MINUTES OF PLANNING AND FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 21st JULY 2026 AT 7.00PM at MILLFIELDS PAVILLION MILL WAY NEEDINGWORTH

PRESENT:

Cllr A Whyte (Chairman)
Cllr N Dyne
Cllr L Fisher
Cllr G Fisher
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr S Martin
Cllr C Pearce
Cllr M Wetherfield

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)
No members of the public.
Cllr Whyte welcomed Cllr L Fisher and Cllr G Fisher to the Council following their co-option.

9. To Receive Apologies for absence.
   Cllr J Neish – Personal
   Cllr S Mortlock-Personal
   Cllr C Norman-Personal
   Cllr G Norman-Personal

10. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 16th June 2026.
    Resolved: That the minutes of the 16th of June 2026 be signed as a true and correct record of the meeting (Prop Cllr Whyte 2ND Cllr MacPherson) 6 in favour 3 abstentions.

11. To note declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.
    Cllr Pearce item 14.3 pecuniary- wife is a member of staff.

12. Public Forum.
    To allow any member of the public to address the council on matters on the agenda.
    Time Allowed 10 minutes.
    None.

13. To note report on servicing of Balmoral Tank Millfield's.
    Noted.

14. Finance & Risk.
    14.1 To approve payments made within Clerk delegated powers.
    Resolved: That payments Haigh Environmental Co. Ltd, Inv. No. 38691 - £501.00 Transfer of deposit to garden plot a/c £50.00 Total £551.00 be approved subject to the Clerk obtaining a VAT number for Haigh Environmental. (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr MacPherson) All in favour.

    14.2 To approve accounts for payment on 23rdJuly 2026.
    Resolved: KTS computers, IT support, Inv. No. 260377 - £94.89, ESPO, Noticeboard, Inv. No. 8109838 - £3120, Haigh Environmental Co. Ltd, Service balmoral tank Millfield's Inv. No. 38691 - £375.60, ESPO, A4 paper, Inv. No. 8112836 - £44.40, Libra Security, Replaced CCTV camera on children's play area lamp post - £396.00 Total: £942.09 be approved subject to the Clerk obtaining a VAT number for Haigh Environmental. (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr MacPherson) All in favour.

Cllr Pearce leaves the meeting 7.05pm

14.3 To approve salaries & HMRC for payment on 24th July 2026.
Resolved: that salaries & HMRC payment totalling £8686.01 Be approved. (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr Martin) All in favour.

Cllr Pearce returns to the meeting 7.06pm

14.4 To approve the sum of £50.00 for the purchase of winter flowering pansies for the planters Overcote Lane
Resolved: That the sum of £50.00 be approved. (Prop Cllr Pearce, 2nd Cllr Martin) All in favour.

14.5 To approve the purchase of speed bumps Millfield's access road.
Clerk provided a report and explained the rationale behind the requirement to install the bumps.
Resolved: That additional speed bumps be purchased cost £403.28 plus VAT (Prop Cllr Pearce, 2nd Cllr Dyne) All in favour.

15. Planning.

15.1 To consider the following planning applications **received:**

(i) Reference: 26/01205/HHFUL
Removal of existing single storey conservatory and construction of part two storey and part single storey rear extension (renewal pursuant to lapsed consent 23/00462/HHFUL)
9 Bedford Close Needingworth St Ives.
Cllr MacPherson asked if there had been any comments. Clerk replied that none had been received.
Resolved: That the application be approved. (Prop Cllr McPherson, 2nd Cllr Martin) All in favour.

(ii) Reference: 26/01181/HHFUL
Erection of double garage and gym room following demolition of existing double garage.
5 Cinders Close Needingworth St Ives PE27 4TZ
Cllr G Fisher asked if there had been any comments. Clerk replied that none had been received.
Cllr Dyne noted the minor increase in elevations.
Cllr Martin spoke to state she assumed the gym was for personal use.
Resolved: That the application be approved (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Dyne) All in favour.

16. Correspondence:

To receive the following correspondence and agree any actions:

(i) To note the TTRO 26-20738 Meeting Lane, Needingworth.
Noted.

(ii) To note the update on Wheatsheaf crossroads.
Noted.

(iii) To note the email from Needingworth Colts.
Noted.

(iv) To note the Planning for Growth – Meeting Summary, Presentation and Residents' Survey.
Noted.

(v) To note new Head office address- Aurora Managed Services.
Noted.

(vi) To note email of thanks from U3A Pétanque for remedial works to the car park.
Noted.

17. Items to report.
    - Cllr Pearce stated that the Council needs to consider replacement of the tractor.
    - Cllr MacPherson spoke to say she was sorry to read of the resignation of the Colts secretary.
    - Cllr Fountain again reported that the area behind Ashton Close had been mowed but not the wildflower area. Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to HDC.
      Cllr Fountain also mentioned the continued noise nuisance from the chicken farm Overcote lane
    - Clerk reported the delay by Government in deciding on LGR, a decision in now expected October 2026.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm

Chairman Date