MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CONSULTATION COMMITTEE HELD AT MILLFIELDS PAVILLION MILL WAY NEEDINGWORTH ON TUESDAY 17th MARCH 2026 AT 8.35PM

PRESENT:
Cllr A Whyte (Chairman)
Cllr N Dyne
Cllr D Jackson
Cllr E McNeill
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr Mortlock
Cllr C Pearce

IN ATTENDANCE:
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

There were no members of the public.

12. To Receive Apologies for Absence.
Cllr J Neish - Personal
Cllr R Fountain-Personal

13. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2026.
Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January be signed as a true and correct record (Prop Cllr Jackson 2nd Cllr Whyte) 3 in favour. 2 abstentions.

14. To review the following documents:

(i) LGR Consultation 5th February – 26th March 2026
Clerk advised that this was a formal consultation on the 4 remaining potential options following withdrawal of option C.
Papers provided giving overview and links to further information and the business cases.
Cllr Jackson asked if Council supported a particular option, but Government said otherwise is that the end of the matter. Chairman confirmed “yes”.
Cllr Mortlock felt none were good, but that “E” was the best of a bad bunch. Her concerns are that Parishes will be dominated by the bigger councils, will receive little/no funding but will take a majority of the development.
Cllr MacPherson felt that the whole process was an appalling waste of money.
Cllr Whyte considered option “D” was his second choice after “E”
Cllr Dyne commented that individuals can place their comments on the consultation.
Resolved: That option “E” be supported (Prop Cllr McNeill 2d Cllr Mortlock) All in favour.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.43pm

Chairman Date