



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL 2025

Wednesday 16th April 2025

Dear Councillors

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Town Council at 7.00pm on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 to be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Gleadell
Town Clerk

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL 2025

1	Apologies for Absence		
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Newark TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item No: 2

Committee Date: Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2025 in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Town Mayor	Cllr D Ledger (in the Chair)
	Councillors	I Brown D Campbell T Collier B Corrigan E Cropper S Crosby S Dickinson L Geary L Goff J Kellas D Moore (Ap) G Rix (Ap) N Ross L Roulstone M Skinner (Ap) M Spoors (Ap) P Taylor
Apologies received from:	Councillors	D Moore, G Rix, M Skinner, M Spoors
Town Council Staff:	Town Clerk	Matthew Gleadell
Public:	There was 1 member of the press present.	
Venue:	Council Chamber	Town Hall

TC35/24/25 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 29th January 2025

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 29th January 2025 were **AGREED** as a true and accurate record.

TC36/24/25 Declarations of Interest from Members and Officers

No Declarations of Interest were received.

TC37/24/25 Town Mayor's Announcements

The Town Mayor gave a brief overview of recent events she had attended and stressed how much she had enjoyed the role to date.

TC38/24/25 Town Clerk's Announcements

The Clerk identified the forthcoming event on 1st March. He also mentioned that the Microsoft Authenticator Software Security update had been implemented; any Members struggling should contact HC in the office. A handout was available following the meeting to help and advise members dealing with this security update.

The Clerk updated Members as to the opening of the Sherwood Avenue Play Park.

The Clerk also reminded members of a forthcoming Market Update Briefing meeting the following Monday.

TC39/24/25 Leader of the Council's Announcements

The Leader of the Council updated Members as to a recent attendance at Towns Fund Board meetings.

TC40/24/25 Planning Committee – Scheme of Delegation

There was extensive debate amongst Members in relation to this item.

It was evident from the debate that there was broad support for simplifying the process for dealing with planning applications.

During the meeting the Clerk reminded Members of the context and background to the report, namely, a discussion at a planning committee meeting which had a particularly long Agenda, which was full of largely small non-contentious applications. At this time the Town Clerk advised of alternative options for removing some of the smaller planning permissions from the Agenda.

After extensive debate it was resolved as follows:

1. That the Town Clerk come back with a more detailed proposal, including the criteria for delegated authority on any particular planning application, the frequency of referrals for decisions to be made by the Chairman, provision for either all Members or simply planning committee members, to be notified of applications at the same time and appropriate policy to ensure that any applications dealt with under delegated authority are itemised and dealt with as an item on a planning committee agenda.

Meeting Closed:	8.15pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 23rd April 2025
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Newark TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 29th January 2025, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, at the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Councillor	B Corrigan (Chairman)
	Councillors	I Brown D Campbell T Collier E Cropper S Crosby (Vice-Chairman) S Dickinson (Ap) L Geary L Goff J Kellas D Ledger D Moore G Rix (Ap) N Ross (Ap) L Roulstone M Skinner M Spoors P Taylor
Apologies for Absence:	Councillors	S Dickinson, G Rix, N Ross
Officers Present:	Town Clerk	Matthew Gleadell
	There were no members of the public present and one member of the press.	
Venue:	Committee Room, Newark Town Hall	

FGP86/24/25 Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 13th November 2024.

The Minutes (as above) were **AGREED** and **APPROVED**.

FGP87/24/25 Minutes of the Extraordinary Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 20th November 2024.

The Minutes (as above) were **AGREED** and **APPROVED**.

It was **NOTED** that the Deputy Clerks surname was spelled incorrectly.

FGP88/24/25 Minutes of the Extraordinary Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 15th January 2025

The Minutes (as above) were **AGREED** and **APPROVED**.

It was **NOTED** that the Deputy Clerks surname was spelled incorrectly.

It was **NOTED** that Minute **FGP85/24/25** did not quite reflect an increase in the budget for the grants accurately and it should be made clear that an increase of £100 to make the grant budget £7,500 should be in there.

FGP89/24/25 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received.

