

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held
on Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old
Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Burgess

Cllr I Clark

Cllr M Clark

Cllr Samson (Chair from item 15/11/2)

Cllr Smith

Cllr Sullivan

Cllr Tolver (Chairman for item 15/11/1)

Also present Mr Brooks Parish Clerk, CEC Cllr Mahon and 33 members of the public.

15/11/1 To elect a Chair of Handforth Parish Council.

Cllr Tolver proposed Cllr Smith, who stated that he would not stand for this position due to other time commitments. Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that Cllr Samson be elected Chair of Handforth PC.

Motion carried: five for and two abstentions.

Cllr Samson then signed the acceptance of office form.

15/11/2 To receive apologies for absence- None.

15/11/3 To note declarations of Members' Interests.

Cllr Samson informed the meeting that she was a trustee and treasurer of the Handforth Community War Memorial Foundation and therefore had a non-pecuniary interest in item 15/11/13.

15/11/4 Open Forum-

The Chair was asked if Handforth PC would be donating the additional £3k approved for the war memorial to the Handforth Community War Memorial Foundation. Cllr Samson responded that at the current time the sum of £10k was the only money approved by the council to be spent on a war memorial. The Chair was asked by a member of the public if the CEC councillors who represented Handforth would be supporting the war memorial. Cllr Samson responded that she could not speak on their behalf.

15/11/5 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 14th April 2015.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr I Clark that the minutes of the HPC meeting held on the 14th April be approved and signed.

Motion Carried: 2 for and five abstentions.

15/11/6 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Samson explained to the meeting that at the present time there were no authorised cheque signatories in the council and that it may be necessary to make certain time sensitive payments by bacs. Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess that payments that had been authorised by the council could if necessary be made by bacs rather than cheque.

Resolved: unanimously.

Cllr I Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that the accounts for payment totalling £1280.10 be approved and paid.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/11/7 To elect a Vice Chair of Handforth Parish Council.

Cllr I Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr M Clarke that Cllr Tolver be elected as Vice-Chair of Handforth PC. Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Smith for the same position. Following a secret ballot the results of which were inconclusive due to technical issues, it was unanimously agreed to defer this item until the next meeting of HPC.

15/11/8 To elect members of the following committees and outside bodies:-

Cllr Samson explained to the meeting that the new council had a significant number of new members, and that more effective committees would be formed if the skills and interests of councillors could be analysed before the membership of committees was agreed. Recognising that the Planning & Environment committee had to be established as soon as possible Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that the formation of the Finance Committee and the Employment Committee be deferred to a later meeting.

Motion carried: five for and two abstentions.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess that any councillor who wished to join the Planning & Environment Committee put their names forward. The appointment of Cllrs I Clark, M Clerk and K Burgess was **resolved unanimously.**

The appointment of the representative to Manchester Airport was not filled

Cllrs Burgess and Sullivan are to represent the council at SK9 meetings.

15/11/9 To approve the Handforth Parish Council Financial Regulations.

Cllr Samson

explained to the meeting that there were merits in postponing this item until councillors had more time to consider the content of the document. Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess that this item be deferred until the next meeting of Handforth PC.

Motion carried: five for, one against and one abstention.

15/11/10 To approve the Handforth Parish Council Standing Orders.

For the same reasons as detailed in 15/11/9, Cllr Burgess proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that this item be deferred until the next meeting of Handforth PC.

Motion carried: six for and one abstention.

15/11/11 To approve new cheque signatories for the Handforth PC current account.

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Brian Tolver, Cllr Kerry Sullivan and Cllr John Smith be authorised as cheque signatories for the Handforth Parish Council Cooperative Bank current account.

15/11/12 To consider a proposal that the Council monitor the anticipated spending plans of Cheshire East Council and if it considers it suitable will conduct a full public consultation with all Handforth residents on the level of and if appropriate reassignment of parts of the Devolved Services budget. If feasible, this will be done in time for the budget preparation process in November.

Cllr Tolver was prepared to give a verbal report on this item but following a request from the Chair of HPC for more written information Cllr Tolver Proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that this item be deferred until the next meeting of Handforth PC.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/11/13 To consider a proposal to pledge £10,000 towards the purchase of a war memorial monument in Handforth. This would also rescind and replace the resolution made in October 2014 to pledge the same amount to 'The Handforth War Memorial Fund'.

The meeting was informed that there were likely to be a number of significant developments regarding this item in the next few days, the outcome of the planning application being one of them. For this reason Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the item be deferred until the next meeting of Handforth PC.

Motion carried: five for and two abstentions.

15/11/14 To review the Handforth Parish Council Insurance provision.

Cllr Samson outlined the areas where Handforth PC had insurance cover and a briefing note from the Clerk listed those items that were not insured. Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr I Clark that the council's insurance provision remains unchanged.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/11/15 To consider planning application 15/1865M, 180 Wilmslow Road, Handforth.

Cllr Tolver informed the meeting that there was an existing planning permission for seven flats on this site, and that this application increased the number of flats to twelve. Distributing a first floor plan he explained that the increased density of accommodation would result in the loss of an open area within the development. This change would have a detrimental effect on this listed property. Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that these proposals be opposed on the grounds listed above.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/11/16 To consider planning application 15/1938M, 18 Brompton Way, Handforth.

Cllr M Clark stated that he recognised that this was a small extension, but the existing offset in the alignment of this terrace between numbers 18 and 17 made the impact of the proposals greater than usual and could cause problems. Cllr Tolver made reference to the fact that this application was a 'prior approval', and that the impact of the offset on levels of natural light was difficult to assess.

Cllr M Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver that Handforth PC does not comment on this application, and allows the case officer to make the final decision.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/11/17 To confirm that the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will take place on the 16th June 2015.

The next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will be held on the 16th June 2015, 7:30 pm at Handforth Youth Centre.

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....