

**NEWMARKET VISION**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**  
Friday 18th September 2015

held at The Severals Pavilion. 1:00pm

**Members Present:**

Cllr Rachel Hood (Chair), Newmarket Town Council [RH]  
Julian Wilson [JW]  
Claire Elbrow [CE]  
Sara Beckett [SB]  
Rachel Wood Arrived [RW] 13:30

The meeting was scheduled to start at 1:00pm but on arrival the venue was locked. Cllr Hood contacted the Town Council Office but in the meantime the venue was opened at 1.15. Initially the meeting was not quorate and whilst deciding when to hold a further meeting in the week beginning 21 September RW arrived

The meeting continued in a quorate fashion

Review of minutes from 03 September 2015 and matters arising

Amended minutes as information imparted was not quite correct re Cheveley Parish Council's response to NNP Designated area Amendment would read

*Claire Elbrow explained that CPC had discussed the North Ward of the Cheveley parish being included in the NNP. There is a community group in Cheveley which is producing a community plan, so it was felt that to participate in further survey work would be confusing. Cheveley Parish has also undertaken an affordable housing survey in 2015 as well.*

*The Community Plan steering group may be willing to share any relevant information with the NNP steering group once the community plan was complete and published.*

Minutes agreed by all subject to the agreed amendment.

No further word from Paula Wilson (logo) who had been sent a brief kindly prepared by CE

CE had inquired re a web site but whilst a very good quote had been received it was rather too expensive for our budget and would stick with One Suffolk.

SB had asked the Parish Clerk of Woodditton for the result of the discussion of NNP at their last PC meeting. He informed SB via email that he had already sent a response the NTC Clerk on 26 August 2015 but the group was not aware of this but he was kind enough to send that to SB directly.

Discussion about Designated Area ~ not having the Lower ward of Woodditton and the North ward of Cheveley included does not exclude those people living within those areas from being consulted. SB had spoken to a NP Examiner in the past and he actually advised that it was perfectly acceptable for such an area with the possibility of involving cross borders. Those people would have an input but not a vote in the referendum.

SB had prepared an Action Plan /Timetable and sent it to Marie Smith [MS]

Planned Public consultation at The Memorial Hall on Tuesday 03 November 2015 08:00am - 20:00pm to present aims and objectives giving a steer for discussion and comment from the public. From this Consultation the aims and objectives can be confirmed and further, far and wide consultations will take place. SB had asked for members to think about 'who and where' but had no response to date. If approval by NTC to designate the area of the Parish of Newmarket (to exclude the Cemetery on Cemetery Hill) is not received the timetable will be null and void as timing is critical.

We have received approval and encouragement from MS of FHDC that everything is in order.

Once Designation is approved by NTC work can start on a lot of background information.

Time was then spent in completing the form in draft. SB/RH to complete final form ~ All agreed and approved.

**Action** RH to place an appropriate motion on the Agenda of Newmarket Town Council meeting of 28 September 2015

**Action** SB to confirm process and completion of form again with MS before Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September when item has to be placed on the Agenda.

Discussion about terms of reference and commitment of Town Council to provide support. Terms of reference will need to be discussed and amended to reflect quorum of voting members.

RW discussed the Aim and Objectives that she had worked on since the last meeting from the original headings we had discussed following MJ's work in preparing the initial headings. NNP is a good thing for Newmarket. The document needs to be relevant to those in Newmarket it affects and will be most effective by reaching out to groups ~ e.g. Voluntary, Faith Community and the youth of Newmarket. The plan needs to reflect the assets of the Town. Discussion about Mathematics and Computer sciences in connection with businesses following the meeting of Newmarket Chamber of Commerce earlier in the week from which CE reported that perhaps it should just be Science i.e. equine science and the wider Cambridge science. It was felt that we should be encouraging children to take up these studies of Mathematics and Computer Science and would be promoted through the various Bill Tutte projects. Newmarket Academy has taken this on board in many ways as another facet of the Town by inspiring children with the knowledge proven by not just a good mathematician or even a great mathematician but by a world changing mathematician.

Were there the businesses in the area that would be looking for this type of employee? It was agreed to amend to Aspiration and Development of Mathematics and Computer science.

**Action** RW will 'tighten up' the document.

It was felt that it might be too long

It could have 2 versions one full detail, one as a precis

Discussion about Market Charter and myth of Newmarket developing from the plaque rather than through business, hospitality and entrepreneurship.

The Market in Newmarket has been a constant feature and Newmarket use to have 2 annual fairs.

Discussion about Deloittes report which emphasises the importance of Newmarket and relevance in planning, it identifies Newmarket as a National Sporting Heritage asset. Within the NNP the Deloittes report should be mentioned as being important, up to date and independent and should be fed into Aims/Aspirations. Newmarket suffers because of proximity of Bury St Edmunds and Cambridge but because of their proximity Newmarket doesn't need to be the same as them. BSE has empty shops, but independent shops are thriving. Banking and sacrilege of historic building in Newmarket e.g. The Carlton has occurred over the years and inappropriate building has taken place e.g. Ice Well Hill.

Discussion about RAF Mildenhall and implications on Local Plan and therefore NNP.

RW will feed in additional comments and the references of the Deloittes report ready for 01 October meeting

It was approved and agreed by all that little needs to be changed and RW is aware of that detail as discussed.

**Action** RW to send the revised document of aims/objectives to all.

It was agreed that new members will need to update themselves of work already carried out.

Next meeting would include:

Welcome of new members and the way forward

Verification of Headings and detail of aims and objectives as agreed 18 September 2015

Next Meeting: Thursday 01 October 2015 09:00 Newmarket Town Council Offices ~ Ernest Cassel Room

Meeting closed at 14:50pm

01 October 2015	Further meetings TBC dates already agreed to be confirmed in conjunction with CPDG	15 October 2015