

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM AT MILLFIELDS PAVILION**

PRESENT:

Cllr A Whyte (Chairman)
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr D Jackson
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr S Martin
Cllr S Mitcham
Cllr S Mortlock
Cllr J Neish
Cllr G Norman
Cllr C Pearce
Cllr M Williamson

Mrs J Bowd (Parish Clerk)
Mrs A Jackson (Assistant to the Parish Clerk)
County Councillor K Reynolds

There were no members of the public present.

93. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

Cllr L Macrae – Personal
Cllr C Norman - Personal

94. Declarations of Interest.

To receive Declarations of Disclosable and/or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and the nature of those interests relating to any Agenda item.

Item 103.1 (i) & 103.3 - Cllr J Neish – Non-Pecuniary – Possible Ward Cllr Pre-determination

95. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th October 2021.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 5th October 2021 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr M Williamson, 2nd Cllr S Mortlock) 9 in favour, 2 abstentions.

96. To receive a presentation from resident(s) on a new community website.

Due to a personal matter the presentation has been rescheduled to planning & finance committee to be held on 19th November 2021.

97. Public Forum

To allow any member of the public to address the council on matters on the agenda.

Time Allowed 10 minutes

None

98. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillors.

County Councillor K Reynolds reported:

- Deals with issues on a day to day basis with contact to the Clerk when appropriate.
- Flooding of Priory Road – the drains have been cleaned; however, this hasn't remedied the situation, will be followed up. Members were advised to report any issues to him.
- The Flood mobile will be in St Ives on Saturday 13th November for advice on flooding issues.

District Councillor J Neish reported:

Parks and green spaces across the country are being recognised as having great value to local people.

Once again, Hinchbrook Country Park, Paxton Pits Nature Reserve and Priory Park in Huntingdonshire are all among the winners of the Green Flag Award for 2021, raising the flag

for the third successive year. The Green Flag success comes after Huntingdonshire District Council also won the Love Parks Network Award in February this year.

Climate

Huntingdonshire District Council will look to adopt the aspiration of a net carbon zero Huntingdonshire by 2040 at the next full council meeting, alongside the adoption of the OxCam Arc environmental principles, which have been developed on a cross-party basis by councils across the OxCam Arc geography.

The environmental principles proposed for the District council and its activities are:

- To target net-zero carbon at a district level by 2040;
- To protect, enhance and restore existing nature areas (green spaces) and create new ones;
- To pursue the ambitions of 'A Green Future: Our 25-year Plan to Improve the Environment' and that new development should be designed with a view to minimising and mitigating the effects of Climate Change;
- Ensuring existing and new communities see real benefits in their well-being from living in Huntingdonshire;
- Using natural resources wisely

Since 2018 carbon dioxide emission savings have increased to over 600 tons per annum through innovative investment in our buildings, with a further 440 tonnes per annum projected to be saved by March 2022 thanks to a £3.8m government-funded investment in decarbonisation.

Our waste services are in the top quartile in the country, with a very high recycling rate of 60% - which has been achieved through education, communication and direct intervention when required.

Planning & enforcement.

Still trying to attract new planners but the market is very scarce. Enforcement team is also under an exceeding large amount of case pressure and still only able to cope with the high priority cases which I am fully aware does not all sit comfortably with some residents but is a fact of economic pressure.

Pike & Eel still ongoing

99. Policing

99.1 Neighbourhood Policing Team – Any Issues and Concerns.

None

100. Committees:

To note draft minutes of the following committees:

(i) Planning & Finance 19th October 2021.

Noted

(ii) Leisure Facilities 19th October 2021.

Noted

101. Clerk's Report

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: –

7th December 2021 Full Council

16th November 2021 – Planning & Finance/Environment

23rd November 2021 Budget meeting

Items to report.

- BT contract renewed 20th October 2021- 24 months, discount retained, invoice will now be £43.75 plus VAT (£52.50), lower than last bill of £60.80 Plus VAT (£72.96) (telephone, static IP address and internet) and previous agreement £48.79 plus VAT (£58.55).
Chairman advised 20/10/21.
- Remembrance Day Sunday 14th November. Chairman to lay wreath on behalf of Parish Council.
No service at the school prior to the act of remembrance at the war memorial.
Clerk to carry out road closure – volunteer to assist would be welcome.
- Unveiling on mural in bus shelter to follow remembrance service on 14th November.

- Fischer German have requested a decision on whether Council accept the £500 contribution to the repair of the car park, if not accepted the offer may be withdrawn.

Cllr R Fountain, Cllr D Jackson and Cllr M Williamson volunteered to help with the road closure for the act of remembrance.

Resolved: To accept the £500 contribution for the repair of the car park from Fischer German. (Prop Cllr S Mortlock, 2nd Cllr M Williamson) All in favour.

102. Finance and Risk

102.1. To approve payments made within Clerks delegated powers

(i) Street solution ltd -road closure signs £137.96

Resolved: That the payments made within Clerks delegated powers totalling £137.96 be approved. (Prop Cllr M Williamson, 2nd Cllr D Jackson) All in favour.

102.2 To approve accounts for Payment as at 2nd November 2021.

Resolved: That the accounts for payment totalling £8078.34 as at 2nd November 2021 be approved. (Prop Cllr E MacPherson, 2nd Cllr S Mortlock) All in favour.