FGP90/24/25 Payment Schedules 8/25 and 9/25

Payment Schedules 8/25 and 9/25 in the sum of £323,859.31 (three hundred and twenty three thousand, eight hundred and fifty nine pounds and 31p) and £142,538.39 (one hundred and forty two thousand, five hundred and thirty eight pounds and 39p) were **NOTED**.

FGP91/24/25 Community Governance Review of Newark Town Council

There was considerable debate and input provided from the membership in relation to this matter. There was recollection of former ward structures. It was noted how some wards have slightly bigger ratios than others in terms of numbers of electorate to each member.

The broad consensus from the membership was that due to changes in local government proposed, following a recent government white paper, that it was not considered to be an appropriate time to be considering reviewing boundaries; it should be done when any changes are clear. Members did however note that the South Ward should be reasonably be considered to become Middlebeck Ward to reflect the areas growth and establishment as a distinct part of Newark.

Following a vote it was **AGREED** to formally respond to NSDC to state that now is not a good time to review the ward boundaries and electoral arrangements for the Town Council, and that any such review should be

deferred until the full impact of local government changes is clear and that the South Ward should be renamed as the Middlebeck Ward.

FGP92/24/25 2025/2026 Budget and Precept and Medium-Term Financial Plan

The Chairman opened the discussion with a succinct summary of the budget proposals and reminded members of various factors that were pertinent in the recommendations made by the Town Clerk of an increase of 5% in the precept which had been extensively discussed at the previous Extraordinary Finance & General Purposes Committee. The Chairman reminded Members of the continuous challenges facing local government finances along with the fact that some of the income streams are from very new income generating initiative and therefore the forecasts are not based on several years of data, therefore its accuracy is less dependent, albeit prepared by experienced officer. It was noted that in the coming years there continues to be a deficit in the financial forecast albeit much less than had been expected previously.

The Chairman explained that she was broadly supportive of a 5% increase in the precept.

A number of Members spoke in relation to the budget precept. There was particular mention of the budget plans to deliver some pop up Newark on Sea beaches in other areas on Newark.

Some Members once again confirmed that they welcomed this for their own wards. Other Members clarified their reasoning for expressing concern as to the possible delivery of a pop up Newark on Sea in their own ward at the last meeting.

There was some discussion and debate regarding certain small items within the budget including noting that postage costs are decreasing as a result of greater use of digital technology.

It was then proposed and seconded, and a vote taken, to recommend that the starting budget for the financial year 25/26 be as presented in the Agenda paperwork and the precept level be set such that an increase of 5% to the Town Council element of Council Tax will be levied.

It was also **AGREED** to **NOTE** the draft Medium Term Financial Plan and year end forecasts accordingly.

Meeting Closed:	7.45pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 12th March 2025
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Newark TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Councillor	L Geary (Chair)
	Councillor	T Collier (Vice Chair) E Cropper (Ap) B Corrigan S Dickinson L Goff N Ross L Roulstone M Skinner (A)
In Attendance	Town Clerk	Anna Lawson
Apologies	Cllr E Cropper	
Taking Minutes:		Anna Lawson
Public:	There were 0 members of the public present and 1 member of the Press.	
Venue:	Council Chamber, Town Hall.	

PR46/24/25 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2025 were **AGREED** and signed as a true and correct record.

PR47/24/25 Declarations of Interest

It was **AGREED** to accept any declarations of interest as and when they arose during the meeting.

PR48/24/25 Outstanding Planning Applications

24/01835/HOUSE 5 Ransome Close, Newark, NG24 2LQ

Replace existing single storey side extension with reduced width two-storey extension. Installation of front porch.

No Objection was raised to this application.

24/02077/HOUSE 48 Hawton Road, Newark, NG24 4QB

Erection of porch, enlarge driveway and extension of garage for a separate bedroom ancillary to the main dwelling. Rendering the front and side wall of the main house.

No Objection was raised to this application.

24/02127/HOUSE 4 Handley Court, Newark, NG24 1EY

Installation of Air Source Heat Pump.

No Objection was raised to this application.

