

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 5th APRIL 2022 AT 7.30PM AT MILLFIELDS PAVILION**

PRESENT:

Cllr A Whyte (Chairman)
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr D Jackson
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr S Mortlock
Cllr J Neish
Cllr C Pearce (Item 176 onwards)
Cllr M Williamson

Mrs J Bowd (Parish Clerk)
Mrs A Jackson (Assistant to the Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Councillor K Reynolds

There were no members of the public present.

173. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

Cllr C Norman – Personal
Cllr G Norman – Personal
Cllr S Martin – Personal
Cllr S Mitcham - Personal

174. 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 182.2 Cllr D Jackson – Non Pecuniary – Family member an employee

175. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st March 2022.

Resolved: That the minutes of 1st March 2022 be signed as a true and correct record (Prop Cllr M Williamson, 2nd Cllr E MacPherson) All in favour.

176. Public Forum

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

Time Allowed 10 minutes

None

177. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillors.

County Councillor K Reynolds reported:

- Priory Road – all outstanding work with the drains has been completed and the flooding problems remedied.
- Bluntisham Road – extensive correspondence between District Councillor J Neish, the Clerk, Cambs Highways and County Councillor K Reynolds re the footpath, currently a safety audit is holding up the process.
- Drainage on Mill Way – this is not a County Council issue, however, have been in contact with Anglian Water Authority. They have engaged a specialist organisation to complete a survey to advise work required. There are similar issues in Ashton Close and The Furlongs.

Cllr D Jackson advised he had been in contact with AWA and there is a suspected collapsed pipe on Overcote Lane, and they will be checking with CCTV tomorrow. they are currently pumping out 24/7.

The Clerk asked whether County Councillor K Reynolds had received a letter from a resident regarding land owned by CCC at the end of his property where a wall is crumbling.

County Councillor K Reynolds has received the letter, and this is being looked into.

District Councillor J Neish reported:

I note that you have an uncontested election in May.

Strangely I have not been contested so I will be your District Councillor for the next term along with Paul Hodgson-Jones. He recently moved into Bluntisham House

Planning

The new Planning Services Manager has taken up her role and there is already a noticeable impact which I hope will be seen externally soon.

We have also introduced a Chief Planning Officer, Clara Kerr, who will oversee the amalgamation of the whole planning team of Development Planning and Growth.

- Envar application. HDC will be responding to CCC on a couple of technical matters when they have received additional information that they require. I will continue to oppose this inappropriate and unneeded incinerator expansion.
- Mill Way update - application was overturned, the decision notice has not yet been sent.
- Crosskeys/Meeting lane development - have not met the time limit for the funding from the Combined Authority and will now look for other funding streams for this project.

CP Combined Authority update St Ives / A141 update.

This will affect us all.

Agreed a drawdown of £2.3m for St Ives get work started on Local improvement schemes.

Package 1 – St Ives Town Centre – Package of schemes

Introduction of a 20mph speed limit across St Ives Town Centre. Changing priorities and localised road widening at the Ramsey Road / North Road, Globe Place / North Road / Broad Leas and Globe Place / West Street / East Street junctions. Changes to on-street parking restrictions in the town centre area, to reduce illegal and inconsiderate parking. Focus on reducing congestion pinch points in town centre, rat running and improving bus access

Package 2 – Silvaco West Roundabout Improvement (A1123 / B1040) and right turn ban Needingworth Road to A1123 Audrey Lane

Silvaco West (A1123/B1040) roundabout improvements, including the replacement of the roundabout at the A1123 St Audrey Lane / B1040 Somersham Road junction with traffic signals. A right-turn ban for all traffic from Needingworth Road onto A1123 St Audrey Lane. To re-test the impact of recommendations, consider possible alternative options and recommendation of preferred option.

Package 3 – Bus Stop Improvements

Improvements to bus stop infrastructure, including: 22 priority bus stops; Removal of **redundant bus stop infrastructure; and on-priority bus stops and hail and ride.** To make travel by public bus services in St Ives a more attractive option by improving the bus stop infrastructure facilities.

Package 4 – Walking and Cycling Signage Improvements

Package of walking and cycling signage improvements. 41 new signs; removal of redundant infrastructure; and Consideration of conducting a quality audit of pedestrian and cycling routes. To improve consistency and connectivity of walking and cycling signage throughout St Ives to encourage increased levels of walking and cycling.

Package 5 – Non-Motorised User NMU) Routes Development Study

Audit, feasibility and scoping of options and development of a network of active travel routes in and around St Ives to build on evidence and come up with a more developed package of projects to be considered for investment.

