MINUTES OF PLANNING AND FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 18th MARCH 2025 AT 7.00PM at MILLFIELDS PAVILLION MILL WAY NEEDINGWORTH

PRESENT:
Cllr A Whyte (Chairman)
Cllr N Dyne
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr E McNeill
Cllr S Mortlock
Cllr J Neish
Cllr C Pearce
Cllr M Williamson.

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

71. To Receive Apologies for Absence.
Cllr C Norman-Personal
Cllr G Norman-Personal
Cllr E MacPherson- Personal

72. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 18th February 2025.
Cllr Mortlock queried the staff numbers quoted in item 65.1. Those present agreed that the number was correct as recorded in the minutes.
Resolved: That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr Pearce) 6 in favour 2 abstentions.

73. To note declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.
Cllr Pearce- pecuniary item 75.3 Wife is a member of staff.

74. Planning:

74.1 To consider the following applications that have been **received:**
(i) Application ref: 25/00430/HHFUL Proposed single storey rear extension.
3 Pound Hill Close Needingworth St Ives PE27 4RZ
Resolved: That the application be approved (Prop Cllr Williamson 2nd Cllr Mc Neill) 7 in favour 1 abstention.

74.2 To note the following applications that have been **approved.**
(i) Application ref: 24/02335/CLPD Garage conversion into a kitchen for commercial baking
46 Russett Avenue Needingworth St Ives PE27 4UE
Noted

74.3 To receive a verbal update on DMC 17th March 2025.
Cllr Whyte represented the Parish Council at DMC on 17th March and he summarised the meeting aside Cllr Neish then advised that the committee had deferred the decision for 1 month so that the Environmental Health officer can be present to answer members questions.
Cllr Neish explained the current situation in respect of tilted balance and the impact this has on the decision process.
Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work in preparing for DMC.

75. Finance:
75.1 To approve payments made within Clerk delegated powers.
Resolved: Those payments £336.00 B Hawkins, and a transfer of £10,000.00 be approved (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr Pearce)
All in favour.

75.2 To approve accounts for payment on 20th March 2025.
Resolved: Those payments £59.40 - OLP be approved (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr McNeill) All in favour.

Cllr Pearce left the meeting 7.23pm

75.3 To approve salaries for payment on 24th March 2025.
Resolved: Those salaries totalling £6541.85, HMRC £1549.16 be approved for payment on 24th March 2025. (Prop Cllr Williamson 2nd Cllr Neish) All in favour.

Cllr Pearce returned to the meeting 7.24pm

75.4 To consider the way forward regarding replacement streetlight lamps.
Clerk produced a paper advising that a local contractor has now been found and asks Council to consider this as a way of managing future maintenance issues.
Resolved: That the Clerk utilise K&M Lighting for street light repairs and that no stock of lamps are to be held. (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr Williamson) All in favour.

75.5 To approve the transfer of £20,000 from Cambridge Building society instant access account to the Co-op current Account.
Resolved: That a transfer of £20,000 from Cambridge Building society instant access account to the Co-op current Account be approved. (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr Neish) All in favour.

75.6 To note the price changes Thalia waste management, effective 1st April 2025.
Noted.

76. Correspondence.
To note the following correspondence received and <u>agree any actions.</u>

(i) To consider request from Needingworth Baptist Church for finance to assist with a garden of remembrance.
A lengthy discussion took place regarding the site, its history and Councils ability to fund religious organisations.
Members expressed various support for the project ranging from payment in full to £1,000 donation.
Further discussion took place as to whether CIL could be used.
Cllr Neish suggested looking at HDC community chest grants.
Resolved: That agreement in principle for a sum of £2000 to be paid towards the project in line with Council regulations/CIL regulations.
Council wishes to see the land handed back from the current tenant before any payment is made.
As proposal is for use of CIL resolution to be ratified at Full Council. (Prop Cllr Neish, 2nd Cllr Williamson) 6 in favour 2 against.

77. Items to report.

- Cllr Williamson reported that many of the commemorative plaques in the village hall have been removed which he would like to see reinstated.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Chairman Date