24/02145/HOUSE 16 Norman Avenue, Newark, NG24 2AT

Extension to dwelling.

No Objection was raised to this application.

24/02195/FULM Former Woods Court, Walker Close, Newark, NG24 4BP

New care home facility (C2 use class) with associated parking, landscaping and ancillary works.

Cllr L Geary declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application.

Newark Town Council is supportive of this application and especially welcomes the retention of the trees and native species bulbs. We would very much welcome the retention of the fencing that is covered in ivy due to its environmental benefits. In addition to this, the Council would like the native planting to include bluebells and snowdrops.

Members would also like a condition to be added that bus shelters should be provided in the vicinity to encourage employees of the Care Home to use public transport whenever possible.

The Council would also prefer for the design of the building to be more sympathetic and in keeping with the local buildings.

24/02218/OUTM

Land south of Sleaford Road, Coddington, Newark

Development of site for distribution uses (Use Class B8) including ancillary offices and associated works including access, car parking and landscaping.

Members support this proposal, welcome employment into the area and hope that interested parties are involved prior to breaking ground.

Newark Town Council supports Public Rights of Way and hopes that local routes can be clarified for the benefit of residents and employees. We would support s106 funding to improve and develop footpaths and cycleways in the vicinity. In addition to this, we would insist on a full archaeological examination prior to breaking ground and also note the NSDC concerns in relation to drainage and decontamination.

25/00031/HOUSE

1c,2,3,4,5c,6c,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,16C The Waterfront, Newark, NG24 4SG

Replacement of dormer windows.

Cllr B Corrigan declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application.

Newark Town Council would like to make the following observations in relation to the application:

- 1. The original planning permission was granted in favour of wooden windows which are in keeping with the nearby properties. If uPVC windows are now granted, then they must be in the style of surrounding properties.**
- 2. We are concerned that if this application were granted, then residents would be tempted to make changes to the building based on cost rather than being in keeping with the surroundings.**

Cllr L Roulstone left the meeting at this point.

25/00046/FUL

McConnells Electrical Co. Ltd, Cliff Nook Lane, Newark, NG24 1LY

Proposed replacement commercial building.

Members support this application subject to the report from the Environmental Health Officer.

25/00055/HOUSE	10 Goodwin Close, Newark, NG24 2LA Demolition of a single storey existing structure and erection of a side two storey and front single storey extension. Members maintain the objections previously made in relation to application 24/01618/HOUSE.
25/00088/HOUSE	11 Ribbon Pond Drive, Middlebeck, Newark, NG24 3WW Single storey extension at rear. No Objection was raised to this application.
24/02168/FUL Amended	Koinonia, 19 St Marks Lane, Newark, NG24 1XS Removal of existing fascia signage, installation of security shutters above the windows and re-instatement of signage approximately 250mm in front of current location, to allow discrete location of shutter boxes. Members objected to this application and uphold the comments made against the previous application.
24/02073/HOUSE Addendum	15 Collis Close, Newark, NG24 2LN Proposed single storey side, rear and front extensions. No Objection was raised to this application.
25/00025/FUL Addendum	Rosemount, 142 Beacon Hill Road, Newark, NG24 2JJ Change of use from Pool house to Annexe. No Objection was raised to this application.
25/00131/S73 Addendum	Park View Caravan Park, Tolney Lane, Newark Application for variation of Conditions 01 and 05 to make temporary and personal permission permanent, attached to planning permission 21/02492/S73; Change of use of former abattoir site and paddock to gypsy and traveller caravan site. Newark Town Council objects to this application for the reason stated against previous applications, namely the high level of risk of flooding at the site.

PR49/24/25 Notice of NSDC Planning Decisions

The Committee **NOTED** the District Council Planning Decisions received since the last meeting.

PR50/24/25 Miscellaneous Applications

a. Nottinghamshire County Council Applications

No applications had been received.

b. Street Naming

No applications had been received.

c. Notification of Appeals

Wildstone Estates Ltd, MFG, Cow Lane, Newark Esso, 69 North Gate, Newark

Erection of a small format Advertising Display.

