



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Services Committee **Held on Monday 5th January 2026 at 7:15pm**

Attendance:

Councillor P Winter (Chair)
Councillor J Borda
Councillor J Harvey

Councillor J Jarvis
Councillor J McHugh (Vice Chair)
Councillor C Revitt
Councillor K Yarrow

Also Present: C Whitaker – Town Clerk, N Alecock – Deputy Town Clerk, J Ashton – Minute Assistant and 1 Member of the Press.

Minute

C/26/01/1 Chair to Read the Fire Safety Notice and Announce that Proceedings May be Filmed or Recorded

The Chair opened the meeting and announced that the Fire Safety Notice was not required and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded by the Minute Assistant.

C/26/01/2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hulbert and Nobbs. Cllr Kavanagh was absent.

C/26/01/3 Declaration of Member's Interests and to Remind Councillors of the Need to Keep up to Date Their Register of Member's Interests and to Consider Any Requests Received for Members Dispensation

None noted. There were no requests for dispensations.

C/26/01/4 To Receive and Confirm for Accuracy the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting Held on Monday 3rd November 2025 and Any Matters Arising

Members received the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 3rd November 2025 and Cllr Winter made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Borda. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

C/26/01/4.01 Resolved

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

Matters arising:

C/25/11/8 – Street Furniture – Town Clerk gave a brief update and will make further enquiries to submit an alternative application.

C/26/01/5 Public Open Session

No members of the public were present.

C/26/01/6 To Receive the Accounts

The accounts for December 2025 were received and noted.

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C/26/01/7 Street Lighting

A report regarding the upgrading of the heritage streetlight columns on the High Street was presented and considered. Cllr Winter made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Harvey. A vote was taken, and the following was agreed:

C/26/01/7.01 Recommendation

That 46 of the High Street heritage columns be upgraded, transferring the recently upgraded lamps and utilising the £102K Section 106 funding from WSC; NTC to fund the balance from current and next year budgets and EMRs.

A proposal to budget for the upgrade of the 12 remaining lights at Birdcage Walk for financial year 2027/2028 was considered and Cllr Winter made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Harvey. A vote was taken, and the following was agreed:

C/26/01/7.02 Recommendation

That funding to upgrade the remaining 12 units on Birdcage Walk be included in the 2027/2028 budget.

C/26/01/8 Cemetery

The Cemetery fees and charges for 2026 – 2027 were considered and Cllr Winter made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Harvey. A vote was taken, and the following was agreed:

C/26/01/8.01 Recommendation

That the Cemetery fees and charges for 2026 – 2027 be approved.

C/26/01/9 Correspondence

None noted.

C/26/01/10 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd March 2026 at the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:22pm.

Signed __ Cllr P. Winter _____ Date __ 2/3/26 _____

Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation	Recommendation Wording
<u>C/26/01/4.01 Resolved</u>	That the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 3rd November 2025 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Community Services Committee.
<u>C/26/01/7.01 Recommendation</u>	That 46 of the High Street heritage columns be upgraded, transferring the recently upgraded lamps and utilising the £102K Section 106 funding from

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	WSC; NTC to fund the balance from current and next year budgets and EMRs.
<u>C/26/01/7.02 Recommendation</u>	That funding to upgrade the remaining 12 units on Birdcage Walk be included in the 2027/2028 budget.
<u>C/26/01/8.01 Recommendation</u>	That the Cemetery fees and charges for 2026 – 2027 be approved.