

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST NEOTS TOWN COUNCIL**  
**OPERATIONS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**  
**HELD IN THE MOOT HALL, THE PRIORY CENTRE**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2010**

Present:

Cllr A Cummings  
Cllr B Chapman  
Cllr P K Ursell

15. Apologies for Absence

Cllr L Roberts has a prior engagement. Cllr O Reynolds was not present.

16. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2 September 2010 were **APPROVED**.

12. Sunfest

Members considered a report from the Deputy Town Clerk on the future of the St Neots summer festival.

The Bank Holiday festival is a traditional event which has been held in association with the Carnival parade for many years, for the last two it has been called "Sunfest". This year's event, although running at a small profit, was slightly marred by the bad weather and possibly the lack of a Carnival parade.

Members were asked to consider:

- i) moving the event to an alternative weekend
- ii) allocating a budget of £7,000
- iii) changing the format of the event

It was **RESOLVED**:

that Sunfest 2011 be held on the August Bank Holiday weekend as previous years to ensure continuity and the event be run cost neutral to the Town Council.

13. In Celebration of Trees

Members **APPROVED** an application for a memorial tree to be planted on the Pightle in remembrance of an Eaton Socon resident.

14. Pightle Trust

The Town Clerk reminded Members that the Town Clerk of St Neots Town Council held the position of Trustee on the Pightle Trust. She asked Members to consider the terms within the Covenant and to approve the updating of the Trustees of the Trust.

It was **RESOLVED**:

that the Town Clerk be instructed to take legal advice on the Covenant and this item be deferred until the Full Council meeting in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.32pm for a representative of the Pightle Trust to inform Members of the history of the Covenant.

The meeting reconvened at 6.38pm.

15. Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme

The Town Clerk reported that the Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Bid for Montague Street had been put forward for scoring by Cambridgeshire County Council.

The bid for Huntingdon Street had been assessed prior to scoring but was contrary to County Council policy and had therefore not been put forward.

16. Section 106, Bushmead Road

The Town Clerk informed Members that Huntingdonshire District Council had S106 contributions relating to the Former Bushmead Junior School Development and that they were in agreement for the money to be used to refurbish the Dukes Road play area, subject to the submission of a spending plan.

It was **RESOLVED**

That the section 106 monies is secured from Huntingdonshire District Council and a consultation is carried out with local residents located around the play area.

17. Thank You Letter

The Town Clerk reported that she had received several letters of thanks for the Summer Riverside Band Concerts which were funded by the Town Council this year. Residents hoped that they would continue to fund these concerts next year.

Meeting closed at 6.48pm.

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**CHAIRMAN**

20.10.10