



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 7.00pm 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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