



# Newark TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday, 18th September 2024, at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Town Mayor	Cllr D Ledger (in the Chair)
	<b>Councillors</b>	I Brown D Campbell T Collier B Corrigan (Ap) E Cropper S Crosby S Dickinson L Geary J Kellas D Moore (Ap) G Rix N Ross (Ap) L Roulstone M Skinner M Spoors P Taylor (Ap)
<b>Apologies received from:</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	B Corrigan, D Moore, N Ross, P Taylor
<b>Town Council Staff:</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b> <b>Deputy Town Clerk</b> <b>Mayor's Officer</b>	Matthew Gleadell Anna Lawson Pete Tomlinson
<b>Public:</b>	There was 1 member of the public present and no members of the press.	
<b>Venue:</b>	Council Chamber	Town Hall

**TC12/24/25 Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, were proposed by Cllr D Ledger, seconded by Cllr L Geary and **AGREED** as a true and accurate record.

**TC13/24/25 Declarations of Interest from Members and Officers**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

**TC14/24/25 Adopted Minutes of the Committees held since the last Full Town Council Meeting**

**a. Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

**b. Extraordinary Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

**c. Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Cllr S Crosby presented the Minutes of this meeting.

**d. Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 2024**

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this meeting.

The above Minutes were **RECEIVED** and **NOTED**.

**TC15/24/25 Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Town Mayor informed Councillors that she had enjoyed the recent events attended and was grateful for the support from her Consort.

The twinning visit to Emmendingen was very good, and the hospitality was excellent.

Thank you to the Deputy Mayor for standing in at the latter part of the proceedings at the Battle of Britain commemorative event.

The Town Mayor gave a reminder that her Charity Event would be taking place on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September from 10 am until 3 pm at the Scout Hut on Lovers Lane.

**TC16/24/25 Town Clerk's Announcements**

The Town Clerk reported that the Hospitality and Events Manager had started, and Members would be able to meet them next week at the formal presentation.

Newark on Sea, Newark Festival and the Lego Brickwork events were very successful.

Plans for the Christmas Lights are coming along.

On Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, there will be a projection onto the front of the Town

Hall of an animated film showing the history of Newark. This will take place between 5.30 and 9.00pm.

Devolution developments are coming along.

Next year's budgets are being considered and projects should be brought forward for possible inclusion.

A twinning request had been received from a town in Zimbabwe.

A Towns Fund funding post of £20m was offered by the previous government. £3m had already been adopted by the Board. The remaining funds are on pause by the current government.

The Public Consultation regarding Newark Burial Board and Cemetery Improvements will take place within October and November 2024.

Sherwood Avenue Play Park – the final stage has commenced and will take 12 weeks.

Sherwood Avenue Tennis Courts online system is working well and there will be an official opening on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm – Members are invited to attend.

#### **TC17/24/25 Leader of the Council's Announcements**

The Leader reported that she had held an informative meeting with the accountants.

She had also attended the Crime and ASB quarterly meeting last month.

The Emmendingen twinning visit went well and it was interesting to compare issues affecting both towns such as infrastructure and climate change.

#### **TC18/24/25 Supplementary Planning Documents**

##### **Affordable Housing**

##### **Solar Energy**

Cllr M Spoors declared a non-pecuniary interest in this Agenda Item.

It was proposed by Cllr D Ledger, seconded by Cllr D Campbell, that the recommendations be adopted, as proposed.

A vote was held, and this was **AGREED**.

#### **TC19/24/25 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Changes**

Cllr M Spoors proposed, Cllr G Rix seconded, that the recommendations contained in the Agenda Report be adopted.

A vote was held, and this was **AGREED**.

#### **TC20/24/25 Tolney Lane Fencing**

Cllr D Ledger proposed, Cllr L Geary seconded that the meeting now be moved to a closed session.

A vote was held, and this was **AGREED**.

#### **TC21/24/25 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Cllr D Ledger proposed, Cllr S Dickinson seconded, that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972) the press and public be excluded from the next Agenda

Item debate on the grounds that the Committee's remaining business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, and the public interest in disclosing the information.

A vote was held and this was **AGREED**.

**TC22/24/25 Tolney Lane Land / Fencing Requests**

Cllr M Spoors declared a non-pecuniary interest in this Agenda Item.

Concerns were raised that the proposal may be affected by flood mitigation plans. There were also Health and Safety concerns about the site due to overgrowth near the edge of the river.

Cllr M Skinner proposed an amendment – that boulders be used rather than fencing. This was seconded by Cllr I Brown.

No vote was taken at this point.

The Town Clerk suggested that power be devolved to Cllr M Skinner, the Town Clerk and the Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to investigate and resolve the issue. Cllr M Skinner stated that he did not wish to move this.

No vote was taken.

Cllr G Rix left the meeting at this point.

Cllr L Geary proposed that the original proposal as stated in the Agenda Report be approved. This was seconded by Cllr M Spoors.

A vote was taken and this was **AGREED**.

<b>Meeting Closed:</b>	<b>7.53 pm</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>
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