



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Newmarket Town Council

held on Monday 24th August 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 P Hulbert
Councillor J Jarvis
Councillor S Kavanagh (arrived 6.17pm)
Councillor J McHugh
Councillor R Nobbs
Councillor C Revitt

Also Present: C Whitaker – Town Clerk, Cllr A Burton – SCC, Cllr A Whittle - WSC/SCC, one member of the Press and two members of the public.

Minute

26/08/1 Welcome

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

26/08/2 Apologies for Absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Berry, Slater and Yarrow. Councillors Anderson and Starkey were absent.

Cllr Kavanagh joined the meeting at 6.17pm.

26/08/3 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

No declarations were made. There were no requests for Dispensation.

26/08/4 To Receive and Confirm the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 27th July 2026 and any Matters Arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2026 were presented. Cllr Winter made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Hulbert. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

26/08/4.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2026 be adopted and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.

There were no matters arising.

26/08/5 Public Open Session

A resident spoke regarding the Pavilion against the request to consider exclusive hire by a local school; stating that this building was a gift to the town to promote sports and general well-being of the community and that this would be a sad loss to the town should the request be approved.

26/08/6 Police Report

A report was tabled. Cllr Hood noted the crime statistics given seem to indicate an

improvement overall.

26/08/7

Councillor Reports

Ward Reports

Cllr Hood spoke regarding Cllr Jarvis' recent social media posts about speeding on Moulton Road.

At the recent meeting by Flagship Housing regarding the Rowley Drive Icewell Hill development it was clear that the Town Council's previous comments about the project had not been taken on board and she remains very concerned by the latest offering. The Town Council should write to Flagship to request another meeting to further discuss. Cllrs Harvey, Winter, Nobbs and Revitt expressed further concerns and agreed the matter was unsatisfactory and that a further meeting was necessary.

Cllr Kavanagh informed that she had written to our Member of Parliament regarding the A14 town diversion to be looked at and requesting speed restriction on the local section of the road.

District Reports

Cllr Jarvis spoke regarding the issue of speeding near the horses on Moulton Road, citing safety concerns made by the Jockey Club and that a 60MPH speed limit is inappropriate in an area where racehorses are. The condition of the road is very poor in that area. He has begun a campaign 'Neigh to 60' and intends to pursue the matter with SCC Highways officers, whilst acknowledging that the boundaries in that area are challenging.

The recent serious fire at Dunwich Heath has brought into further question SCC's decision to abandon the climate crisis declaration. Severe risk is posed by extreme heat and action on climate adaptation is required. He commended the Town Council for its recent climate crisis declaration.

County Reports

Cllr Whittle gave a report regarding an RAF Barnham update, ongoing action on Highway matters and weed control. Particularly he asked the Town Council to consider supporting the re-instatement of double yellow lines at the site of a recent accident on Palace Street.

Cllr Whittle received questions from Councillors:- Cllr Nobbs requested that streetlights on Moulton Road be amended to stay on overnight for safety reasons. Cllr Drummond asked when the household waste recycling centre would be re-opening, as per the new SCC administration's promise. Cllr Kavanagh asked if the RAF Barnham project is definitely proceeding with Cllr Whittle responding that this seemed very likely to happen. She also asked about the type of weed treatment being used by SCC. Cllr Jarvis spoke about the delay of the repair to the Nimbus Way fencing which was a safety concern. General comment was that SCC are slow to respond and that often nothing seems to change with concerns remaining unaddressed.

A member of the public joined the meeting at 6.55pm.

Cllr Burton reported that he had been addressing speeding and temporary traffic lights concerns on Exning Road and working with residents regarding some personal appeals. Cllr Crissall commented on the delay of the installation of double yellow lines at Hamilton Road/Tennis Club. It is progressing through the legal system, but will definitely be going ahead.

Outside bodies representatives

No reports.

Cllrs Burton and Whittle left the meeting at 7.05pm.

26/08/8 Mayors Announcements

The Mayor reported that, other than attending committee meetings, working groups and other meetings, she had not attended any additional meetings or invitations.

26/08/9 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee Meetings held on 3rd and 17th August 2026

The minutes and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 3rd and 17th August 2026 were presented. Cllr Hood made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Hulbert. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted. There were no recommendations.