Members **NOTED** that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State for the above application.

d. Licensing Applications

No applications had been received.

Meeting Closed:	9.02pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 5th March, 2025
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PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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	Councillor	T Collier (Vice Chair) E Cropper B Corrigan S Dickinson L Goff N Ross (A) L Roulstone M Skinner (Ap)
In Attendance	Town Clerk	Matthew Gleadell
Apologies	Councillor M Skinner	
Taking Minutes:		Matthew Gleadell
Public:	There were 0 members of the public present and 1 member of the Press.	
Venue:	Council Chamber, Town Hall.	

PR51/24/25 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2025 were **AGREED** and signed as a true and correct record.

PR52/24/25 Declarations of Interest

It was **AGREED** to accept any declarations of interest as and when they arose during the meeting.

PR53/24/25 Outstanding Planning Applications

24/01838/HOUSE 16 Kelham Road, Newark, NG24 1BX

Amended

Single storey rear extension and extension of decking.

Amendment – Amended description and inclusive of extended decking.

Cllr L Roulstone declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application.

Members noted that the decision had been made by NSDC today.

24/02234/FULM Jessops Park, Jessop Close, Newark, NG24 2UD

Construction of 12 no. industrial units.

Newark Town Council supports the comments of the EHO as to gas protection and welcome the solar panels within the proposal. The Council would welcome consideration of some green landscaping within the site.

25/00040/HOUSE 6 Rivermead, Newark, NG24 4QT

Side and rear extension, front bay windows, porch and proposed boundary treatment to include new pedestrian access.

No Objection was raised to this application.

25/00153/ADV Holy Trinity Catholic Academy, Boundary Road, Newark, NG24 4AU

Installation of new signage.

Cllrs L Goff, L Roulstone & E Cropper all declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application.

No Objection was raised to this application.

25/00170/FUL Sherwood Avenue Fun Park, Sherwood Avenue, Newark, NG24 1PX

Proposed siting and operation of food vending trailer or food van.

No Comments were made due to this being a Newark Town Council application.

25/00194/LBC The Chestnuts, 5 North Gate, Newark, NG24 1EX

Replace existing timber door and 3 casement windows with a set of French doors and 2 new

flanking casement windows.

Pursuant to the views of the Conservation Officer, Newark Town Council has No Objection to this application.

25/00097/HOUSE 16 Bancroft Road, Newark, NG24 1SJ

Demolition of existing flat roof garage, single-storey side extension and new pitched roof over existing flat roof to kitchen.

No Objection was raised to this application.

25/00279/FUL 150 Beacon Hill Road, Newark, NG24 2JJ

Residential development of 5 self/custom build houses with private drive.

Newark Town Council objects to this application, pending further studies as to the environmental impact of the development as outlined in the preliminary ecological appraisal. Newark Town Council has concerns over the strain on the drainage system in the area and the impact of another roadway joining Beacon Hill.

25/00317/FUL Newark Business Park, Abbots Way, Newark, NG24 2EL

Increase height of warehouse.

No Objection was raised to this application.

PR54/24/25 Notice of NSDC Planning Decisions

The Committee **NOTED** the District Council Planning Decisions received since the last meeting.

PR55/24/25 Miscellaneous Applications

a. Nottinghamshire County Council Applications

No applications had been received.

b. Street Naming

Application Reference: 25/00013/NEWDEV

Site Address: Beacon Dene, 140 Beacon Hill Road, Newark, NG24 2JJ

Proposal: Erection of 5 no. dwellings

Members considered the name put forward by Ablehomes of Beacon Dean Gardens as the proposed street name for the above development but concluded that they would welcome the names Dene Gardens or Beacon Dene.

c. Notification of Appeals

Site Address: 89 London Road, Newark

Proposal: Remove the existing flat room and parapet wall and erect a first-floor rear extension on the footprint of the existing rear extension.

Members **NOTED** that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State regarding an **Appeal Against Decision** for the proposed development described above.

d. Licensing Applications

No applications had been received.

