

**Minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old Road,
Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Chapman

Cllr Clark

Cllr Fox

Cllr Harrison

Cllr Thompson

Cllr Tolver (Chairman of Handforth Parish Council)

Also present Mr J Brooks, Parish Clerk and twenty five members of the public.

15/09/1 To receive apologies for absence- apologies were received from Cllr Scott.

15/09/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests- Cllr Tolver declared a personal interest in item 15/09/11.

15/09/3 Open Forum- a resident asked a question about item 15/09/9, the letter to CEC. It was confirmed that the letter was to Mr Fisher, Head of Planning and that the content would appear on the Handforth PC website once the wording had been agreed. There was a question about the current status of the Local Plan, Cllr Tolver responded that Cheshire East Council are working on amendments to the Plan which will be published later in the year. There was a question about the Financial Regulations, the Clerk explained that the regulations were only suspended for one item at the last meeting and that Handforth PC did not have the power to suspend statutory regulations.

There was a question regarding the benefit to Handforth residents of any money given to the SK9 group. A representative of the group and a CEC officer responded to this question, outlining the benefits to both Handforth children working on the project and the long term benefit for residents. A representative of the Friends of Handforth Station stated that they were working with the SK9 group and envisaged a significant number of residents being involved in the project.

Cllr Tolver confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on the 21st May 2015.

15/09/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 10th March 2015.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Fox that the minutes of the 10th March be approved and signed.

Motion carried, four for and two abstentions.

15/09/5 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver that the accounts for payment totalling £8203.09 be approved for payment.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/09/6 To consider the Handforth Parish Council Risk Assessment for 2015/16.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison that the Handforth PC Risk Assessment 2015/16 be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/09/7 To approve and sign the Annual Audit Return.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the Annual Audit return sections one and two be approved and signed.

Resolved; unanimously.

15/09/8 To consider the content of a letter to Cheshire East Council regarding the review of the Local Plan.

Cllr Tolver explained why he thought it necessary at this time to write to Mr Fisher, outlining the serious concern that Handforth PC had about how work was proceeding on reviewing the Local Plan. The two main concerns being traffic volume projections and the 'scoring' of parcels of Green Belt land.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Fox that the letter be sent to Cheshire East Council for the attention of Mr Fisher.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/09/9 To consider the expenditure of up to £1000 on summer planting in Handforth.

Cllr Fox proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison that the expenditure of up to £1000 on summer planting in Handforth be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/09/10 To consider an application from the SK9 Group for £1684, to create a garden at the Tatton Flower Show.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison that the expenditure of up to £1684, to create a garden at the Tatton Flower Show be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/09/11 To consider a grant application for IT equipment to the value of £1000, from St Benedict's Primary School.

Cllr Tolver left the room whilst this item was considered by councillors. Cllr Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison that this grant application for £1000 be approved.

Motion carried: four for and one abstention.

15/09/12 To confirm that the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will take place on the 19th May 2015.

Councillors agreed that the next meeting of Handforth parish Council will take place on the 19th May 2015, 7:30 pm at Handforth Youth Centre.

Cllr Tolver closed the meeting by thanking Councillors Thompson, Fox, Harrison and Scott, who are not standing for re-election for the work that they have done whilst members Handforth Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8 pm.

Chair.....

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