MINUTES OF PLANNING AND FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 17th MAY 2016 AT 8.15 PM AT MILLFIELDS, MILL WAY NEEDINGWORTH.

PRESENT:
Cllr J Neish (chairman)
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr I Neve
Cllr A Holloway
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)
In attendance: None

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence.
   Cllr C Pearce
   Cllr M Williamson
   Cllr R Fountain

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2016
   Resolved: That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record.
   All in favour (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Holloway)

3. To consider the following planning applications received:

   (i) 16/00156/FUL: Erection of single storey dwelling and garage.
   Land to rear of 23 Townsend Road Needingworth
   Additional information Habitat Survey and Tree Protection Information.
   Clerk also brought to members attention that this application will be going to DMP on 23rd May.
   Resolved: That no comment be made on the additional information. Due to the short notice of the application going to DMP no members present are able to attend. Clerk to ask Cllr Williamson and also District Cllr Carter if they are available to reiterate that Councils original comments still stand.
   All in favour (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Williamson)

4. To approve registration with Co-Operative bank for online banking services.
   Clerk advised that Councils financial regulations as adopted on 6th January 2015 allow for online payments to be made. However this has come to a head due to the pension legislation. Should employees chose to stay in the scheme then Council will have to make payments to the pension provider and the only way this can be done is via online.
   Cllr Neve and Holloway asked if Council computer security is sufficient to protect the use of this service. Clerk to check.
   Clerk confirmed that due to recent changes in legislation Councils are now covered by Financial Services Compensation Scheme to a maximum of £75000 per depositor per bank.
   Resolved: That the Clerk arrange for online banking registration.
   All in favour (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Neve)

Being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman Date