102.3 To note the bank reconciliation as at 7th October 2021

Noted

102.4 To note the budget report as at 25th October 2021.

Noted

102.5 To consider quote for replacement heating Millfields Pavillion

Members requested the Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for the work and investigate alternative greener options.

103. Planning.

103.1 To consider the following applications received:

(i) Application ref: 21/02279/HHFUL Proposed Extension and Alterations to Existing Dwelling. 27 Bramley Avenue Needingworth St Ives PE27 4UD

Resolved: That the application be supported. (Prop Cllr S Mitcham, 2nd Cllr E MacPherson) 10 in favour, 1 abstention.

103.2 To note the following applications that have been **approved**:

(i) Application ref: 21/01224/LBC Replacement of suspended floor joists and boards above cellar. fully repair/reinstate brickwork corbel to chimney. Introduce 3 telescopic sub-floor vents Fit new pressure treated 200x50mm joists to steel hangers. Form new hearth to receive new tiling. Board cellar ceiling with 9mm OSB. Fully fill voids between joists with rock wool. Lay new timber floor, to joists including perimeter foam closure between board edge and wall. Refit skirting board. Refit hearth tiling.

55 High Street Needingworth St Ives PE27 4SB.

Noted

(ii) application ref: 21/01528/CLED Commercial open storage along with the siting of shipping containers and use of former workshop building for commercial storage.

The Barn Overcote Lane Needingworth St Ives PE27 4TN

Noted

103.3 To note that application 20/00036/FUL has been appealed to planning inspectorate and consider any comments.

Erection of 3 houses, Land West of Barley Croft, Back Lane, Holywell

District Councillor J Neish congratulated the Clerk on a well worded report to members.

Resolved: To reaffirm previous comments including:

- Farm building does not alter the visibility around the bend.
- Objection to two access points.
- Character of the conservation area – 3 houses will impact on the settlement as a whole.
- Loss of ash tree.
- Conservation Officer does not support the application.
- HDC have their 5 year housing supply.

(Prop Cllr S Mortlock, 2nd Cllr M Williamson) 10 in favour, 1 abstention.

104. Community engagement

104.1 To receive an update on the Parish hub project and approve the wording of the tender document.

Resolved: That the wording of the tender document be approved with the addition of:

1. Saturday working permitted until 1pm, no Sunday or Bank Holiday working permitted.
2. Amount of public liability to be included & to see a copy of the contractors public liability certificate.

3. Site to be fenced at all times.
4. Not to contradict any planning conditions imposed by HDC.
(Prop Cllr G Norman, 2nd Cllr C Pearce) All in favour.

104.2 To consider the request for Petanque to be played in the overflow car park Tuesday mornings.

Resolved: That the request for Petanque to be played in the overflow car park Tuesday mornings be approved on a play and pay basis at the discretion of the Parish Council, also to clarify that the £20 fee does not include hire of the Village Hall. (Prop Cllr E MacPherson, 2nd Cllr J Neish) All in favour.

104.3 To receive a verbal report on Village Hall extension.

Nothing to report.

104.4 To receive an update on the new village sign.

The Clerk will contact the WI to ask if they would like an unveiling ceremony when the new sign is installed.

105. Environment

- (i) To consider the request to support the Ouse Fen- circular walks project.

Members agreed to support the Ouse Fen circular walks project.

106. Correspondence

To receive correspondence and agree any actions: -

- (i) To consider invitation to attend Road Victims Trust Remembrance Service, Sunday 21st November 2021
No volunteers to attend.
- (ii) To consider request from Needingworth Colts to move the AED to an outside location.
Members discussed moving the AED at Millfields to an outside location however considered that there is no safe area outside to locate the AED, the location is not easily accessible for the general public and the AED was originally funded by the Football Association for use by footballers and cricketers and therefore these groups have access to the pavilion so there is no need to locate it outside.
Members further discussed the need for more AED's in the village maybe to site one at the village shop and one in Holywell.
Cllr G Norman suggested applying to Tesco Community Fund.
- (iii) To note email advising of issues with water mains Bluntisham Road Needingworth over weekend 23rd & 24th October 2021.

Noted

107. Items to report (for information only and not for resolution)

- Cllr E MacPherson queried whether a tree could be planted for the Queens Green Canopy. Cllr A Whyte suggested this be looked at within the working party for the Queens Jubilee.
- Cllr E MacPherson thanked the Clerk for reporting the gulley's.
- Cllr G Norman advised the streetlight outside the bowls club is not working and there is a sodium lamp still on Harris Crescent. The Clerk advised the streetlight outside the bowls club requires an isolator and Provision have agreed that they missed the sodium lamp on Harris Crescent, and this will be changed.
- Cllr J Neish advised that he has delivered 8 welcome packs to residents at the new development on Bluntisham Road.
- Cllr S Mortlock advised that the Highways Officer will be meeting with a resident on Mill Way to look at the footpath/ kerb on 3rd November 9.30am.
- Cllr R Fountain requested for the car park at Overcote Lane playing field to be repaired as it is deteriorating and will get worse.
- Cllr R Fountain advised that the Village Hall Annual Quiz night is on 27th November, £5 per person.
- The Clerk advised members of a letter from the Village Hall Trust advising Council that they will be removing the counter in the pavilion. The Clerk will write to the VHT and add this item to a future agenda.
- The Clerk further advised members that the notice for the road closure for Remembrance Day has been put up, this is dated as 13th November but also covers 14th November.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman

Date