



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Newmarket Town Council

held on Monday 23rd March 2026 at 6:15 pm at the Memorial Hall

Attendance:

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

Councillor J Jarvis
Councillor S Kavanagh
Councillor J Mc Hugh
Councillor R Nobbs
Councillor C Revitt
Councillor M Slater
Councillor K Yarrow

Also Present: C Whitaker Town Clerk, N Alecock - Deputy Town Clerk, J Ashton – Minute Assistant, Katie Bristow – Elevated Education, 1 Member of the Press and 3 Members of the Public.

Minute

- 26/03/1 **Welcome**
The Mayor welcomed everyone and read the fire safety notice and announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked if anyone else intended to record the meeting.
- 26/03/2 **Apologies for Absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Berry, Hulbert and Starkey. Cllr Anderson was absent.
- 26/03/3 **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 Dispensation.
- 26/03/4 **To Receive and Confirm the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 23rd February 2026 and any Matters Arising.**
The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2026 were presented. Cllr Winter made a proposal seconded by Cllr Drummond. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

26/03/4.01 Resolved
That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2026 be adopted and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.

Matters arising:
Page 3 – 26/02/7 - Sports Hub. Cllr Drummond reported that a motion will be submitted at the WSC Full Council meeting 24th March 2026 to request that WSC engages urgently with Newmarket's sports clubs and community partners to gather robust evidence of current and future indoor sports facility requirements.
- 26/03/5 **Public Open Session**
A member of the public was interested in item 12 – Freedom of the Town. The Chair made a proposal seconded by Cllr Hood. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

26/03/5.01 Resolved

That item 12 – Freedom of the Town be brought forward.

26/03/6 Freedom of the Town

The Chair confirmed the Freedom of the Town Award to the Grenadier Guards event will be held on Saturday 12th September 2026. Details of the event and the links that the Regiment has with Newmarket will be in the Newmarket Journal soon.

A member of the public joined the meeting at 6:27pm

26/03/7 Presentation: Elevated Education

The Chair had attended the opening of Elevated Education and had invited Katie Bristow to give a presentation on Elevated Education in Newmarket. They are based in Victoria Way, Studlands, and provide services for ages 11 – 16. Their primary focus is on emotional wellbeing to build confidence and social skills. They are open Tuesday to Thursday and, on a Friday, they provide employability skills and work experience for post 16-year-olds.

The initiative was welcomed and the Chair encouraged Cllrs to make a visit.

Cllr Hood advised that they could apply for funding from the Council's Small Grant fund, and the Chair has asked the Town Clerk to send the NTC grant application form.

A member of the public joined the meeting at 6:31pm

26/03/8 Police Report

The monthly report was presented, discussed and noted. Town Clerk was asked to invite a representative to attend a meeting and to request that they attend at least quarterly.

Katie Bristow and a member of the public left the meeting at 6:37pm

26/03/9 Councillor Reports

SCC

Cllr Hood reported that the changes to improve pedestrian access and egress to the Grosvenor Yard carpark will go ahead with this work now being fully funded by SCC Strategy Team from its Capital budget. One of the closed vape shops has re-opened and it was hoped that they would be trading legally going forward. The monthly report has been issued to Towns and Parishes.

Cllr Drummond reported that the vegetation at the Boy's Grave is to be cut back to improve the junction visibility.

West Suffolk Council (WSC)

Cllr Yarrow reported that Lloyds bank will not close until the new banking hub is open. It will be open Monday to Friday 09:00am to 17:00 pm.

Cllr Jarvis reported that they had celebrated the 2-year anniversary of the reverse recycling scheme, it will be introduced Nationally next year and has already been adopted by Cambridge. The Guineas shopping centre has received an environmental award, and they are looking to get more business to join the scheme. A National scheme will be introduced for cans and bottles to have a 20p refund for returns to the retailer where they were purchased.

He had attended an SCC meeting to ask them to engage in discussions to reinstate a recycling centre in Newmarket. Discussions have begun but there are no funds currently.

He stated that the comments made to Parliament by Nick Timothy, MP, regarding the Faiths Together event held in Trafalgar Square were totally inappropriate and did not reflect the local position.

The play zone has been opened for 5-a-side football, netball and basketball and the water sign is due to be fixed. This is sited on George Lambton Playing Field near the skate park.

Cllr Drummond reported that Nick Timothy had been cleared, following complaints about the comments he made on the Faiths Together event.

A member of the public joined the meeting at 6:48pm

Cllr Hood reported that there should be some positive news soon on a recycling centre.

Cllr Yarrow added that Nick Timothy's comments were disappointing, did not reflect local views, and were inappropriate.

Cllr Kavanagh started to read out a report she had composed on the Nick Timothy comments, and Cllr Hood raised a point of order that Council was still in the District Council Reports section at this time. Cllr Kavanagh ceased her report.

Ward Reports

Cllr Borda reported that he had attended the first RBL Veterans NAAFI Break at the White Heart on Friday 20th March 2026. He invited all to join the Walk of Witness starting at the Bill Tutte Memorial on Friday 27th March 2026.

