

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST NEOTS TOWN COUNCIL**  
**OPERATIONS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**  
**HELD IN THE MOOT HALL, THE PRIORY CENTRE**  
**ON THURSDAY 22 JULY 2010**

Present:

Cllr A Cummings  
Cllr P K Ursell  
Cllr O Reynolds  
Cllr L Roberts

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Chapman (District Council engagement).

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22 June 2010 were **APPROVED**.

4. Shady Walk

The Town Clerk reported that the Section 106 money from Huntingdonshire District Council had been received. Following the last meeting, 40 questionnaires had been sent out and two had been completed, both requesting the area be fenced off.

Members **NOTED** the results of the questionnaires.

5. St Neots Festival

The Town Clerk reported that the Riverside Festival preparation was well underway and included local bands, a funfair and charity and craft stalls. Production of the Festival brochure had been donated by TSGCS and Huntingdon Community Radio had agreed to compere the weekend.

The Town Council had resolved that no budget would be issued and the Festival should be self-funding. Donations had been received from the Town Centre Initiative and RWE nPower. Local businesses and retail outlets had taken advertisements in the Festival brochure and donated a "Tenners for the Town".

The quote for First Aid cover had been much higher than last year and the Clerk was investigating alternative cover.

The Town Clerk asked Councillors to volunteer to help over the weekend if they could.

Members **NOTED** the report.

6. Saxongate Play Area

The Town Clerk had negotiated with Monster Play to bring the quote within the allocated Section 106 monies. The final cost was £21,485. £1,000 would be transferred from Earmarked Reserves.

Members considered the revisions to the original quote and **APPROVED** the scheme.

7. Section 106 Monies – Sydney Banks

The Section 106 Monies available for Sydney Banks Field had been transferred to Huntingdonshire District Council to provide changing facilities for the leisure centre and users of the Sydney Banks Field.

Members **ACCEPTED** the written commitment by Huntingdonshire District Council that they would endeavour to ensure that the Town Council's rights to use the changing rooms are safeguarded.

8. Priory Centre Lift Timing

The Community Centres Manager had reviewed the timing of the Priory Centre lift doors to determine whether there was a need to extend the timings for the benefit of wheelchair users.

The Centres Manager confirmed that the lift meets all DDR requirements and that the doors reopen automatically when the infra red detector is interrupted.

Members **ACCEPTED** the report.

Meeting closed at 6.55pm.

.....  
**CHAIRMAN**  
22.07.10