



Newmarket TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Newmarket Town Council **held on Monday 23rd June 2025 at 6:15 pm at the Memorial Hall**

Attendance:

Councillor J Harvey (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor J Berry (from 6.19pm)
Councillor J Borda
Councillor J Clover
Councillor L Crissall
Councillor A Drummond

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

Also Present: C Whitaker – Town Clerk, N Alecock – Deputy Town Clerk, J Ashton - Minute Assistant, J Schunmann – CEO Newmarket Charitable Foundation, 8 Members of the 6th Newmarket Brownies, 1 member of the Press and 2 Members of the Public (1 from 6.22pm).

Minute

25/06/1 Welcome

The Chair read out the Fire safety notice and announced that the meeting was being recorded by the Minute Assistant and confirmed that no-one else intended to record the meeting.

25/06/2 Apologies for Absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hood, Unwin and Winter. Cllrs Anderson, Jones and Yarrow were absent. Cllr Perry has recently resigned.

25/06/3 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

Cllr Drummond declared an "other" interest in item 12 – BID Ballot. There were no requests for Member's Dispensation.

25/06/4 To Receive and Confirm the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 27th May 2025 and any Matters Arising.

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

25/06/4.01 Resolved

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

There were no matters arising.

25/06/5 Public Open Session

A member of the public spoke about the NatWest bank closure; they argue due to reduced footfall since 2020 (which the speaker disputed based on a spot check plus the necessity to access cash and facilities, particularly for the older generation) and surely they had an obligation having been bailed out at a heavy cost banking crisis by the Government in the 2008. So he asked what the council and community can do to keep banking services in town.

J Berrry joined the meeting at 6.19pm.

Cllr Harvey asked the Town Clerk to submit an objection on behalf of NTC along similar lines to those we submitted regarding the Barclays Bank Closure.

25/06/6 Awards Presentation

The Deputy Mayor presented awards to the Brownies for their achievements. Tawny Owl gave thanks for NTC's continued support. Individual thanks were also given to Cllrs Hulbert and Hood.

The Brownies left the meeting at 6.27pm.

25/06/7 Police Report

A written report from Sgt Button was presented and noted.

The Chair proposed that item 15 be brought forward, seconded by Cllr Starkey. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

25/06/7.01 Resolved

That item 15 – Youth Hub be brought forward.

25/06/8 Youth Hub

Josh Schunmann gave additional information regarding the plans for a Youth Hub in Newmarket and a proposal from the Newmarket Charitable Foundation to utilise the Pavilion - likely for after school sessions and at a charitable rate, which was considered. Cllr Drummond made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Jarvis. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

25/06/8.01 Resolved

That the proposal from the Newmarket Charitable Foundation to utilise the Pavilion be supported and approved and that the Events Manager and Town Clerk arrange the hire detail.

J Schunmann left the meeting at 6.33pm.

25/06/9 Councillor Reports

SCC – Cllr Drummond reported that the monthly report had been issued. He congratulated Cllr Jarvis on the awareness walk from Addenbrookes to Newmarket. At a meeting with the Newmarket Vision's Transport Delivery Group and Stagecoach, the reason given for services being cut at Studlands was due the Government's increase to National Insurance making the route unviable. There had been a report in the press that SCC were funding a replacement service, however NTC's bid for funding is still under consideration, but we are optimistic that it is likely to be approved.

West Suffolk Council (WSC) – Cllr Jarvis reported that the confusion regarding bus services was due to poor communications from SCC and CPCA and a lack of consultation. Newmarket is heavily reliant on public transport which is required to support the Town.

Ward Reports – None noted

Outside Bodies – Cllr Borda attended a Wellbeing event at The Stable on 11th June and represented NTC at the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on 17th June 2025.

Cllr McHugh attended the Jigsaw Festival at the Rowley Mile (also displaying at St Mary's Church) on Sunday 22nd June which had 600 entrants and is an international

event which is widely attended. She also reported that residents had reported a near miss with an e-scooter whilst walking through Crown Walk. In addition, whilst driving along Fordham Road the lights at the horse crossing were on green but a horse had stepped out in front of her and she had fortunately been able to stop for it to cross. Cllr Starkey reported that the Jockey Club, Councillors and schools had met with SCC Highways regarding safety of the crossing and had suggested changes, but were not able to convince SCC Highways that it was unsafe. Every incident at the crossing will need to be reported to collect evidence to support the issues.

