

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CONSULTATION COMMITTEE HELD AT MILLFIELDS
PAVILLION MILL WAY NEEDINGWORTH ON TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 8.15PM**

PRESENT:

Cllr S Mortlock
Cllr D Jackson
Cllr A Whyte

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

There were no members of the public.

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Mortlock was elected to Chair the meeting.

5. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Cllr R Fountain- Personal
Cllr J Neish- Personal
Cllr A Holloway- Personal

6. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th August 2024.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th August 2024 be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr Mortlock) 2 in favour. 1 Abstention.

7. To review the following documents:

(i) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough combined authority bus franchising consultation.

No member was able to attend in person.
Cllr Mortlock will login and attend virtually.
No other comments.

(ii) National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Members felt that completion of over 100 questions was unrealistic to complete in a Meeting although they do have concerns about the proposals.

Cllr Whyte considered that building houses required the planners to look at employment in the area otherwise it just creates more issues around traffic etc.

He also felt that question 40 should be a “no” vote as first homes are important.

Cllr Mortlock spoke about the following:

Upward height- just increases density of housing which in turn creates social and health issues.

Better quality developments are required so government should start by investing in training tradesmen to deliver the housing projects otherwise future problems are created.

Infrastructure improvements are needed not just housing. Schools, doctors, roads etc should be in place before housing is built.

Mix of housing – bungalows are required to enable downsizing.

Parish Councils should always be consulted as local knowledge needs to be taken into consideration.

Government should not lose the concept of a “village” which is at risk if the scale of proposed development goes ahead.

No building should be permitted on green belt or grade 1-3 agricultural land.

Cllr Jackson was concerned that government will just “do what they want”.

Resolved; That the Clerk make the above comment in the appropriate format for the consultation.
All in favour.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Chairman Date