MINUTES OF PLANNING AND FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 16th JUNE 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
Cllr M Wetherfield

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. To Receive Apologies for absence.
   None.
   To record absence when no apologies given.
   Cllr N Dyne
2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 21st April 2026
   Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2026 be signed as a true and correct record (Prop Cllr Pearce, 2nd Cllr Martin) 9 in favour, 1 abstention.
3. To note declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.
   Item 5.3 - Cllr Pearce - pecuniary - wife is a member of staff.
   Item 5.2- Cllr Whyte -pecuniary- chairman's allowance.
4. Public Forum.
   To allow any member of the public to address the council on matters on the agenda.
   Time Allowed 10 minutes
   None
5. Finance & Risk.
   5.1 To approve payments made within Clerk delegated powers.
   Resolved: That the following payment: ESPO, Shredder, Inv. No. 8078654 - £356.40 be approved (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr G Norman) All in favour.

Cllr Whyte leaves the meeting 7.02pm

   5.2 To approve accounts for payment on 18th June 2026.
   Resolved: That the following payments: KTS computers, IT support, Inv. No. 260251 - £94.89, ESPO, Bleach, Air freshener, Tissues, Pens, Staples, Inv. No. 8064228 - £56.82, Core Synergy, Website charges, Inv. No. 19020 - £36.00, Chairman's Allowance, 1st Quarter - £75.00 totalling £262.71 are approved (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Neish) All in favour.

Cllr Whyte returns to the meeting 7.03pm

Cllr Pearce leaves the meeting 7.03pm

   5.3 To approve salaries & HMRC for payment on 24th June 2026.

Resolved: That salaries and HMRC with a total of £8545.14 are approved (Prop Cllr MacPherson 2nd Cllr Martin) All in favour.

Cllr Pearce returns to the meeting 7.04pm

5.4 To consider increasing mileage allowance in line with HMRC increase as of 1st April 2026.
Resolved: That the increase mileage allowance to 55p/ mile in line with HMRC increase as of 1st April 2026, back dated to 1st April 2026 be approved (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Neish) All in favour.

5.5 To approve quote for servicing of Balmoral tank control panel.
Resolved: That the quote from Haigh Environmental Company Ltd totalling £313.00 +VAT for servicing of Balmoral tank control panel be approved (Prop Cllr MacPherson 2nd Cllr C Norman) All in favour.

5.6 To consider opting out of reforestation and carbon offset programs.
Members were disappointed that this was not mentioned when Ethos were taken over by Aurora and the new contract signed.
It was acknowledged that this was not a lot of money, but transparency would have been welcomed.
Resolved: That the Council opt out of the initiative as it has its own environmental policy (Prop Cllr MacPherson 2nd Cllr Mortlock) 9 in favour.1 Against.

6. Planning.

6.1 To consider the following planning application **Withdrawn**:

(i) Application ref: 25/02213/HHFUL
Alteration and extension of the existing chimney pots and repainting of the external building and windows
Reed Cottage Holywell Front Holywell St Ives PE27 4TG.
Resolved: That the matter is noted.

6.2 To note the following planning applications **Approved:**

(i) Application ref: 26/00474/HHFUL Single storey side extension and reduction of windows
1 Russett Avenue Needingworth St Ives PE27 4UE.
Noted

(ii) Application ref: 26/00639/S73Variation of Condition 3 (temporary permission) of 23/00095/FUL
10 Needingworth Industrial Estate Needingworth Road Needingworth St Ives PE27 5LB.
Noted

(iii) Application ref: 25/02046/LBC Listed Building Consent for the repainting of the external building and windows
Reed Cottage Holywell Front Holywell St Ives PE27 4TG
Noted

6.3 To note the following application that has been **Refused:**

(i) Application ref: **26/00605/PIP** Permission in principle for 4 dwellings
Land North West Of Manor Farm Conger Lane Holywell
Noted
Cllr Neish advised that the application for 7-9 dwellings Lodel Lane Needingworth has gone to appeal.

7. Correspondence:

To receive the following correspondence and agree any actions:

(i) Invitation to attend: North Huntingdon & St Ives Cumulative Impacts Group
Cllr Wetherfield considered that “staying out” would be the correct move.
Cllr Mortlock asked that members are kept advised of any action the group takes.

Noted

(ii) To note the Water System Management '26 event and consider attendance.
Noted

(iii) To consider any actions relating to vehicle parked Overcote Lane.
A lengthy discussion took place. Members acknowledged that visibility is restricted but in doing so also that the vehicle is not parked illegally.
Cllr Fountain was asked if he knew who the vehicle driver was, to which he replied no.
Cllr Mortlock spoke for experience of another incidence in the village that concerned residents should report to the police who will ask for more information.
Resolved: That anyone concerned is advised to report to the Police. (Prop Cllr Mortlock, 2nd Cllr Pearce) 5 in favour. 3 against 2 abstentions.

Cllr Neish declared an interest as on the local LPAG at HDC.

(iv) To consider the "Cumulative Impacts Group - Draft Sapley Park Garden Village response for consideration"
Cllr Whyte felt there was no need to respond.
Cllr Wetherfield stated as a reserve site there was no need to comment at this time.
Resolved: That the matter is noted. (Prop Cllr Pearce, 2nd Cllr G Norman) 9 in favour. 1 Abstention.

(v) To note the AWS Fens Reservoir- Phase Three Consultation Feedback Summary
Noted.

8. Items to report.
   - Cllr G Norman reported that the yellow lines outside of the shop need repainting.
   - He also reported that the HDC grass cutter took top off of the stop cock Harris Crescent, now needs replacing.
   - Cllr Neish advised LGR response due July 2026. HDC will hold a special meeting in September to discuss.
     Environmental Health are aware of issues being reported regarding the chicken Farm
     Cllr Whyte spoke to say that he is aware residents have been asked to keep logs of dates/times.
   - Cllr Fountain stated he had heard that Tesco were withdrawing from One Stop shop which may have to close.
     Cllr Mortlock replied that the shop has been purchased and jobs are safe for now.
   - Clerk reported on upcoming road closures.
     Chapel Close Needingworth, Bluntisham Road Needingworth and Meeting Lane.
     Clerk further reminded members she is awaiting responses to emails regarding the Parish Council surgeries and rota for Millfield's.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Chairman Date