Cllr Nobbs proposed that a formal complaint regarding safety be made, seconded by Cllr McHugh. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

25/06/9.01 Resolved

That a formal complaint regarding safety issues at the horse crossing on Fordham Road which we consider to be not fit for purpose be made to SCC Highways.

25/06/10 Mayors Announcements

The details for June's activities were not available at this stage and will be reported in future.

25/06/11 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee Meetings held on 2nd and 16th June 2025

The minutes and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 2nd and 16th June 2025 were presented. There were no recommendations. Cllr Harvey made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Drummond. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted.

25/06/12 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Leisure Services Committee Meeting held on 2nd June 2025

The minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 2nd June 2025 were presented. Cllr Harvey made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Crissal. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted:

25/06/12.01 Resolved (L/25/06/1.01 Recommendation)

That Cllr Harvey be elected as the Chairman of the Leisure Services Committee for 2025/2026 Municipal Year.

25/06/12.02 Resolved (L/25/06/2.01 Recommendation)

That Cllr Winter be elected as the Vice Chairman of the Leisure Services Committee for 2025/2026 Municipal Year.

25/06/12.03 Resolved (L/25/06/6.01 Recommendation)

That the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 7th April 2025 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee.

25/06/12.04 Resolved (L/25/06/9.01 Recommendation)

That Christmas 2025 be run on the Severals during December 3rd – 10th December 2025.

25/06/12.05 Resolved (L/25/06/6.01 Recommendation)

That the proposal by Hilary's for window shutters to be installed in the Memorial main hall be approved at £9,887.81.

25/06/13 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Human Resources Committee Meeting held on 9th June 2025

The minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting held on 9th June 2025 were presented. Cllr Harvey made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Crissal. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted:

25/06/13.01 Resolved (H/25/06/1.01 Recommendation)

That Cllr Yarrow be elected as the Chairman of the Human Resources Committee for 2025/2026 Municipal Year.

25/06/13.02 Resolved (H/25/06/2.01 Recommendation)

That Cllr Harvey be elected as the Vice Chairman of the Human Resources Committee for 2025/2026 Municipal Year.

25/06/13.03 Resolved (H/25/06/6.01 Recommendation)

That the minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 21st October 2024 be adopted and be signed as a correct record by the Chair of the Human Resources Committee.

25/06/13.04 Resolved (H/25/06/9.01 Recommendation)

That the Assistant Town Keeper's job specification be adjusted to 35 hours per week.

25/06/14 Working Group Reports

Updates from the Working Groups were received and noted.

Cllr Drummond declared an "other" interest in the following item and left the meeting at 7.02pm.

25/06/15 BID Ballot

The vote was discussed and a proposal to vote yes in the BID ballot to be held on 3rd July 2025 was considered. As well as having a vote, NTC values the partnership and financial contributions from BID. Therefore Cllr Harvey made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Starkey. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

25/06/15.01 Resolved

That the proposal for NTC to vote Yes in the BID ballot to be held on 3rd July 2025 be approved.

Cllr Drummond returned to the meeting at 7.13pm.

25/06/16 Newmarket in Play

Town Clerk gave further details of the Newmarket in Play scheme including the Town Trail to be launched on 19th July 2025 and the photo competition which were noted.

25/06/17 Transport

Local bus services and the recent changes (withdrawing the number 11 bus and the introduction of the Tiger T4 and T5 services by Stagecoach detrimentally impacting on Burwell, Exning and Studlands residents) were discussed. Cllr Harvey gave an update regarding discussions with SCC / CPCA / bus operators / Residents and the Transport & Parking Working Group.

Cllr Jarvis gave an update on the Awareness Walk from Addenbrookes to Newmarket where he met with residents along the route who were able to freely give their opinions resulting in the Studlands bus services being resumed.

25/06/18 Correspondence

Cllr Perry's resignation due to personal reasons was noted and Councillors wished to formally convey their thanks for her commitment and work; she will be sorely missed.

A letter from Sunnica Parish Alliance setting out the next steps with the legal action will be added to the next Full Council and Development & Planning agendas.

A Community newsletter regarding the Felix School development site will be circulated.

25/06/19 Date of the next Meeting

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

Meeting closed at 7:30pm

Signed: ____ Cllr Winter _____

Date: ____ 28/7/25. _____

Summary of Resolutions

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