

MINUTES OF PLANNING AND FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 16th
NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.15PM at MILLFIELDS PAVILION

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)
No members of public
Mrs L Birr-Pixton.
Mr T Piggott

38. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Cllr S Mitcham -personal
Cllr C Norman-personal
Cllr L Macrae-personal

39. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 19th October 2021.

Resolved: That the minutes of 19th October 2021 be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr M Williamson, 2nd Cllr G Norman) 9 in favour 1 abstention.

40. To note declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr J Neish nonpecuniary item 42.1 (i) (ii) – Ward Councillor possible predetermination.

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

Resident and the web developer made a presentation to the Council on a website which will go live on 1st December 2021.

Members asked questions around administration, ongoing costs and inclusivity for all residents.
The Chairman thanked those involved for attending.

42. Planning

42.1 To consider the following applications **Received:**

(i) Application Reference: 21/01644/FUL To construct a Steel building clad with metal sheeting as described in the drawings size off print o/a 6 meters square

Workshop North Of Hillside View Somersham Road St Ives PE27 3L

Concern was expressed over the height of the building.

Comment was also made about the poor standard of the application and drawings.

Resolved: That the application be accepted. (Prop Cllr E MacPherson, 2nd Cllr M Williamson) 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

(ii) Application ref: 20/00443/FUL Erection of 14 dwellings with associated landscaping, parking, cycle and refuse storage, sustainable drainage system (SUDs) and vehicular access point off Mill Way

Land North Of Sunryl Church Street Needingworth.

Cllr Williamson spoke regarding the amount of concern within the community.

Consensus was that the revised proposal still does not address the concerns raised over:

- The access onto Church Street.
- Proximity to the school
- The urban design of the proposed houses.

- Play area at the front will be a road safety issue.
- Use of agricultural land in contravention of LP10
- Council remains dissatisfied that the issues with flooding have been addressed.

Resolved: That the application be declined. (Prop Cllr M Williamson, 2nd Cllr S Mortlock) 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

43. To note the approval of planning application ref:21/01785/FUL Erection of Parish Council Hub Building, and approve the future handing of Parish Council planning applications.

Clerk provided a report on the matter including dates as to when the application was reported.

Cllr Neish suggested that a policy on this could be too restrictive although supported reporting Council applications in general.

Cllr Pearce spoke regarding the report on Facebook and asked the Chairman to clarify if he had agreed with the CIL Action Group as the post implied and if a meeting had been arranged.

Cllr Whyte advised that when asked about the matter he had only agreed to investigate it and get back to the person concerned.

Consensus of opinion from the members was that a meeting should not take place outside of a Council meeting.

Cllr Williamson spoke to say that it had been a long-standing objective of the Council to relocate the office. Members were concerned over a non-constituted group who have no constitutional right continuing to mis report information.

It was discussed with regards to putting out a statement from the Parish Council stating the facts around the Parish Hub, which should be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

Resolved: That no meeting should take place outside of the Council meeting and that a statement from the Council be drawn up and published on the Parish Council website, Parish Council Facebook page, The Herald stating the facts with regards to the Hub and its benefits to the community. Members requested sight of the draft before publication. (Prop Cllr C Pearce, 2nd Cllr M Williamson) All in favour

44. To consider request for non-resident ashes interment Mill Way Cemetery

Resolved: That the request for non-resident ashes interment at Mill Way Cemetery be approved. (Prop Cllr E Macpherson, 2nd Cllr S Martin) 7 in favour 3 abstentions.

45. Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence received:

- (i) Letter from Needingworth Village Hall regarding removal of the bar in the pavillion.

Noted

46. Items to report

- Cllr R Fountain reported the Village Quiz night
- Cllr E MacPherson advised that CCC highways had been out with regards to the drains on Priory Road
- Cllr M Williamson reported several minor road traffic incidents along Church Street and wondered if the parking issues could be investigated.

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Chairman

Date