Meeting Closed:	7.50pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 2nd April, 2025
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Newark TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April, 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Councillor	L Geary (Chair)
	Councillor	T Collier (Vice Chair) E Cropper B Corrigan S Dickinson L Goff N Ross L Roulstone M Skinner
In Attendance	Deputy Town Clerk	Anna Lawson
Apologies	There were no apologies.	
Taking Minutes:		Anna Lawson
Public:	There were 0 members of the public present and 1 member of the Press.	
Venue:	Council Chamber, Town Hall.	

PR56/24/25 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2025 were **AGREED** and signed as a true and correct record.

PR57/24/25 Declarations of Interest

It was **AGREED** to accept any declarations of interest as and when they arose during the meeting.

PR58/24/25 Outstanding Planning Applications

25/00230/HOUSE 6 The Crescent, Newark, NG24 4DU

Replace the two existing single garages with one annexe/office.

Objection was raised to this application on the grounds that the application could become residential.

25/00234/FUL 1A Wood Street, Newark, NG24 1PN

Change of use and extension of storage building to form two dwellings including new vehicular access.

No Objection was raised to this application but Members would like it recorded that they support the re-use of the building and re-purposing to residential. NTC supports Town Centre living.

NTC supports gardens for residents and it would be preferable for there to be gardens instead of parking places when on street parking is clearly available. The property is quite small and it would be preferable for one residence to be created, rather than two.

25/00369/FUL Strawberry Fields Care Home, Strawberry Hall Lane, Newark, NG24 2EP

16 bed extension to Care Home and two new bedrooms created on existing first floor with extended parking area, new bin store and cycle rack.

Cllr L Goff declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application.

Objection was raised to this application on the grounds of density, number of parking spaces and the lack of information contained within the Design & Access Statement.

7.25pm The Deputy Town Clerk left the room due to a disturbance in the building.

7.29pm The Deputy Town Clerk returned.

25/00371/LBC 36A Kirk Gate, Newark, NG24 1AB

Listed Building Consent Application for works associated with the provision of 5 no. HMO rooms across the 1st and 2nd floors and the provision of a one-bedroom flat to the ground floor.

	<p>No Objection was raised to this application however, Members would welcome the installation of a cycle and bin store.</p>
25/00401/FUL	<p>Heathcotes Enright Lodge, 2-4 Enright Close, Newark, NG24 4EB</p> <p>Change of use of 2 bungalows from secure residential care (C2a) to 4 supported living units, comprising 3 apartments (C3a) and 1 shared house (C3b), with associated communal areas.</p> <p>Cllr L Geary declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application.</p> <p>No Objection was raised to this application and Members welcome the opportunity to support residents living in the community.</p>
25/00413/FUL	<p>Turnbull Builders Merchant, Northern Road, Newark, NG24 2EU</p> <p>Installation of a small batch, collected concrete, mortar and screed plant (part retrospective).</p> <p>No Objection was raised to this application subject to the support of Environmental Health regarding noise and hours of operation.</p>
25/00436/S73	<p>Land off Mill Gate, Newark</p> <p>Application for variation of Conditions 17 & 18 for tree planting to take place off site and re-wording of Condition 18 to reflect agreed actions with the Highways Authority in connection to changes to on-street parking attached to planning permission 23/02117/S73M.</p> <p>No Objection was raised in relation to the removal of Condition 17. Objection was raised on the grounds of loss of parking in relation to Condition 18.</p>
25/00465/FUL & 25/0466/LBC	<p>Toast 2 Roast, 25 Balderton Gate, Newark, NG24 1UE</p> <p>Internal alterations to form additional apartment to ground floor. Alterations to shop front, insulation to internal walls, ceilings underdrawn and other associated minor works.</p> <p>No Objection was raised to these applications subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.</p>
25/00512/PIP	<p>Small Holding, Rear of 55 Beacon Hill Road, Newark, NG24 2JH</p> <p>Application for permission in principle for a residential development of between two and four dwellings following the demolition of agricultural buildings.</p> <p>Objection was raised to this application on the</p>

grounds of DM5 (over intensification within a Conservation Area).