Non of these packages have been consulted on with either HDC, St Ives TC or any other interested parishes such as ours.

178. Policing

178.1 Neighbourhood Policing Team – Any Issues and Concerns.

None

179. Committees:

To note draft minutes of the following committees.

(i) Planning & Finance 15th March 2022

Noted

(ii) Environment 15th March 2022

Noted

180. Clerk's Report

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: –

Full Council – 3rd May & 17th May

12th April 2022 – Planning & Finance/Leisure Facilities/Consultation (if required)

Items to report.

- BT Advise of price increases from 1/4/22. Some products & services will increase by 9.3%
- Elections are on 5th May, existing Councillors stand down on 4th day after the ordinary day of election (LGA 1972 S16(3)) i.e. 9th May 2022. The annual meeting must take place within 14 days of the day on which the elected Councillors take office. Hence this will be held on 17th May instead of committees.
- Village Hall Trust have advised of electrician carrying out work over three days 25/26/27 April- this may cause some disruption to the office as the power may be affected.
- Hillrise leading to Haddenham closed until May. Access is still permissible to Willingham & Sutton. Once Hillrise completed work will start on Willingham Road in the summer.
- AWA have advised that the blocked sewers in Mill Way is in hand but due to complications may take a while to rectify.

181. Finance and Risk

181.1. To approve payments made within Clerks delegated powers

(i) Glasdon dog waste bin for Chapel Close £270.80

Resolved: That the payments made within Clerks delegated powers totalling £270.80 be approved. (Prop Cllr E MacPherson, 2nd Cllr M Williamson) All in favour.

181.2 To approve accounts for Payment as at 5th April 2022.

Resolved: That the accounts for payment totalling £13,624.00 covering the period 2nd March 2021 to 31st March 2022 be approved. (Prop Cllr M Williamson, 2nd Cllr C Pearce) All in favour

181.3 To note the bank reconciliation as at 8th March 2022 & 31st March 2022.

Noted

181.4 To note the budget report as at 24th March 2022.

Noted

181.5 To consider highway improvements Mill Way by way of submitting a PFHI

Members discussed the proposed option of an edging strip with bollards at 2m intervals and agreed that the Clerk go back to Highways for alternative solutions and to request a quote for a footpath.

181.6 To consider update on heating at Millfields.

Resolved: That quotes are sought for up to date night storage heaters. (Prop Cllr E MacPherson, 2nd Cllr J Neish) All in favour

182. Planning.

182.1 To note the following applications that have been approved:

- (i) Application ref : **22/00107/TREE** To reduce spread of yew tree from 20ft to approx 12ft no reduction in height, this is to continue access on driveway and to balance and shape tree
6 Church Street Needingworth St Ives PE27 4TB.
Noted
- (ii) Application ref: **21/02356/FUL** Installation of back up (stand by) generator for business continuity/disaster recovery planning.
Grant Hall Parsons Green St Ives PE27 4AA
Noted
- (iii) Application ref: **21/02430/TREE** T26, T27, T29, T30 - Pollard Limes - Prune to trunk as advised by local tree surgeon. Routine maintenance.
6 Church Street Needingworth St Ives PE27 4TB.
Noted
- (iv) Application ref: **21/02534/FUL** Reduction in height of 2 No chimney stacks (retrospective)
8 - 10 Church Street Needingworth
Noted
- (v) Application ref: **21/01644/FUL** Erection of 6m x 6m garage/workshop to carry out repairs of used cars as part of the wider site operation as a used car dealership (Sui Generis)
Workshop North Of Hillside View Somersham Road St Ives PE27 3LY.
Noted
- (vi) Application ref: **21/01723/REM** Application for approval of reserved matters (landscaping, appearance, scale and layout) following the grant of planning permission ref. 18/01073/OUT Land Rear Of 92 To 108 High Street Needingworth.
Noted
- (vii) Application ref: **21/01930/HHFUL & 21/01931/LBC** Rectification of a defective section of external wall along the front left-hand side of the property.
Berrie House Holywell Front Holywell St Ives PE27 4TG
Noted

182.2 To consider the consultation on the following application and agree any comments.

Proposal: Demolition of in-vessel compost buildings/tunnels and ancillary development; construction of a dry anaerobic digestion (AD) facility, pellet fertiliser facility, healthcare waste energy recovery facility, waste transfer station, vehicle re-fuelling station, biomass storage building, surface water storage lagoons, extension to concrete pad and ancillary development including car park Application No: CCC/21/088/FUL Location: Envar Composting Ltd, St Ives Road, Somersham, PE28 3BS

Resolved: That the previous comments made be reiterated. (Prop Cllr C Pearce, 2nd Cllr M Williamson) 7 in favour, 1 abstention.

