



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Newmarket Town Council **held on Monday 27th April 2026 at 6:15 pm at the Memorial Hall**

Attendance:

Councillor P Winter (Town Mayor)
Councillor J Berry
Councillor J Borda
Councillor A Drummond
Councillor J Harvey (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor R Hood
Councillor P Hulbert

Councillor J Jarvis
Councillor S Kavanagh
Councillor J McHugh
Councillor C Revitt
Councillor M Slater
Councillor K Yarrow

Also Present: N Alecock - Deputy Town Clerk, C O'Reilly – Events Manager, Lynn McIntyre and David Walker – Newmarket Open Door, Sgt C Button – Suffolk Constabulary, Cllr Whittle - WSC and 3 Members of the Public.

Minute

26/04/1 Welcome

The Mayor welcomed everyone and read the fire safety notice and asked if anyone intended to record the meeting.

26/04/2 Apologies for Absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clover, Crissall, Nobbs and Starkey. Cllr Anderson was absent.

26/04/3 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 Dispensation.

Councillor J Berry joined the meeting at 6.15pm

The Chair made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Hood. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

26/04/3.01 Resolved

That item 7 – Police Report be brought forward.

26/04/4 Police Report

Sgt Button presented the latest report showing the number of crimes reported over March and April and took questions from Members.

Councillor S Kavanagh joined the meeting at 6.21pm

1 member of the public joined the meeting at 6.32pm

Sgt Button left the meeting at 6.35pm

26/04/5 To Receive and Confirm the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 23rd March 2026 and any Matters Arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2026 were presented. Cllr Winter made a

proposal, seconded by Cllr Drummond. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

26/04/5.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2026 be adopted and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.

There were no matters arising.

26/04/6 Public Open Session

No members of the public wished to speak.

26/04/7 Presentation: Newmarket Open Door

Lynn McIntyre and David Walker gave a presentation on the work of Newmarket Open Door and took questions from Members.

1 member of the public joined the meeting at 6.38pm

Lynn McIntyre, David Walker and Cllr K Yarrow left the meeting at 7.06pm

26/04/8 Councillor Reports

Suffolk County Council (SCC)

Cllr Drummond reported that the developer of the Grosvenor Yard flats that falsified the fire safety documents and is serving a prison sentence of 3½ years was also ordered to pay £150,000 in reparations on 17th April.

Councillor K Yarrow rejoined the meeting at 7.07pm

Cllr Hood reported that 97.8% of applicants received their 1st choice of school. She is lobbying SCC to resurface the High Street; some potholes have now been filled in.

West Suffolk Council (WSC)

Cllr Yarrow reported that the properties at The Silks will be available from May. There was a SAMM payment of £27,045 under the S106 agreement. The S106 agreement for Aldi from 2018 details payments of £40,000 to highways and £22,320 for town centre improvements.

Cllr Jarvis reported that he is pursuing temporary recycling solutions. He is meeting with Damien Parker from WSC regarding the Yellow Brick Road and is also looking at the restoration of the balancing pond in Victoria Way. There is a proposed dog enclosure area by the nature reserve. WSC are pruning and thinning out the trees in the orchard. He also reported that the S311 bus has been discontinued.

Cllr Whittle reported that he passed a motion at WSC to work with the sports groups to provide a sports hub and has asked for this to be incorporated into a masterplan; he would like to see a transfer seamlessly to the unitary authority. He attended The Case at Newmarket last Thursday. The Banking Hub has identified a site central for Newmarket.

Ward Reports

There were no ward reports.

Outside Bodies

Cllr Borda reported that the SOS bus will be out Friday and Saturday this week due to the Guineas.

26/04/9 Mayors Announcements

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

Friday 17th April 2026 - Attended the unveiling of the plaque to celebrate Railway 200.

Saturday 18th April 2026 - Attended the Cathedral to mark the retirement of Clare, Countess of Euston, and the welcoming of Mark Pendlington as HM Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk.

Saturday 25th April 2026 – Attended the Earth Day held in the Memorial Gardens.

Sunday 26th April 2026 – Attended the St. Georges Day Parade at the Memorial Hall.

The Mayor expressed how successful the Earth Day event was, a good community event. Thanks were given to the staff Charlotte, Naomi, Paul and John.

26/04/10 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee Meetings held on 7th and 20th April 2026

The minutes and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 7th and 20th April 2026 were presented. Cllr Hood made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Drummond. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted. There were no recommendations.

26/04/11 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Leisure Services Committee Meeting held on 7th April 2026

The minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 7th April 2026 were presented. Cllr McHugh made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Borda. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted:

26/04/11.01 Resolved (C/26/04/4.01 Resolved)

That the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2026 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee.

26/04/11.02 Resolved (C/26/04/9.01 Recommendation)

The Committee support the proposal in principle for an International Day event in 2027. The Events Manager to reach out to the relevant sections of the community and bring back to the June agenda for a firm decision.

26/04/12 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Performance & Audit Committee Meeting held on 13th April 2026

The minutes of the Performance & Audit Committee meeting held on 13th April 2026 were presented. Cllr Harvey made a proposal, seconded by Cllr McHugh. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted:

26/04/12.01 Resolved (P/26/04/4.01 Resolved)

That the minutes of the Performance & Audit Committee meeting held on 12th January 2026 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Performance & Audit Committee.

26/04/13 Budget 2025/2026

The end of year report for each committee was received and noted.

The end of year recommended transfers to ear-marked reserves were received. Cllr Winter made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Harvey. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

26/04/13.01 Resolved

That the recommended transfers to ear-marked reserves are approved.

26/04/14 Working Groups

Cllr Winter made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Drummond. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

26/04/14.01 Resolved

That the Climate Change and Environmental working groups are merged.

The updated list of working groups was reviewed and noted.

Members were asked to agree their working groups using the sheets handed out.

26/04/15 Correspondence

Along with other enquiries, the Town Council has received specific correspondence regarding the condition of Newmarket's Roads, particularly the High Street; the volume of traffic on race days and the diversions through the town as a result of closures on the A14 and the Town Council's interaction with the relevant authorities and agencies. The Town Council is acutely aware of these issues and is actively working with the appropriate authorities to resolve the ongoing issues. These were also considered at our Transport & Parking Working Group on 27 April so will be responded to accordingly.

Councillors Hood and Drummond have spoken to SCC officers and requested that they liaise with Highways England regarding the High Street.

26/04/16 Date of the next Meeting

TUESDAY 26th May 2026 in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:34pm.

Signed: __Cllr Philippa Winter__

Date: __26/5/2026__

Summary of Resolutions

Resolution	Resolution Wording
<u>26/04/3.01 Resolved</u>	That item 7 – Police Report be brought forward.
<u>26/03/5.01 Resolved</u>	That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2026 be adopted and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.
<u>26/04/11.01 Resolved</u> <u>(C/26/04/4.01 Resolved)</u>	That the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2026 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee.
<u>26/04/11.02 Resolved</u> <u>(C/26/04/9.01 Recommendation)</u>	The Committee support the proposal in principle for an International Day event in 2027. The Events Manager to reach out to the relevant sections of the community and bring back to the

	June agenda for a firm decision.
<u>26/04/12.01 Resolved</u> <i><u>(P/26/04/4.01 Resolved)</u></i>	That the minutes of the Performance & Audit Committee meeting held on 12th January 2026 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Performance & Audit Committee.
<u>26/04/13.01 Resolved</u>	That the recommended transfers to ear-marked reserves are approved.
<u>26/04/14.01 Resolved</u> <i><u>(C/26/03/7.02 Recommendation)</u></i>	That the Climate Change and Environmental working groups are merged.