

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.00PM AT MILLFIELDS PAVILION**

PRESENT:

Cllr A Whyte (Chairman)
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr D Jackson
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr E McNeill
Cllr S Mortlock
Cllr J Neish
Cllr C Pearce
Cllr M Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

There was no member of the public present.

103. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

Cllr N Dyne- personal

104. Declarations of Interest.

To receive Declarations of Disclosable and/or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and the nature of those interests relating to any Agenda item.

105. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November 2024.

Resolved: That the minutes of 5th November 2024 be signed as a true and correct record.

(Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr Williamson) in favour

106. Receipts and Payments Account

To note the half yearly Income & Expenditure Account as at 3rd October 2024.

Noted.

107. Grants and Donations

To consider making a donation to the following organisations: -

(i) MAGPAS

(ii) Citizens Advice bureau.

Resolved: That a donation of £50 is made to both organisations in 2025/26 financial year.

(Prop Cllr Mortlock 2nd Cllr MacPherson) All in favour.

108 .Budgets

108.1 To note the bank reconciliation as of 30th September 2024.

Noted

108.2 To review the budgets for 2024/25.

Cllr Mortlock asked if the figures included adjustments for pay award.

Clerk confirmed they have.

Cllr MacPherson asked about reserves which were to be discussed in item 108.3

Cllr Whyte queried the figure for traffic calming at Holywell, Clerk advised that this had been included as the full Council has not approved use of CIL funding as at time of budget being drawn up and remains so as at the time of the meeting

108.3 To set the budgets for 2025/26.

A lengthy discussion took place with questions raised over memorial inspection fees, tree

work costs, level of allocated reserves and the s137 provision for the Villager if required. Cllr MacPherson felt that a 2% increase on 23/24 precept was appropriate. Other members were mindful of inflation rates and needed to be able to deliver the services currently provided. The clerk confirmed that the tax base is an estimate as HDC were yet to confirm. It was agreed that the budget would be set as per Appendix 3

109. Precept

To agree the Precept figure for 2025/26.

Resolved: That the precept be set at £141203.00 with the budget deficit of £5762.00 to be taken from allocated reserves. £2000 Giffords Park, £3762 from Office move. The reserve balance in Office move to be vired to Grounds & office equipment reserves. (Prop Cllr Pearce 2nd Cllr Neish) 7 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.

110. Items to report.

- Cllr Jackson reported mud on road from chicken farm development Overcote Lane
- Cllr McNeill reported a fallen branch Falklands Walk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Chairman

Date