy Committee in May.

Sally Daniels left the meeting at 6.55pm.

25/04/7 **Police Report**

A written report from Sgt Button was presented and noted. Speeding was discussed, particularly on Duchess Drive, Edinburgh Road, Cheveley Road Mill Hill which are hotspots and the Clerk will request that the CPT team visit these areas regularly. Cllr Winter will meet with the Inspector in two weeks' time and will request that the police team be more proactive around Newmarket.

25/04/8 **Councillor Reports**

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

Cllr Drummond reported that he felt the town was looking good and thanked the Mayor for the maintenance of the Council's assets.

West Suffolk Council (WSC) – None noted.

Ward Reports – Cllr McHugh reported that outreach surgery at All Saints on the second Tuesday of each month continued. A resident had thanked her for the replacement of the Hamilton Road bench. This is not our bench, but thanks will be passed to the relevant organisation. She and Cllr Jones had been working with Tesco for donations from the bookstore there to go towards the Chalk Stream Trust. She thanked the Council staff for the organisation of the St George's Day event over Easter weekend.

Cllr Yarrow reported that he had been working with the Newmarket Community Nature Reserve alongside Cllr Crissall, to explore the possibility of planting at Freshfields. Cllr Crissall and residents had been delivering the second tranche of 20's Plenty letters to Freshfield residents.

Cllr Jarvis reported on the good work within the community orchard, thanks to NCNR, and the monthly maintenance days pulling in local residents to help.

Outside Bodies – None noted.

25/04/9 **Mayors Announcements**

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

6th April 2025 – Attended the Civic Service for The Mayor of Haverhill, Cllr David Smith, at St. Felix Catholic Church, Haverhill.

11th April 2025 – Opened The Range Home and Leisure Store.

25th April 2025 – Attended The Awards for Young Writers at The National Horse Racing Museum.

27th April 2025 - Attended the St Georges Day Parade and Service at All Saints Church,

Newmarket.

25/04/10 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee Meetings held on 7th and 22nd April 2025

The minutes and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 7th and 22nd April 2025 were presented. There were no recommendations. Cllr Hood made a proposal seconded by Cllr Hulbert. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted.

25/04/11 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Leisure Services Committee Meeting held on 7th April 2025

The minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 7th April 2025 were presented. Cllr Nobbs made a proposal seconded by Cllr Hulbert. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted:

25/04/11.01 Resolved (L/25/04/4.01 Recommendation)

That the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 3rd February 2025 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee.

25/04/11.02 Resolved (L/25/04/8.01 Recommendation)

That NTC assists with the itinerary plans for the Lexington delegation and provide an evening reception with food and entertainment.

25/04/11.03 Resolved (L/25/04/8.02 Recommendation)

That a reasonable subsidy be provided to any representative from Newmarket to Lexington. If a Councillor is unable to attend that the Clerk attends in their place to represent NTC. The decision to agree the amount to be delegated to the Mayor.

25/04/12 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Performance & Audit Committee Meeting held on 22nd April 2025

The minutes of the Performance & Audit Committee meeting held on 22nd April 2025 were presented. Cllr Harvey made a proposal seconded by Cllr Yarrow. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted:

25/04/12.01 Resolved (P/25/04/4.01 Recommendation)

That the minutes of the Performance & Audit Committee meeting held on Monday 13th January 2025 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Performance & Audit Committee.

25/04/13 Working Group Reports

A report on updates from the following Working Groups was presented and noted.

Climate Change - Carbon Footprint Assessments by Groundworks – works were started in 2023. There is a requirement to pick this work up again and restart the process.

Environmental - Webpage for Environmental matters required – this will be considered at the Website Review WG meetings also. Annual adopted species: Bats. Butterflies. Suggestion for current year is Bees. Work towards an NTC Environmental Policy.

Health & Well-Being - Achievements so far: COVID flower beds/mental health information board, commemoration services – Sept 2023 Small Play Area refurbished in Memorial Gardens – inclusive and accessible – Feb 2023 Free summer yoga weekly in

Memorial Gardens May to Sept – Annually Treat Your Feet event in the Pavilion – Aug & Nov 2023 Confirmed Adult Outdoor Gym installation at The Severals next to the Pavilion – due May/June 2025 Events Manager is looking into some Well-Being events (Well-Being Wednesday/Weekend, etc).

Website Review - Initial meeting and brain-storming session complete. Further meetings to be confirmed.

Dates and further information will be added to this report going forward.

25/04/14 Newmarket Youth Strategy

A report with recommendations was considered. Cllr Winter made a proposal seconded by Cllr Yarrow. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

25/04/14.01 Resolved

That Newmarket Youth Strategy 2025 be adopted.

The Newmarket Youth Action Group is now closed down and, going forward, the Newmarket Charitable Foundation will direct further youth engagement and provision and will provide a quarterly report to full council.

25/04/15 Budget

The 2024/2025 budget outcomes report was presented by the Town Clerk with recommendations for transfers to ear-marked reserves. Cllr Winter made a proposal seconded by Cllr Nobbs. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

25/04/15.01 Resolved

That the recommendations for transfers to Ear-Marked Reserves be approved.

Thanks were given to the Town Clerk for the work on the budget and reserves.

25/04/16 Newmarket Town Guide

The final version of the guide was presented and received.

25/04/17 Public Conveniences

A report on the NTC Public Conveniences was considered. Cllr Winter made a proposal seconded by Cllr Harvey. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

25/04/17.01 Resolved

That companies are consulted to get an estimate of costings for a refurbishment of the toilets, including the new pipework.

25/04/17.02 Resolved

That portable toilets are hired for events.

25/04/17.03 Resolved

That a Press Release be issued regarding the closure of the toilets.

25/04/18 Correspondence

None noted.

25/04/19 Date of the next Meeting

Monday 27th May 2025 in the Memorial Hall at 6:15pm.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed: _Cllr Winter_____

Date: ____27/05/25_____

Summary of Resolutions

Resolution	Resolution Wording
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<u>25/04/14.01 Resolved</u>	That Newmarket Youth Strategy 2025 be adopted.
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