25/00040/HOUSE 6 Rivermead, Newark, NG24 4QT

Amended

Addendum

Side and rear extension, front bay windows, porch and proposed boundary treatment to include new pedestrian access.

Objection was raised to this application due to the substantial size of the extension, change to the street scene and comments by neighbours.

25/00473/LBC

Office Suite 1, Thorpes Warehouse, Navigation Yard, Mill Gate, Newark, NG24 4TN

Insert a stud wall to divide a large open space into two areas.

No Objection was raised to this application subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.

25/00487/HOUSE 2 Stoke Avenue, Newark, NG24 4PH

Single storey rear extension and porch to front elevation.

No Objection was raised to this application.

PR59/24/25 Notice of NSDC Planning Decisions

The Committee **NOTED** the District Council Planning Decisions received since the last meeting.

PR60/24/25 Miscellaneous Applications

a. Nottinghamshire County Council Applications

No applications had been received.

b. Street Naming

No applications had been received.

c. Notification of Appeals

No applications had been received.

d. Licensing Applications

No applications had been received.

Meeting Closed:

8.14pm

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 30th April, 2025

FULL TOWN COUNCIL

SUBJECT:	QUESTIONS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS
QUESTION FROM:	COUNCILLOR LAURENCE GOFF

MY QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT THE MEETING OF THE FULL TOWN COUNCIL BEING HELD AT NEWARK TOWN HALL 23RD APRIL 2025 7PM

Emily Blagg 90th Anniversary Of Her Death On 7th April 1935 – 2025.

Is it time to now recognize, acknowledge an exceptional intellectual woman of her life work in and around Newark. Would you agree is is time that Mrs Emily Blagg can be remembered with a Blue / Plaque that can be in display at Newark Palace Theatre, Blagg and Johnson, Newark Cemetery, the two house she lived in The Ladge, 23 London Road, around the corner Lime Grove and and 2 The Park Newark and lived the rest of her life at 131 Lime Grove.

Her contribution had a profound impact and has transformed Newark with her life work and story have been told on TV programs like Bargain Hunt, with many repeats also at Newark Advertiser, Blagg and Johnson, Newark Library, Newark Palace and the World Wide Web.

A wonderful and incredible woman, her legacy must live on for what she done for Newark and putting us on the world's map of history marking. As part of International Woman Day on Saturday 8th March 2025, let us now put this tribute right so other woman can be inspired by her achievements. Would you agree this wonderful and incredible woman, her legacy must live on for what she done for Newark. As part of Internal Woman Day Saturday 8th March 2025, let us now put this tribute right so other woman can be inspired by her achievements.

Emily Blagg woman in the building trade with Blagg and Johnson started in 1921 – 1925 one hundred years ago.

Built the houses at The Park, Newark next to Cemetery and Lime Grove, Newark and lived at 2 The Park, Newark in 1911.

Laurence Goff
Newark

FULL TOWN COUNCIL

SUBJECT:	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
QUESTION FROM:	JANE OLSON

This question will be put to the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee in accordance with Standing Orders.

I would like to pose a question to be asked at the next Town Council meeting which I believe is 23rd April.

As a returning resident of Newark, my family I were keen to visit the regenerated Sherwood Avenue Park. We had been encouraged to see it crowded since its reopening and obviously proving to be a huge success and asset for the community and commend the Council for their efforts and investment at the site.

However my daughter, aged 13, was hugely disappointed that amongst all the new and exciting facilities there was no ordinary swing for the older child, teen or adult to use. And so she has asked me to complain on her behalf!

Amongst the numerous perhaps little known benefits of swinging (on a swing) for adults there are also benefits to a young autistic person for whom the physical movement of body through space can act as a the equivalent of medicine for body and mind.

When we had the privilege of a large garden with a swing my daughter would spend two 20 minute sessions a day (even in the rain) swinging on the swing, something that she found regulated her emotions as well as improving balance and providing moderate form of exercise. Since moving back to town we are more dependent on the public facilities, hence her disappointment in finally visiting the park and finding no swing.

Could the Council explain why an ordinary swing wasn't considered necessary at the site, and if there would be any provision likely or possible for the future?

