

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE MOOT AT THE PRIORY CENTRE, ST NEOTS  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Present: Cllr B Banks (Chairman) Cllr C Maslen (Deputy Chairman)  
Cllr B Chapman Cllr Mrs D Collins  
Cllr J Corley

Also present: Ed Reilly (Town Clerk), Karen Pollecutt (Minutes)

**Public Participation**

1 member of public was present but did not wish to speak.

**66. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr's Hansard, Wainwright and Cooper-Marsh.

**67. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**68. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Maslen and seconded by Cllr Corley to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 as a true and accurate record.

**RESOLVED: 3 votes for and 2 abstentions to accept the proposal.**

**Actions from previous Meeting**

- i) Land Behind Admirals Way - Town Clerk met with Helen Lack from Huntingdonshire District Council and visited the site. It was concluded that the land is not suitable or wide enough for allotments. Huntingdonshire District Council is planning to convert it to a walkway and improve the fencing along the A1. They will consult with St Neots Town Council on any decisions made.
- ii) Play Area located at Arnhem Close, Eaton Socon – Town Clerk confirmed that we now know you own the land. He will contact them personally.
- iii) Operations Manager has met with Huntingdon District Council to agree the location. Town Clerk will check for an update.

iv) Upgrade/improvements to all play areas. The general consultation with residents has begun. We have advertised in the newsletter and are advertising so we can obtain feedback on all the play areas.

v) Christmas Lights 2017 Working Group hasn't met yet.

vi) Road Sign Traffic Cleaning – Town Clerk met with Jonathan Clerk from Cambridgeshire County Council and they are happy for us to take over cleaning the road signs.

vii) Display a sign at Eaton Socon Cemetery suggesting the public park respectively – Sign is on order and will be fitted once it arrives.

Cllr Chapman proposed a timeframe of one month to report back to Committee on any actions outstanding. This was seconded by Cllr Banks.

**RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.**

Cllr Chapman proposed that costings for better play equipment in Shady Walk and Riversmead Play areas are obtained for presentation at the next Committee meeting by the Town Clerk. This was seconded by Cllr Banks.

**RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.**

**69. Saxongate Play Area**

Town Clerk informed the Committee that 200 questionnaires were circulated to the residents in 8 areas surrounding the play area. We received 15% returns of which 28 were for and 4 were against additional play equipment. Town Clerk will contact HAGS and find out what additional play equipment we might get. He will also look into costings for fencing and report back at the next meeting.

**70. CCTV Report for January 2017**

The report was noted by the Committee.

**71. Use of Wardens**

The use of wardens in St Neots was debated by the Committee.

72. **Minor Roadwork's**

Town Clerk informed the Committee that he had attended a meeting with Jonathan Clerk from Highways and had mentioned the possibility of St Neots Town Council cold filling small pot holes. He was very keen to look into SNTC doing this.

This was debated by the Committee.

Cllr Banks proposed that St Neots Town Council carry out minor highway repairs and inform Cambridgeshire County Council of their location highlighting they are only temporary repairs but will stop further damage. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Collins.

**RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.**

Meeting closed at 7:55pm.

  
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**CHAIRMAN**