

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE MOOT AT THE PRIORY CENTRE, ST NEOTS
9th February 2017

Present: Cllr C Maslen (Deputy Chairman) Cllr J Cooper-Marsh
 Cllr A Hansard Cllr J Corley
 Cllr Mrs D Collins Cllr K Wainwright
 Cllr B Chapman

Also present: Ed Reilly (Town Clerk), Kevin Matthews (Operations Manager), and Sharon Coe (Minutes)

Public Participation

Cllr Dunford sat in the area designated for the public. He updated the Committee with regards to a meeting he, Cllr's Giles and Chapman had attended on 8th February 2017 with regards to St Neots Market Square Trees. He stressed that no further work would be carried out until SNTC had been consulted.

Town Clerk commented that this is a prime example of Cambridgeshire County Council contacting Councillors directly and not the Town Council. They are supposed to liaise through the corporate body.

58. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Banks.

59. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

60. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Corley stated that at the meeting held on 12th January 2017 there was a Councillor who sat initially in the public area but later in the meeting sat in a vacant seat at the Committee table and then stated that he would like to speak as Mayor. This is not included within these minutes. Cllr Corley also highlighted that Cllr Mrs Taylor who was sitting in the area designated to the public also stated her support to an item that was on the agenda. Both are unconstitutional and he would like this added to the minutes.

Town Clerk suggested deferring the minutes to the next meeting so they can be amended. This was proposed by Cllr Maslen and seconded by Cllr Mrs Collins.

RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.



Actions

1. Land behind Admirals Way and Land near A1 Eaton Socon

Town Clerk confirmed that Huntingdonshire District Council was still trying to determine ownership of both land concerned.

2. Play Area located at Arnhem Close, Eaton Socon

Cllr Maslen stated that he had written to HDC with regards to both this item and item 1.

Town Clerk highlighted that it is not a Councillor's duty to chase up but the Councils.

3. Christmas Lights – Love Farm.

This is an item on the agenda.

4. Additional Play Equipment at Saxongate.

Town Clerk confirmed that the Council had sent out letters to local residents requesting their feedback/suggestions. He will bring the results of the consultation to the next meeting.

61. Christmas Trees

K Matthews brought appendix 1 (Christmas Tree at Stone Hill at Loves Farm) to the Committees attention. He gave a brief update with regards to his meeting with two members from HDC. They now wished to locate the tree in the square near to Tesco Express which is in the process of being built and would like to increase from one to four trees and informed K Matthews that they are going back to planning to request this.

62. Parking at Eaton Socon Cemetery

Cllr Maslen has received two calls from Eaton Socon residents highlighting that cars are being parked on the road outside of the cemetery and making it difficult for visitors to the Cemetery to enter or leave.

Cllr Maslen suggested K Matthews put a sign in the Cemetery suggesting that they park respectively. The Committee are happy for K Matthews to do this.

Cllr Chapman entered the meeting at 7:55pm.



63. Christmas Lights 2017

K Matthews informed the Committee that our current Christmas Lights are under a three year contract and that contract has finished. We are presently awaiting collection from Gala Lights. So presently we do not have any Christmas Lights for 2017.

Town Clerk suggested setting up a working group with 2 members from the Committee, K Matthews and the Town Development Manager to put together a proposal to bring to this Committee.

Cllr's Wainwright, Corley, Banks, Maslen and Cllr Mrs Collins would like to sit on the working group.

64. Road Side Traffic Sign Cleaning

Cllr Maslen stated that road signs throughout ST Neots are very dirty and suggested whether SNTC could wash them.

The Committee debated.

Cllr Cooper-Marsh proposed that St Neots Town Council take responsibility for cleaning St Neots Road Signs. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Collins.

RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.

65. CCTV Report for December 2016

This was noted by the Committee.

Meeting closed at 8:23pm


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CHAIRMAN