Many thanks in advance.

Jane Olson

APPENDIX A

Item	Statement	Mean
1	I am a person who is always on the go.	3.50
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FULL TOWN COUNCIL

SUBJECT:	Cemetery Development
REPORT BY:	Matthew Gleadell

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That members note the contents of this report in preparation for a confidential presentation from the Town Clerk.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Cemetery Development Working Group has been active now for some time and has assessed and reviewed a number of projects and is now able to report back fully to the Town Council on a number of key elements. They are:

1. Cemetery Lodge Development
2. Cemetery Chapel Maintenance
3. Children's Burial Area
4. Future burial provision in Newark

- 2.2 **Cemetery Lodge** – Ambition to potentially renovate the building has been assessed. An initial survey has identified potential movement in the building and large costs are required to investigate further. This project has been placed on hold as a consequence whilst other projects are developed.

- 2.3 **Cemetery Chapel** – A survey of the building has identified a number of structural repair requirements and other issues which require more detailed investigation. Quotes for this work are being sought but are expected to be significant and involve tens of thousands of pounds of cost.

- 2.4 **Children's Burial Area** – After careful analysis of space in the Cemetery and considering all factors the Children's Burial Area is intended to be created in an area at the London Road end of the site. Initially it will be a small area complimented by some landscaping and floral displays, and a reflection bench. The number of burials that occur with infants and children are thankfully so small that the space that is available to extend the children's area into will provide many many decades of space for this type of burial and can be developed further as the number of graves expands. The site as proposed will also ensure that the remaining time for full burials in the Cemetery is maximised.

- 2.5 **Future Burial Provision in Newark** – After identifying the diminishing space for burials the Council undertook a public consultation at the end of 2024 and start of 2025 to assess the public views on future burial provision in Newark.

The results of the consultation are attached as Appendix 1. The Working Group have reviewed the consultation and have made a number of recommendations, however, due to the commercial sensitivity surrounding many aspects of the project the Clerk will deliver a presentation to members in closed session.

3. Financial, Legal, Equality, Environmental & Risk Issues

All relevant matters are contained in the report above.

Background Papers:	Working papers
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Future Burial Provision – Consultation Results

How many respondents?

Consultation Type	No. of Respondents
Online Survey	271
Public Drop in at Town Hall	4
Market Stall	9

1. Question - Do you believe it is essential that Newark seeks to provide a new Cemetery to provide burial space once the existing Cemetery is at full capacity ?

Yes : 205 (72.18%)

No : 79 (27.81%)

2. Question – If you have answered YES to 1 above, do you still believe it is essential that Newark seeks to provide a new Cemetery in the knowledge that the cost of the service will require a level of Council Tax funding?

Yes : 184 (66.18%)

3. Question - If Newark does build a new Cemetery, do you believe it is important that it is located within Newark ?

Yes : 188 (65%)

No : 89 (31.1%)

4. Question - How far away from the Newark boundary would a Cemetery need to be before you would no longer consider it to be a Newark cemetery ?

Distance from Newark
66 (23.7%)- 1 mile
48 (17.2%)- 2 miles
42 (15.1%) – 3 miles
15 (5.3%) – 4 miles
64 (23.02%) – 5 miles
5 (1.7%)- 6 miles
1 (0.35%) – 7 miles
2 (0.71%) – 8 miles
0 (0%)- 9 miles
30 (10.79%)- 10 miles

5. Question - Would you support the re-use of old graves in the existing Cemetery in London Road if legislation changes to allow it?

Yes : 138 (48.25%)

No : 140 (48.95%)

6. Question - Do you have a personal wish as to how you wish to be handled following your death?

Cremation -127 (45%)
No preference – 51 (18.34%)
Green Burial – 24 (8.6%)
Buried in Newark – 63 (22.6%)
Buried outside Newark - 7 (2.8%)
Water resonation - 3 (1.07%)
Body Composting – (1.79%)

7. Question – Would you support the building of a Crematorium in Newark or surrounding areas?

Yes – 220 (79.1%)

No – 58 (20.86%)