



Extra-ordinary meeting of Handforth Parish Council

To: Cllrs Burgess, Clark, Samson (Chair of Handforth Parish Council), Smith, Sullivan, Thompson and Tolver.
cc: Ward Cllrs Burkhill and Mahon.

Parish Councillors are summoned to attend a Meeting of Handforth Parish Council (HPC) on Tuesday 29th August 2017 at 8:00pm, The Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

Agenda

- 17/24/1 To receive apologies for absence.
- 17/24/2 To note Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss, or discuss and vote on a matter in which a Member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (DPI).
- 17/24/3 Open Forum- Comment and questions concerning items on this agenda may be put to the Council by the public during this period. Matters which, in the Chairman's view require debate and/or a discussion will be referred to the next Committee/Council meeting, as appropriate. The Public Forum is restricted to 15 minutes, unless the Chairman allows otherwise.
- 17/24/4 To discuss the following submission to the consultation on the loss of some outpatient services at Handforth Health Centre: Handforth Parish Council is extremely concerned at the proposals by the East Cheshire NHS Trust and the East Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group, to terminate the provision of a number of clinical services at the Handforth Health Clinic. The loss of these services would be a serious retrograde step for local residents of both Handforth and Wilmslow. This loss would be significantly magnified as the developments under the Local Plan are realised, since the number of households in the area is expected to grow by some 3,000, virtually doubling the potential attendees at the Health Centre. Furthermore the cost (and major inconvenience) to residents of travelling to alternative sites far outweighs the costs to the Trust of continuing to provide these services in Handforth. We urge the Trust and the Group to reconsider their proposals and to defer them at least for two years whilst alternative arrangements can be discussed by all parties.

The report submitted by the Trust and the CCG to Cheshire East Council stated that in 2016 there were 2,713 clinic appointments of the kind that would be relocated. This averages out to 11 appointments per working day. One would expect a single consulting room to be adequate to carry out these appointments. If we can assume a room of (say) 150 sq ft, at normal rents in Handforth of between £10 and £20 per square foot pa, then that would suggest a maximum true cost of no more than £3,000 pa. We cannot see how the figure of £67,000 is explicable.

The Parish Council submits this as its formal response to the current consultation by the Trust and the Commissioning Group, and also asks these views to be fully taken into account by Cheshire East Council's Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

17/24/5 Notices and Correspondence

Close of meeting.

Ashley Comiskey Dawson CiLCA
Clerk to Handforth Parish Council
22nd August 2017