

MINUTES OF PLANNING AND FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 17th
FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00PM at MILLFIELDS PAVILLION MILL WAY NEEDINGWORTH

PRESENT:

Cllr A Whyte (Chairman)
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr S Martin
Cllr S Mortlock
Cllr J Neish
Cllr C Norman
Cllr G Norman
Cllr C Pearce

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

139. To Receive Apologies for absence.

Cllr N Dyne- Personal
Cllr E McNeill- Personal

140. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 20th January 2026.

Item 136.2 – Cllr Fountain advised he had abstained from the vote.
It was noted that a proposer and seconder is not recorded.

Resolved: That with the above amendment the minutes of 20th January 2026 be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Whyte) 7 In favour, 2 abstentions

141. To note declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr Pearce item 143.3 pecuniary- wife is a member of staff.

142. Public Forum.

To allow any member of the public to address the council on matters on the agenda.

Time Allowed 10 minutes.

None

143. Finance & Risk:

- 143.1 To approve payments made within Clerk delegated powers.

None

- 143.2 To approve accounts for payment on 19th February 2026.

Resolved: That payments KTS computers, IT support, Inv. No. 251229 - £94.89, CCS Decoration Ltd, repair Millfield's benches, Inv. No. 000627 - £250.00, Great Ouse Valley Trust, Membership 2026, Inv. No. INV-000124 - £40.00, Ben Burgess, Trimax 237 service & repairs, Inv No. 984565 - £916.08, Ben Burgess, Tractor service & repairs, Inv No. 984562 - £1215.92, Ben Burgess, Ride on service & repairs, Inv No. 984563 - £1066.82 ESPO £76.74 totalling £3660.45 be approved (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr MacPherson) All in favour

Cllr Pearce leaves 7.10pm

- 143.3 To approve salaries & HMRC for payment on 24th February 2026.

Cllr Whyte spoke to say that Eltisley PC have reimbursed for 50% of travel expenses to practitioners. Clerk has claimed total cost in salary.

He also spoke to say that Ibbetts are able to service using John Deere parts and that

he

has details of a local mobile service contractor which he will pass to the Clerk.

Resolved: That salaries & HMRC for payment on 24th February 2026 totalling £5764.35 be approved (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr MacPherson) All in favour.

Cllr Pearce returns 7.12pm

143.4 To approve the transfer of £25,000 to Easy Access Saver at Cambridge Building Society.

Resolved: That the transfer of £25,000 to Easy Access Saver at Cambridge Building Society be approved. (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr MacPherson) All in favour.

144. Planning.

144.1 To consider the following planning application **received**:

(i) Application ref: 25/02445/HHFUL

Erection of garden building at rear of existing garage.

3 Gaunt Way Needingworth St Ives PE27 4AH.

Resolved: That the application be supported (Prop Cllr Mortlock, 2nd Cllr G Norman) 8 in favour, 1 abstention

(ii) Application ref: 26/00205/HHFUL Front single storey extension, elevations remodelling and partial garage conversion

17 Priory Close Needingworth St Ives PE27 4SQ

Resolved: That the application be supported (Prop Cllr Mortlock, 2nd Cllr MacPherson) 6 in favour, 3 abstentions.

144.2 To note the following applications that have been **approved**:

(i) 25/01096/S73 Variation of Condition 2 (Plans) and 3 (Materials) of 23/00700/FUL. Needingworth Bowls Club Overcote Lane Needingworth.

Noted.

145. Correspondence.

(i) To note the AWS Fens Reservoir Notification of bat surveys.

Noted

(ii) To note the achievements of Ouse Valley Trust 2025 and dates for 2026.

Noted

(iii) To consider request for the river crossing by ferry on the 12th July – Walk the OVW.

Resolved: That the request be approved. (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Martin) All in favour

(iv) To note the Drainage Investigation Work – Hawkes Lane Needingworth.

Noted

(v) To consider actions regarding LGR as per presentation from HDC.

Resolved: That the Clerk arrange the following:

- Information placed onto Facebook.
- Display boards to be put into foyer of village hall subject to approval from VHT.
- Display posters.
- No public meeting to be held.

(Prop Cllr McPherson, 2nd Cllr Martin) All in favour.

146. Items to report.

- Cllr Pearce reported the increasing number of potholes in Harris Crescent.
- Cllr MacPherson commented upon the use of the railings at the roundabout on the A1123 as a permanent display. The area looks very untidy and leaves no room for local community event advertising. She asked that they be removed.
- Cllr Mortlock reported excessive water on the road by the allotments which may be a water leak.
- Cllr Neish reported that the appeal on planning for barn conversion Holywell has been upheld. Clerk will be advised in due course.
- Clerk advised that she has copies of nomination papers for upcoming elections if required by anyone.
Clerk also updated on works to install the Toucan crossing.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Chairman

Date