26/08/10 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Leisure Services Committee Meeting held on 3rd August 2026

The minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 3rd August 2026 were presented. Cllr McHugh made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Borda. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the minutes were adopted with the following recommendation being approved.

26/08/10.01 Resolved (Recommendation: L/26/08/6.01)

Newmarket Town Council approve:

- a) To take on the ownership of the trail for further expansion and maintenance.**
- b) To budget annually for funding LOTT costs**
- c) To work with the LOTT Committee regarding content and publicity and with SCC Highways or other qualified construction organisation to maintain/install further or existing plaques.**

26/08/11 Working Group Reports

The Climate and Environment Working Group minutes of a meeting on 18th August 2026 were received and noted.

Cllr Hood commented that the Enforcement Working Group had to cancel its recently planned meeting due to no progression by WSC regarding any of Enforcement matters.

26/08/12 Expression of Interest

The recent expression of interest by the Town Council regarding an asset transfer of a building in the Studlands Ward had been declined.

26/08/13 Pavilion

A request for consideration for exclusive use of the Pavilion had been received from a local school. Cllr Drummond made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Winter. A vote was taken, which was unanimous, and the following was agreed.

26/08/13.01 Resolved

That the request for exclusive use of the Pavilion be refused and that any such future requests also be rejected.

26/08/14 Residents Parking Scheme

Cllr Harvey spoke giving an update and information regarding the All Saints Area RPZ proposal. Cllr Drummond asked regarding official pavement parking within the scheme: SCC have a no pavement parking policy. Lobbying of our SCC Councillors to request consideration of a change to this policy could be made.

Cllr Harvey made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Drummond. A vote was taken, which was

unanimous, and the following was agreed.

26/08/14.01 Resolved

That a request be made to West Suffolk Council:

- i) to instruct Suffolk County Council to proceed with implementing the proposals (outlined in the letter to residents) for All Saints Road and Park Lane (such as any required road marking and signage).**
- ii) to make the necessary arrangements for permits for residents on-street and for the All Saints Car Park.**

26/08/14.02 Resolved

That a request be made to West Suffolk Council to consider further proposals for Rous Road.

26/08/14.03 Resolved

That, should it be required, the relevant funds provided in the EMR towards the costs of implementing the scheme be released.

26/08/15 Small Grant Request

A request for £900 was made by The Other Farah for funding towards a music festival at The White Hart. Cllr Drummond made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Nobbs. A vote was taken which was – 6 in favour of the proposal, 4 against the proposal, 2 abstentions. The resolution was carried as follows.

26/08/15.01 Resolved

To refuse the application by The Other Farah for grant funding.

26/08/16 Correspondence

None noted.

26/08/17 Date of the next Meeting

Monday 28th September 2026 in the Memorial Hall at 6.15pm.

Meeting closed at 7:18pm.

Signed: P Winter Date: 28th September 2026

Summary of Resolutions

Resolution	Resolution Wording
<u>26/08/10.01 Resolved</u> <i>(Recommendation: L/26/08/6.01)</i>	Newmarket Town Council approve: a) To take on the ownership of the trail for further expansion and maintenance. b) To budget annually for funding LOTT costs c) To work with the LOTT Committee regarding content and publicity and with SCC Highways or other qualified construction organisation to maintain/install further or existing plaques.
<u>26/08/13.01 Resolved</u>	That the request for exclusive use of the Pavilion be refused and that any such future requests also be rejected.
<u>26/08/14.01 Resolved</u>	That a request be made to West Suffolk Council: i) to instruct Suffolk County Council to proceed with implementing the proposals (outlined in the letter to

	residents) for All Saints Road and Park Lane (such as any required road marking and signage). ii) to make the necessary arrangements for permits for residents on-street and for the All Saints Car Park.
<u>26/08/14.02 Resolved</u>	That a request be made to West Suffolk Council to consider further proposals for Rous Road.
<u>26/08/14.03 Resolved</u>	That, should it be required, the relevant funds provided in the EMR towards the costs of implementing the scheme be released.
<u>26/08/15.01 Resolved</u>	To refuse the application by The Other Farah for grant funding.