

MINUTES OF PLANNING AND FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY
21st JANUARY 2025 AT 7.00PM at MILLFIELDS PAVILLION MILL WAY NEEDINGWORTH

PRESENT:

Cllr A Whyte (Chairman)
Cllr N Dyne
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr E McNeill
Cllr S Mortlock (7.04pm onwards)
Cllr C Pearce
Cllr M Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)
No members of the public.

54. To Receive Apologies for Absence.
Cllr C Norman – personal
Cllr G Norman - personal
55. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 19th November 2024.
Resolved: That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr Fountain) 7 in favour, 1 abstension.
56. To note declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.
Cllr Pearce item 58.3 pecuniary Wife member of staff.

Cllr Mortlock arrives 7.04pm

57. Planning:

- 57.1 To consider the following applications that have been **received**.
(i) Application ref: **24/02335/CLPD** Garage conversion into a kitchen for commercial baking 46 Russett Avenue Needingworth PE27 4UE
Resolved: That the application be approved with a request for a condition that no sales are permitted from this address. (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Williamson) All in favour.
- 57.2 To note the following applications that have been **approved**:
(i) Application ref: 24/01994/FUL Removal of an existing jet wash bay and the installation of two new jet wash bays, plant room, air/water VAC machine and associated works.
Noted
- (ii) Application ref: 24/01951/TREE Yew Tree to be reduced and shaped from approx. 13m to half i.e. 6.5m.
Noted

58. Finance:

- 58.1 To approve payments made within Clerk delegated powers.
Resolved: Payment of £377.72 Wilson bookbinders be approved (Prop Cllr Williamson 2nd Cllr MacPherson) All in favour.
- 58.2 To approve accounts for payment on 23rd January 2025.
Resolved: That payments K Perryman £58.33, ESPO £75.24 be approved. (Prop Cllr Williamson, 2nd Cllr MacPherson) All in favour

Cllr Pearce leaves 7.05pm

- 58.3 To approve salaries for payment on 24th January 2025.
Resolved: That salaries for January totalling £5742.35 be approved. (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Williamson) All in favour.

Cllr Pearce returns 7.06pm

58.4 To review correspondence regarding Spacenet

Clerk provided a report and the last correspondence from the insurance company. Members did feel that the insurers were not being very helpful.

Resolved: That Clerk send a copy of the declinature letter from present insurers to old insurers with a comment that the Parish Council will be seeking legal advice. (Cllr McPherson, 2nd Cllr Pearce) All in favour.

59. To consider proposal from HDC regarding EV Charging point and agree actions.

Clerk provided response form solicitors stating that a review of the heads of terms would cost between £2000-£3000.

Resolved: That the installation does not proceed. (Prop Cllr Fountain 2nd Cllr MacPherson) 7 in favour, 1 against.

60. Correspondence.

To note the following correspondence received and agree any actions.

- (i) To consider request for use of 3 car park spaces for delivery of Cambridgeshire County Council for their Care Together programme 3rd February for 12 weeks.

Resolved: That the request be approved (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr McNeill) 7 in favour, 1 against.

- (ii) To note the email from Holywell School regarding the play area improvements and agree a representative to attend a meeting on 30th January 2025.

It was noted that the school had extended an invitation to the Clerk to meet on 30th January 2025. As the Clerk is away at Practitioner conference. Cllr Whyte agreed to attend and bring a report back to Council.

Resolved: That Cllr Whyte attend. (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr MacPherson) All in favour.

- (iii) To consider Ecops – “can you stop speeding drivers?”

Resolved: That the Clerk put this out to Parishioners (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr MacPherson) All in favour.

- (iv) To note the email from Environment agency relating to case. GE17402 FE:21104/CW03 RE;Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council 211108/NW03.

Chairman explained where the site is located, and Clerk advised that she has requested a copy of the permit.

Noted

61. Items to report.

- Cllr Mortlock commented on the social media reports relating to the redevelopment of the chicken farm Overcote Lane. She confirmed that the Clerk had arranged a site meeting for Monday 27th January 2025.
- Cllr MacPherson reported streetlight issues in Priory Road. Balfour Beatty have been to site and advised that it is a matter for UK Power networks.
- Cllr Pearce reported the lack of road markings between Morrisons and the golf club roundabout. The lack of cats eyes combine to make it very difficult to see where the road/verge extend to.
- Cllr Dyne reported he had spoken to the manager of the Ferryboat Inn and it was confirmed that the venue is not closing as previously reported.
- Cllr McNeill reported litter problems at the end of the flood bank near the Pike & Eel entrance.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 7.24 pm

Chairman

Date