



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old  
Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Aled Brewerton (Vice Chair of Handforth Parish Council and Chair for the meeting), Cllr Barry Burkhill, Cllr Susan Moore, Cllr Cynthia Samson, Cllr John Smith & Cllr Jean Thompson

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

19/22/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Tolver.

19/22/2 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.

19/22/3 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.

A resident commented on item 19/22/11 and enquired as to where the new bins would be located; they also commented that they thought item 19/22/12 was excellent and that HPC could consider battery recycling. A resident requested up to £150.00 from item 19/22/13 as they were coordinating a litter pick with local schools for the purchase of refreshments afterwards.

19/22/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson, subject to two minor amendments to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**Motion: Carried.**

**(Cllr Brewerton abstained as he was not present at the June meeting).**

19/22/5 To approve and sign the minutes of the Extraordinary Handforth Parish Council meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve and sign the minutes of the Extraordinary Handforth Parish Council meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/22/6 Chairs report on crime trends in Handforth: In brief: Crime incidents continue to increase - 20% up compared to 2018, virtually double the 2016 rate. Relative to neighbouring areas, Handforth crime is now much higher - nearly two-thirds higher. The clear-up (conviction) rate has slumped dramatically - now only 1.6%. The chair has written again to the Police Commissioner requesting action.

Cllr Brewerton proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson that all members would receive this report in advance of the next HPC meeting; however, in the absence of the Chair, this item would be deferred.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/22/7 MOTION: To approve HPC cheque signatories.

Cllr Smith requested to be removed as a HPC cheque signatory.  
Cllr Brewerton requested to be added as a HPC cheque signatory.  
Cllr Brewerton proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/22/8 MOTION: To agree amendments to the HPC Standing Orders.

The working group had reviewed the amendments to the HPC standing orders, and recommended that this item be deferred to the next meeting.  
Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson.

19/22/9 MOTION: To agree amendments to the HPC grant application forms and procedures, and to select member(s) to discuss grant applications with applicants.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

The working group had reviewed the amendments to the HPC grant application forms and procedures, and recommended that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/22/10 MOTION: To agree the purchase and installation of two new HPC noticeboards, one in East ward and one in West ward. Each cost £700.00 plus VAT.

Cllr Samson noted East Ward had enough notice boards, but felt South Ward would benefit from more. Cllr Brewerton indicated that more were required on the west Ward.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to agree the purchase and installation of up to four new HPC noticeboards in the South and West Wards.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/22/11 MOTION: To agree the purchase and installation of up to 5 new litter bins in Handforth. Cost not to exceed £1,000.00 Plus VAT.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/22/12 MOTION: To utilise up to £500.00 from the community clean grant funds to install a recycling point in Handforth Village.

Councillors raised a number of concerns and asked the clerk to investigate the possibility of larger recycling bins, and also the CE recycling policy regarding what happens with CE's recycling waste.

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

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/22/13 MOTION: To consider further use of the £1,619.00 community clean grant.

A request was received from a resident during the open forum for up to £150.00 for refreshments following a community organised litter pick.

Cllr Burkill proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to pay up to £150.00 from the community clean grant upon receipt of purchase.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/22/14 MOTION: To confirm the date of the next Handforth Parish Council meeting as 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Cllr Brewerton proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

Close of meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:11pm.

Chair..... Date.....