

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST NEOTS TOWN COUNCIL
OPERATIONS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE EATONS COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON TUESDAY 22 JUNE 2010

Present:

Cllr A Cummings
Cllr P K Ursell
Cllr O Reynalds
Cllr B Chapman

1. Appointment of Chairman

Cllr A Cummings was elected as Chairman.

2. Appointment of Vice Chairman

Cllr P Ursell was elected as Vice Chairman.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Roberts (prior engagement).

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Saxongate Play Equipment Tenders

The Committee reviewed three tenders for new play equipment to be installed on the Saxongate play area.

At present the site was empty as the previous equipment had been so badly vandalised that it had been completely removed by the Council. A survey had then been carried out amongst local residents and their views taken into consideration when tendering for new equipment.

The play equipment would be for 5-11 year olds and would be funded by Section 106 monies and £10,000 from Earmarked Reserves.

Members **RESOLVED:**

- (1) to accept Tender 1 to supply and install the new equipment,
- (2) that the Town Clerk negotiate with the company for the quote to come within the Section 106 money and report back to the next meeting.

6. Outside Stage

The Town Clerk advised members on the difficulties experienced with access on and off the outside stage and asked them to consider the purchase of an additional set of steps.

Members **RESOLVED**:

to approve the purchase of an additional set of steps for safe access and egress of the stage.

7. Shady Walk

The Town Clerk reported it had been agreed in 2009/10 that Section 106 monies be used to fund new play equipment for Shady Walk.

It was **RESOLVED**:

to start consultations with neighbouring properties at Shady Walk on the appropriate equipment and where it should be sited and that the Town Clerk claim the Section 106 money from HDC.

8. Memorial Benches

Two applications had been received for memorial benches in St Neots Cemetery. The Clerk advised members that there would be no space left in the Cemetery for benches once these had been installed.

Members **APPROVED** the siting of the two benches in the Cemetery and noted that no further benches can be sited in the cemetery

9. Grit Bins

The Town Clerk had received requests for the Council to provide grit bins in areas such as Culloden Close, Stephenson Court and Milton Avenue.

Cambridgeshire Highways would fill grit bins provided by local authorities as long as the areas where the bins were sited allowed for them to be easily filled. The present cost for the Council to purchase these bins was £312, although the County Council may give local Councils the opportunity to purchase grit bins at a much reduced price in the autumn.

The issue of siting the bins often proved difficult as some residents did not want them placed too near their property.

Members **RESOLVED:**

that the Town Clerk be instructed to contact the Council's insurers to obtain a formal underwriting from them regarding the Council's position if they provide additional bins. This would be reported back to the next meeting.

10. Bus Shelter

The Clerk requested members to approve the purchase of a replacement bus shelter at Andrew Road. In addition, Huntingdonshire District Council would be supplying a replacement bus shelter for Longsands Road.

Members **RESOLVED:**

to remove the existing shelter in Andrew Road and replace with a new one in the same design as the one purchased last year.

Meeting closed at 6.44pm.

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CHAIRMAN
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