

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST NEOTS TOWN COUNCIL**  
**OPERATIONS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**  
**HELD IN THE MOOT HALL, THE PRIORY CENTRE**  
**ON THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2011**

Present:

Cllr A Cummings  
Cllr B Chapman  
Cllr L Roberts  
Cllr P Ursell

28. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received Cllr O Reynolds (prior commitment).

29. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

30. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 November 2011 were **APPROVED**.

31. Section 106 Dukes Road

The Town Clerk had received confirmation that the Section 106 money from Huntingdonshire District Council was now available. Members had decided at the meeting of 25 November to have the same design brief as the one recently chosen for Saxongate play area. This was targeted at pre-school to 11 year olds.

Members **APPROVED** tender invitations be sent out for new play equipment.

32. Local Authority Publishing

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Guide was produced by Local Authority Publishing and that they had contacted the Town Council to arrange the update of the Guide. There would be no fee to the Council. The map would be updated to include the boundary expansion and new housing estates.

Members **APPROVED** the updating of the Town Guide.

33. Salt Bins

The Town Clerk reported that a number of additional requests for the Town Council to provide salt bins had been received.

Grit bins could be purchased from Cambridgeshire County Council by the Town Council. As long as these were in approved locations on the main gritting routes, the County Council would fill them for residents' use.

A number of grit bins had already been purchased this financial year.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Operations Manager be instructed to prepare a system of evaluating each request for a grit bin and bring this back to a future Operations & Amenities meeting and that no further bins would be provided this financial year.

34. Traffic Management Road Closures

The Town Clerk requested that Members approve two road closures for town events in 2011.

Members **APPROVED** the date of the Civic Service as Sunday 26 June 2011 and **APPROVED** the Christmas Lights Switch On date as 25 November 2011.

The Town Clerk reported that she was investigating changing the format for the Christmas Lights Switch and that closing the bottom half of the town, from Brittain's Furnishing to Leeds Day, would make the street safer for residents.

Members **APPROVED** that the Traffic Closure Orders be sent to Cambridgeshire County for High Street Closure on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and for the bottom of the High Street for the Christmas Lights Switch On.

35. Winter Service & the Localism Agenda – Opportunities for Third Party Working

Notification had been received from Cambridgeshire County Council that the Town Council's request to reinstate Milton Avenue as a primary gritting route had been rejected as it did not meet the County Council's criteria for primary routes.

The County Council were now seeking third party working under the Winter Service and the Localism Agenda and had requested that Members register their interest in becoming involved in consultations.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk had already requested that representatives of Cambridgeshire County Council address a full Council meeting to discuss third party working and this could also be discussed then.

36. Cross Street Lighting

Members considered the erection of the cross street lights around the Market Square in St Neots.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Operations Manager contact Cambridgeshire County Council to ascertain if permission could be given to locate cross street light poles along the High Street and report back to the next Operations & Amenities Committee meeting.

37. Celebration Tree

Members considered a request for a celebration tree in the new Cemetery Extension.

The application was **APPROVED**.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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**CHAIRMAN**  
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