



## **NEWMARKET VISION MINUTES OF Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Thursday 15 September 2016

held at the Council Chamber. Newmarket Town Council Offices 10:00

### **Members Present:**

Cllr Rachel Hood [RH]

Cllr John Morrey [JM]

Cllr Philippa Winter [PW]

Julian Wilson [JW]

Sara Beckett [SB]

Apologies received Cllr Wadham, Cllr Starkey, Cllr Hirst, Cllr Jefferys, Cllr O'Neill, Rachel Wood, William Gittus and Boyd Nicholas.

Welcome to all members by Cllr Hood.

5 voting members present.

**Minutes** from 21 July 2016 accepted and approved by all unanimously.

Letter to Events Manager re Carnival still outstanding

SB has spoken to Kate Ashton (Newmarket Library) who is very willing to hold a static display for consultations and for one to be 'manned'

JM suggested the Foyer of the Town Hall could be used.

SB has quotes for web site varying from £50 - £850.00 + VAT

**ACTION** RH to put Finance on the Town Council Agenda to be considered in the budget process

No further update re policies

**Member's hours were noted**

**To discuss the SOS decision on Hatchfield Farm**

The report was noted:

FHDC have a 5 year housing land supply which is very relevant to the NHP

Perception of harm to the HRI

No need to deviate from emerging local plan which has little weight

Contrary to some FHDC policies

Not in accordance with Development Plan

Neighbourhood plan carries little weight

**Recommendation:** In light of the report and discussion we would recommend that Newmarket should have a protected status with some form of special designation as it is a recognised World Heritage Sporting asset.

All unanimously in favour.

To seek advice from Head of Planning Steven Wood

**Review timetable:** JW suggested we still need Professional help particularly with the absence of officer support. We need professional support to progress the NHP and focus the work of writing the policies in line with legislation and the local plan consultation.

It was agreed by all: We should investigate employing professional assistance (e.g. Consultant)

**Finance** An email has been received from Suffolk County Council which has been passed from the Mayor, with regard to finance grant which is due to expire in October. Some members were not aware that there was an expiration date.

Delegated authority was given to RH and SB to contact Andrew Cuthbertson to investigate further.

Next Meeting 29 September 2016

Meeting ended at 10:31 as Councillor Winter left the meeting

JW gave some information about Community Land Trust (CLT)

*Venue: Newmarket Town Council Offices Ernest Cassel Room.*

Workshop Thursday 06 October 2016	Thursday 20 October 2016	1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00 In Ernest Cassel Room <b>www.newmarket.gov.uk</b>
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