Cllr Kavanagh finished reading out her report on the Nick Timothy comments.

Outside Bodies

None noted.

26/03/10 Mayors Announcements

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

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 - Attended a presentation of the Kings Award for Enterprise at the Wonde Offices Newmarket.

Wednesday

4th March 2026 - Attended the Elevated Open Day- Supporting young people who need something different from mainstream education.

Sunday 8th March 2026 - Attended the Covid Service at the War Memorial Gardens.

Saturday 14th March 2026 - Attended a dinner with the Townclerk at the Bedford Lodge for the Lexington Link Tourism Delegation from the University of Kentucky.

Sunday 22nd March 2026- Attended the Justice Services at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral.

This is the final Town Council meeting that the Minute Assistant will be attending, and Cllr Winter made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Hood. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

26/03/10.01 Resolved

That a vote of thanks be given to the Minute Assistant for all her help over many years.

A gift was presented and refreshments will be provided at the end of the meeting.

26/03/11 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee Meetings held on 2nd and 16th March 2026

The minutes and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2026 were presented. Cllr Harvey made a proposal seconded by Cllr Yarrow. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted. There were no recommendations. The minutes and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 16th March 2026 were presented. Cllr Hood made a proposal seconded by Cllr Nobbs. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted. There were no recommendations.

26/03/12 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 2nd March 2026

The minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2026 were presented. Cllr Winter made a proposal seconded by Cllr Borda. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted:

26/03/12.01 Resolved (C/26/03/4.01 Resolved)

That the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 5th January 2026 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Community Services Committee.

26/03/12.02 Resolved (C/26/03/7.01 Recommendation)

That the quote from Newmarket Paint Company for £5,544.00 for repainting the cast iron fencing at the War Memorial be accepted.

26/02/12.03 Resolved (C/26/03/7.02 Recommendation)

That the quote from Collaboration 23 Construction for £13,500 + VAT to clean the War Memorial, re-paint the lettering by hand and to repair the flagged area at the War Memorial be accepted.

26/02/12.04 Resolved (C/26/03/7.03 Recommendation)

That the quote from True Tech for £2,388.90 with ongoing maintenance and monitoring costs from WSC of £750.00 pa for the installation and monitoring of WSC CCTV at the War Memorial be accepted. Approval will be required from SCC for use of their lighting column to power the CCTV which will be in the form of a licence.

26/02/12.05 Resolved (C/26/03/8.01 Recommendation)

That cemetery regulations for 2026/2027 be approved.

26/02/12.06 Resolved (C/26/03/8.02 Recommendation)

That the quote from Anglia Fabrication & Design Limited for £3122.00 + VAT to remove the 2 gates, repair/refurbish as necessary, shot blast, prime and reinstall the cast iron gates on Dullingham Road be accepted.

26/02/12.07 Resolved (C/26/03/8.03 Recommendation)

That the quote from True Tech for £5,875.30 + VAT and an increase in £250pa for maintenance by WSC for the installation and monitoring of WSC CCTV at the cemetery

car park be accepted.

26/02/12.08 Resolved (C/26/03/8.04 Recommendation)

That the quote from Lubbe & Sons for £3,400 + VAT for planting bulbs at the cemetery car park be accepted.

26/03/13

To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Finance & Policy Committee Meeting held on 16th March 2026

The minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 16th March 2026 were presented. Cllr Harvey made a proposal seconded by Cllr Hood. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted:

26/03/13.01 Resolved (F/26/03/4.01 Recommendation)

That the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 19th January 2026 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Finance & Planning Committee.

26/03/13.02 Resolved (F/26/03/6.01 Resolved)

That the ratification of the schedules of payments for the period 01/01/2026 – 31/01/2026 and 01/02/2026 – 28/02/2026 (Cash Book 1 - 5) be received and adopted.

26/03/13.03 Resolved (F/26/03/9.01 Resolved)

That the request from Newmarket Charitable Foundation for a grant be approved and be awarded at £750.

26/03/13.04 Resolved (F/26/03/10.01 Resolved)

That NTC continues to support the CAB and be awarded a grant of £5,000.

26/03/14

Christmas Lighting

Town Clerk advised that further quotes will be sought for the Christmas lighting and Cllr Winter made a proposal seconded by Cllr Drummond. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted:

26/03/14.01 Resolved

That the item for Christmas Lighting be deferred.

26/03/15

Rowley Drive Masterplan

An official response to the updated masterplan was considered and Cllr Winter made a proposal seconded by Cllr Drummond. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the suggested response, with amendments, was adopted:

26/03/15.01 Resolved

That subject to further amendments being made, the response to the updated Rowley Drive Masterplan be approved and submitted.

26/03/16

Correspondence

None noted.

26/03/17

Date of the next Meeting

Monday 27th April 2026 in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:17pm.

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Signed: _____

Date: _____

Summary of Resolutions

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