

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CONSULTATION COMMITTEE HELD AT
MILLFIELDS PAVILLION MILL WAY NEEDINGWORTH ON TUESDAY 21st
NOVEMBER 2023 AT 8.00PM**

PRESENT:

Cllr A Whyte (Chairman)
Cllr T Head
Cllr D Jackson
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr S Mortlock

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

There were no members of the public.

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Whyte was elected to Chair the meeting.

10. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Cllr J Neish -Personal
Cllr S Mitcham- Personal

11. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2023

Resolved: that the minutes of 20th June 2023 be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr Fountain) 4 in favour 1 abstentions.

12. To review the following documents:

(i) St Ives Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Mortlock spoke against the Town Centre East master plan. In her opinion the objective should be to concentrate on empty shop occupation and not criticising and hindering viable businesses.

Regarding active transport she felt this as all aimed at St. Ives residents and not those from outlying villages who rely on cars to access the town as public transport is so infrequent.

As a result, she would like to see the car park left as it is especially as in her opinion the area is an amenity not brownfield.

Cllr Jackson spoke about the need for improvements to infrastructure as getting into town in a nightmare and further development will only make the situation worse especially around the Morrisons roundabout/Harrison way area.

Cllr Fountain agreed that more housing will only exacerbate the current problems.

Cllr Head questioned points 5.16 and 5.20. He was not convinced that people want to live in town centres and that living standards must be maintained.

Resolved: That the Clerk responds to the consultation making the following points:

Not brownfield as is currently a valuable asset i.e., car park

Infrastructure cannot take more building in the northern area of St. Ives.

Shops should be a priority as is the need for more public toilets, better bus services from villages. (Prop Cllr Mortlock 2nd Cllr Jackson) All in favour.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman Date