183. Parish Office.

- (i) To receive an update on actions to date in respect of relocation of the Parish office.
Builder has given a start date of 3rd May. The Clerk is liaising with Mr Hebert to arrange the clearing of the area.
Cllr S Mortlock asked for the septic tank to be emptied and checked for any damage.
Cllr R Fountain suggested that if the septic tank is damaged that the sewer be connected to the village hall system.

184. Community engagement

- 184.1 To approve request from Chatters café re use of gravel area for bistro tables.
Resolved: That the request from Chatters café to use the gravel area for bistro tables be approved. (Prop Cllr E MacPherson, 2nd Cllr J Neish) All in favour
- 184.2 To receive a verbal update on plans for Queens platinum jubilee celebrations 2nd June 2022.
Cllr E MacPherson advised that plans are in hand with the event scheduled to start at 5.30pm. The following has been organised: a family disco, Wellworth Players, MC, outside bar, food and ice cream traders, craft table for children, face painting, beacon lighting at 9.45pm. Lindsey has designed a poster, and this will be displayed on the front cover of the June edition of the Villager.
Cllr E MacPherson requested the support of the full Council on the day.
Cllr S Mortlock advised that personalised pin badges have been selected as a gift for the school children and Morrisons will supply a hamper for a raffle.
- 184.3 To consider quotes for outdoor table tennis tables
Members discussed the proposal for outdoor table tennis tables and pod swing and requested this is brought back to the Planning & Finance Committee on 19th April for consideration with information regarding amount of CIL funds remaining and proposed location for the equipment,
- 184.4 To consider quotes for pod swing.
See item 184.3

185. Environment

185.1 To consider request for joint garden plot tenancy agreement.

Resolved: That the tenancy agreement is placed in the name of the resident who originally joined the waiting list with a caveat attached that in the event the original tenant terminates their tenancy the plot is offered to the other resident in the first instance. (Prop Cllr E MacPherson, 2nd Cllr S Mortlock) All in favour

186. Correspondence

To receive correspondence and agree any actions: -

- (i) To consider resident request for 20mph speed limit in Holywell

Resolved: That the project be considered for a future LHI Bid. (Prop Cllr J Neish, Cllr E MacPherson) All in favour.

- (ii) To note email of thanks from resident re planning application 20/00443/ful at DMC 21st March 2022

The Chairman thanked all who had an input including District Councillor J Neish, the Clerk, the resident who represented the Community and the Councillors who supported. Cllr M Williamson commented on the cross party agreement and unanimous vote to reject the application. In his opinion this will be hard to overturn should this go to appeal.

Noted

- (iii) To note BT price increases with effect from 1st April 2022.

Noted

- (iv) To note Invitation to St Ives Mayor Making 2022

Noted

- (v) To consider correspondence regarding speed limit and footpath Turnpike Road/Bluntisham Road.

The Clerk advised that the LHI Bid regarding the speed limit has been submitted for 2022/23 awaiting outcome.

District Councillor J Neish congratulated the Clerk for continually chasing progress on the footpath. The footpath will be put in, however, there is a query re the width as it doesn't quite meet the standard.

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

- Cllr M Williamson advised he has received documents about the Queen's Jubilee and the Queen's Green Canopy with a message of thanks from the Queen that could be read out at the Jubilee event.
- Cllr D Jackson advised there have been a lot of comments from residents about lorries parking along Overcote Lane outside their homes/driveways. He further advised that the verges are being damaged along Overcote Lane. Any updates he receives he will forward to the Clerk.
- Cllr S Mortlock commented on the sewage issues at Mill Way along with issues raised on Overcote Lane, Ashton Close and St John's Close with the hope for a solution tomorrow.
- Cllr R Fountain advised that the hot water system will be worked on Monday 11th April, therefore there will be no hot water and an interruption to the main supply of water. He further commented on the condition of the carpark approach to the Village Hall.
- The Clerk advised the following:
 - Written to Anglian Water Authority for information regarding the current drainage situation.
 - There is a mistake on the Clerk's report – Committee date is 19th April not 12th April as previously reported.
 - The Village sign is being delivered on Thursday 7th April. The Clerk will pick up the lead flashing on Friday and now the frosts have passed the base can be attended to.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman

Date