

**MINUTES OF PLANNING AND FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON**  
**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018 AT**  
**7.15 PM AT MILLFIELDS, MILL WAY NEEDINGWORTH.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr C Pearce (chairman)  
Cllr S Mortlock  
Cllr M Williamson  
Cllr R Fountain  
Cllr A Holloway  
Cllr G Norman  
Cllr A Whyte

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)  
No members of public

7. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Cllr E MacPherson- personal  
Cllr L Macrae- personal

8. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**Resolved:** That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record.  
All in favour (Prop Cllr Holloway 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Norman) All in favour

9. Planning.

9.1 To review Hunts Post article 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and agree actions.

Chairman expressed his disappointment that the newspaper had not run the press release as submitted. Cllr Holloway commented that HCR considered Council comments NIMBYISM.

Clerk was asked if she had contacted the Hunts Post, she appraised members of her conversation with the Editor.

Cllr Mortlock who had attended the DMC meeting deciding the application stated that no mention was made of education matters however it is reported in the Hunts Post article.

Cllr Williamson who represented Council at DMC said he would be pleased to respond to the article.

Cllr Fountain suggested a village petition.

Cllr Pearce considered that the presentation from CCC at July full council further evidence that officers have no hold on the reality of the issues faced by residents and members of the public. Cllr Holloway felt the exit from Morrisons was a good example and still needs resolving.

**Resolved;** That the Clerk write to Morrisons to ask if they can fund a turn left sign to assist local community safety. (Prop Cllr Fountain 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Holloway) All in favour.

**Resolved:** That Cllr Williamson write a response to the Hunts Post. That the original press release be published in The Villager asking residents to respond with their views.

Clerk to send copy of the press release and Hunts Post article to S Vara MP.  
(Prop Cllr Pearce 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Holloway) All in favour

9.2 To approve comments and appoint representative for DMC 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Clerk explained that she expects Application Ref: 18/01073/OUT to go to

August DMC as there are no Parish Council meetings before then a representative is required and agreement on the grounds for objection. Cllrs Holloway, Fountain and Pearce said they would try and attend but did not wish to speak.

Issues:

- Cumulative effect of the developments in the village
- Lack of clarity regarding lake and amenity land in the application
- Requirement for road improvements specifically a roundabout not more bus stops.
- Large scale developments should be looked at by neighboring authorities as local authority has a huge financial interest in passing such plans.

Cllr Holloway felt that there should be a vote of no confidence in HDC.

Cllr Whyte was surprised there was not more Parishes working together on planning matters.

**Resolved:** That Cllr Williamson represent the Parish Council at DMC with the Clerk working on the comments based on issues mentioned. (Prop Cllr Fountain 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Holloway) All in favour.

9.3 To consider planning application received:

- (i) Application ref: 18/01244/HHFUL Alterations to existing conservatory  
Fremington House Back Lane Holywell St Ives PE27 4TQ.

**Resolved:** That the application be approved (Prop Cllr Williamson 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Whyte) All in favour.

10. To consider quotes for architect's plans: Parish Council office.

Clerk provided 3 quotes for the work.

Cllr Mortlock spoke to say she did not consider Council should pay for supervision.

Cllr Holloway felt Council could apply for building regs. ourselves.

Cllr Whyte asked if plans were for tenders or to submit to HDC.

**Resolved:** that the quote from S Ward be accepted without site supervision and final completion of works total £2400.00 (Prop Cllr Mortlock 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Williamson) All in favour.

11. To consider request to cover annual Remembrance Day service under Parish Council insurance.

Chairman outlined the request and implications.

Cllr Whyte asked about the cost. Clerk explained it will mean an amendment to the insurance policy.

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council insure the event subject to the cost being reasonable and the organisers carrying out the required risk assessments. (Prop Cllr Pearce 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Whyte). All in favour.

12. To approve website hosting and email account fees.

Clerk supplied emails with additional costs for domain name, emails and SSL certificate.

**Resolved:** That the additional costs were approved. (Prop Cllr Pearce 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Mortlock). All in favour.

13. To consider request for additional grit bin The Furlongs/Overcote Lane junction.

Cllr Norman spoke regarding a request for a grit bin at the junction of The Furlongs/Overcote. Clerk advised cost for purchase of a bin is approx. £100.

**Resolved:** That the bin be approved subject to CCC Highways agreeing to

siting and filling when required. (Prop Cllr Norman 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Holloway). All in favour.

13. Correspondence.

- (i) To note the news release from HDC regarding development Little Paxton.

**Noted**

- (ii) To note email from HAS regarding fun run.

**Noted**

- (iii) To note street naming & renumbering plan 21/6/18

**Noted**

14. Items to report.

- Cllr Mortlock asked if anyone was aware of fire in Overcote Lane area last week.
- Cllr Fountain asked about the mowing schedule as some areas in village never seem to get cut.
- Cllr Pearce asked if HDC could be contacted about spraying the weeds in the road gutters around the whole village.
- Clerk advised for the road closures in St Ives affecting Harrison Way, St Audrey Lane in July. Clerk also advised that the courtesy bus being run with Morrison s106 monies should come into service late July/early August.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman

Date

