

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held
on the 7th May 2013, 7:15 pm Handforth Youth Centre.**

Present: Cllr Barnes
Cllr Martin
Cllr Pincombe
Cllr Samson
Cllr Small
Cllr Thompson
Cllr Tolver

Also present John Brooks Parish Clerk

13/13/1 To elect a Chair of Handforth Parish Council.

Cllr Pincombe opened the meeting, welcoming Cllr Tolver to the Council. He went on to state that it was his intention not to stand for re-election as Chairman. Cllr Small proposed Cllr Samson as Chair of HPC.

Motion carried: 6 for 1 abstention.

Cllr Samson signed the declaration of acceptance of office and thanked her fellow councillors for their support.

13/13/2 To receive apologies for absence. None.

13/13/3 To note declarations of Members' Interests.

Cllr Tolver stated that he owned a commercial property close to the proposed Next development.

13/13/4 To approve the minutes of the HPC Meeting of the 16th April 2013.

Cllr Barnes proposed that the minutes of the HPC meeting held on 16th April be approved with minor typographical corrections.

Motion carried: 4 for 3 abstentions.

13/13/5 To elect a Vice Chair of the Council.

Cllr Small proposed that Cllr Pincombe be elected Vice Chair of HPC.

Resolved: Unanimously.

13/13/6 To elect members of following Council Committees and outside bodies.

Finance Committee.

Cllrs Pincombe, Cllr Small, Cllr Barnes and Cllr Samson.

Employment Committee.

Cllr Thompson, Cllr Small and Cllr Barnes.

LAP representative.

Representation on the LAP is to be the shared by Cllrs Barnes and Pincombe.

Manchester Airport representative. Cllr Tolver.

Wilmslow Trust representative. Cllr Pincombe.

None of the above appointments were contested.

There was a proposal from Cllr Samson that at the next HPC meeting members of the Planning and Environment Committee be elected.

Not contested.

There was a proposal from Cllr Thompson that at the next meeting of HPC a Policy Working Group be formed.

Not contested.

13/13/7

To approve the revised HPC Financial Regulations.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Martin that the revised Financial Regulations be approved.

Resolved: Unanimously.

13/13/8

To approve the revised HPC Standing orders.

Cllr Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the revised standing orders be approved.

Resolved: Unanimously.

It was also agreed that at a future meeting of HPC two possible additions to the SO be considered, one regarding communications and the other on the Role of the Chair.

13/13/9

Open Forum-

Mrs Walsh asked about item 13/13/13, and was informed that this was not a fixed item of expenditure but a provisional sum and that further information would be provided in the presentation from CEC officers. Mr R Shenton expressed concern about the removal of play equipment from Meriton Road Park. The Clerk is to contact CEC to determine if the equipment is to be replaced.

13/13/10 To receive a report from the out-going Chairman of the Council.
Cllr Pincombe's out-going Chairman's report was noted. Cllr Pincombe was thanked by the Chair on behalf of the Council, for the work that he did for Handforth Parish Council over the last year.

13/13/11 To receive a report from the Clerk.
The Clerk's report was noted. The Clerk was asked to include an agenda item for the next HPC meeting regarding securing the services of a village handyman.

13/13/12 To approve accounts for payment.
Cllr Pincombe proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the accounts for payment totalling £2620.44 be approved.

Resolved: Unanimously.

13/13/13 To consider the expenditure of up to £10,000 on a Youth Forum/panel.
This item opened with a presentation from CEC officers Mr R Christopherson and Mr M Marshall, who went onto answer questions. Cllr Small asked where the Youth Forum would meet, and was informed that Handforth Youth Centre would be used initially. Cllr Martin asked about the size of the Forum and was informed that the panel would consist of about 12 members. Cllr Barnes a question about how long someone would be a Forum member and was informed that this would depend upon the constitution which had yet to be drawn up.

Cllr Samson thanked the two Cheshire East Officers for their assistance in answer the councillor's questions. Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Martin that the expenditure of up to £10,000 on this item be approved.

Motion carried: 6 for 1 abstention.

13/13/14 To approve the transfer of £100,000 in to a Devolved Services Reserve.
Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Martin that the transfer of £100,000 in to a Devolved Services Reserve be approved.

Resolved: Unanimously.

At this point Cllrs Martin and Thompson left the meeting.

Cllr Samson wished it be noted that prior to this meeting, no member of the council other than Cllr Small had seen the powerpoint presentation that was to be used when considering the following planning applications.

13/13/15 To consider planning application 13/1367M Dairy House Lane.
There was a proposal from Cllr Samson that this application be supported.
Resolved: unanimously.

13/13/16 To consider planning application 13/1427M Astute House, Wilmslow Road.
Councillors questioned the need for the extension to this building when there was so much empty office space in Handforth. Cllr Pincombe proposed that HPC object to this planning application on the grounds that this office would be too high compared to other buildings in the area, and that no additional car parking is being provided.
Resolved: unanimously.

13/13/17 To consider planning application 13/1532M 13 Bulkeley Road.
Cllr Samson proposed that HPC object to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site.
Resolved: unanimously.

13/13/18 To consider planning application 13/4652M Land off Earl Road.
The Clerk was asked to contact CEC to confirm that the footpath number referred to in the application was correct. Cllr Small proposed that HPC support the changes that are contained in this application.
Motion carried: 3 for 2 against.

Cllr Samson proposed that powerpoint presentations be an acceptable means of presenting planning information at future HPC meetings.
Resolved: Unanimously.

13/12/19 To agree the date of the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council.
The next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will be held at the Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth on 11th June at 7:15 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chair of HPC..... Date.....