

**MINUTES OF PLANNING AND FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 26th JULY 2022 AT 7.00PM at MILLFIELDS PAVILLION MILL WAY NEEDINGWORTH**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr A Whyte (Chairman)  
Cllr R Fountain  
Cllr T Head  
Cllr D Jackson  
Cllr E MacPherson  
Cllr S Martin  
Cllr S Mitcham  
Cllr S Mortlock  
Cllr J Neish  
Cllr D Peart

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs A Jackson (Assistant to the Parish Clerk)  
No members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr T Head to the Council and reminded members of meeting rules.

9. To Receive Apologies for Absence.  
Cllr M Williamson - Personal
10. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022  
**Resolved:** That the minutes be approved as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr E MacPherson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr S Martin) 8 in favour, 2 abstentions.
11. To note declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.  
Cllr J Neish item 18 (i) (ii) – nonpecuniary - possible predetermination HDC ward Councillor.
12. To approve entry to Cemetery of the Year Awards 2022  
**Resolved:** That entry to Cemetery of the Year Awards 2022 be approved. (Prop Cllr S Mortlock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr S Martin) All in favour.
13. Banking arrangements  
(i) To consider options for investment of Parish Council funds as agreed at Full Council on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
**Resolved:** That Redwood Bank is approved with the Clerk to decide the most appropriate account to apply for. (Prop Cllr S Mitcham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr J Neish) All in favour.
14. To consider requirements relating to the use of BBQ's on Parish Council property  
Members discussed the recent hot weather noting how dry the ground is.  
Cllr J Neish advised that HDC have banned the use of BBQ's on their land.  
**Resolved:** That notification that BBQ's are currently banned on Parish Council land is posted on the Parish Council website and signs are put up at Millfields, Holywell Front and Overcote Lane Playing Fields. (Prop Cllr S Mortlock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr J Neish) All in favour.
15. To consider breakdown of quote for works to septic tank Dal Rod.  
**Resolved:** That the quote from Dal Rod for £2148 ex VAT for works to septic tank be approved. (Prop Cllr J Neish, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr E MacPherson) 9 in favour, 1 abstention.
16. To approve purchase of fencing between children's play area and houses, Harris Crescent at Overcote Lane playing field.  
**Resolved:** That more quotes are sought to include a removeable section of fence. (Prop Cllr E MacPherson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr R Fountain) All in favour.
17. To consider prices for electricity as agreed full Council 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022.  
Members discussed the quote noting that the request to fix is a year in advance for a 3 year contract and penalty clause to withdraw from the contract is unknown. The quote does not reflect the recent saving made by switching to LED's.  
**Resolved:** That Utility Aid terms & conditions are provided along with further quotes for consideration are added to a future agenda (Prop Cllr S Mortlock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr R Fountain) All in Favour.
18. Planning:  
To consider the following planning applications received:  
(i) Application Ref : 22/01537/FUL Demolition of store and silo structure and construction of

two timber stables and agricultural equipment store  
White Bridge Farm Overcote Lane Needingworth

**Resolved:** That the application be supported subject to the condition that it is non-commercial remains in force. (Prop Cllr S Mortlock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr S Mitcham) 9 in Favour, 1 abstention.

- (ii) Application ref: 22/01514/HHFUL: Demolition of existing car port and extension of existing single garage with first floor study.

White Bridge Farm Overcote Lane Needingworth

**Resolved:** That the application be supported subject to the condition that it is non-commercial remains in force. (Prop Cllr S Mitcham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr E MacPherson) 9 in Favour, 1 abstention.

19. Correspondence

- (i) To note the reply from CCC Highways relating to feedback on the LHI BID

**Noted**

20. Items to report

- Cllr E MacPherson reported that the lights that were not working in Priory Road have now been fixed.
- Cllr S Mortlock advised that she had received a letter from Gigaclear about the proposed rural internet.

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman

Date