



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old  
Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Samson (Chair of Handforth Parish Council), Cllr Smith, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Thompson & Cllr Tolver

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Parish Clerk  
Twenty Seven members of the public.

17/11/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Burgess and Clark.

17/11/2 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).

None.

17/11/3 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.

Letter given to the clerk and read out by a member of HMES:

We would like to remove our request for the support of the parish council in our endeavours to obtain a lease. We would further more like to record our thanks and gratitude to those councillors and the larger general public who have enthusiastically supported us in this endeavour.

The reason for this is as you are aware any rental agreement is a private document between landlord in our case (Cheshire East Council) and tenant (HMES). The publication of our rental agreement by a councillor has necessitated us to advice our legal representative to instigate an

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investigation into the matter. This we feel would create a conflict of interest for the Parish Council. Therefore we withdraw our request.

The member of HMES also noted that he would be happy to meet up with the team proposed under item 17/11/11; and also stated that HMES had now secured a new long term lease with CEC.

17/11/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC Council meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson two amendments to the minutes.

**Motion Carried: Three in favour and two abstentions.**

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the minutes of the HPC Council meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> March were approved and signed.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

17/11/5 To approve and sign the accounts for payment dated April 2017.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that the accounts for payment be approved and signed.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

Cllr Smith raised a point of order in relation to a point made by Cllr Tolver at the meeting of March 14<sup>th</sup> 2017. The full version of Cllr Smith's Point of Order can be obtained from the clerk. [It was agreed by council these minutes be amended to reflect that Cllr Smith would make his statement, documents and emails relating to his point of order be available to councillors, the public and the press. Having ensured all parties in the emails and documents agree to their disclosure.]

17/11/6 Report from the Clerk

The Clerk's report was noted.

17/11/7 MOTION: To Consider a grant application from the Time Out Group, to purchase new computer equipment. Amount requested £971.24.

A number of questions were posed by councillors to a representative of the group in attendance at the meeting.

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Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the full grant amount of £971.24 be awarded to the Time Out group.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

17/11/8 MOTION: To Consider a grant application from the Handforth Hall Tennis Club, to provide 3 X replacement nets and 3 x free tennis coaching camps for children. Amount requested £997.20.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

17/11/9 MOTION: To sign section 1 - the annual governance statement 2016/17 of the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 Annual return.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that Section 1 – the annual governance statement 2016/17 be signed by the chair.

**Motion Carried: Four in favour with one abstention.**

17/11/10 MOTION: To sign section 2 – the accounting statements 2016/17 of the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 Annual return.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that Section 2 – the accounting statements 2016/17 be signed by the chair.

**Motion Carried: Four in favour with one abstention.**

17/11/11 MOTION: That HPC should not support the granting of a lease between HMES and CEC, Unless the lease contains clear, demonstrable and enforceable agreement by HMES to accommodate the wishes of the public of Handforth in accessing the Pavilion for usage other than that currently provided, and that access and usage and continuing management should be governed by a management committee established for this purpose; comprised of two delegates from each: HMES, Friends of Meriton Road Park, Handforth CEC ward councillors and HPC councillors, to be chaired by a CEC ward councillor. Containing provisions to minimise nuisance and annoyance as determined by the management committee, which shall have equal voting rights from all delegates and a casting vote from the chair. The terms of lease (excluding solely financial expressions) should be made available for inspection by HPC and the public of Handforth, before any such support is agreed upon by HPC. (This motion to be taken as an amendment to deferred item 17/08/9)

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Item Withdrawn.

17/11/12 MOTION: To advise CEC that the email from the former clerk of HPC to George Broughton of CEC of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 stating *inter alia* that HPC had no wish to occupy any part of the pavilion in Meriton Road Park, nor be involved in its long term maintenance, and that HPC were in support of HMES being awarded a lease, was not issued with the authority of HPC nor of its chairperson, and did not represent any policy that had been formally adopted by HPC at that time.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson to defer the item.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

17/11/13 Notices and Correspondence.

The clerk noted that the 378 bus service was now being taken over by D & G Buses, and that copies of the new route and timetable had been made available at the meeting and will be placed on the village notice boards.

A letter has been received from the Manchester Airport Group concerning planned maintenance work on the two runway tunnels which would cause disruption to commuters using that route; to summary:  
Between May and September the tunnels that carry the Hale Barns to Wilmslow A538 underneath the runways will be undergoing improvement works. In the four road tunnels we will install new energy efficient, low maintenance and controllable lighting and repaint the walls. In the four tunnels used by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders we will repaint the walls. In order to carry out these works the tunnels will need to be closed and temporarily capacity will be reduced to a single lane in each direction and traffic will share the same tunnels. These works will require some overnight road closures and restrictions; for more information see [www.manchesterairport.co.uk/roadworks](http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/roadworks).

The meeting closed at 8:36 pm.

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