

**Minutes from the meeting of Handforth Parish Council (HPC) held on
Tuesday 8th January 2013 at 7:15pm, The Youth Centre, Old Road,
Handforth, SK9 3AB.**

Present: Cllr Barnes
Cllr Page
Cllr Pincombe (Chairman)
Cllr Martin
Cllr Samson
Cllr Small
Cllr Thompson

Also present: Mr J Brooks Parish Clerk.

13/02/1 To receive apologies for absence.
None

13/02/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests.
None.

13/02/3 Open Forum
 There was considerable interest from members of the public in sites M1 and M2, following publication of the proposals by Cheshire East Council to permit the development of up to 2300 homes in a new community currently termed Handforth East. A representative of the Flying Club asked for clarification about what was happening on the two sites and Cllr Pincombe responded informing the meeting that all potential development was at the consultation stage. A resident of Blossoms Lane asked about the development of site M3. He was informed that under the proposed Local Plan there would be no development in this area until after 2030.

Councillors were asked what opinion HPC held about the Local Plan. Cllr Pincombe responded that as the development of the plan was at the consultation stage there no fixed view had been approved. However, over the next six weeks the Council would be actively canvassing the views of all residents, upon which a response to CEC would be based.

Denise Valente who runs the Artisan Market in Handforth, informed the meeting that she was astounded by the level of support that the initiative had received from residents and businesses.

13/02/4 To approve page three of the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of the 13th November 2012.

Cllr Thompson **proposed**, seconded by Cllr Small, that page three of the HPC minutes of the 13th November be approved without alteration.

Motion carried: 4 for, 2 against, 1 abstention.

13/02/5 To approve the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of the 11th December 2012.

Cllr Small **proposed**, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the minutes for the HPC meeting of the 11th December be approved without alteration.

Motion carried: 6 for, 1 against.

13/02/6 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report was noted. The Clerk was asked to contact CEC again about the travellers off Earl Road and to contact the supplier of the website regarding the delay in launching the site.

13/02/7 To approve accounts for payment.

Councillors expressed their thanks to the Shenton family and the owner of Herd's Bakery for the support that they had given to the Christmas Fayre. Cllr Small **proposed**, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the accounts for payment of £3837.77 be approved.

Motion carried: 6 for, 1 against.

13/02/8 To consider how best to maximise public involvement in the consultation on the Cheshire East Council Local Plan.

Cllr Thompson asked who from HPC was invited to attend the meeting with Cllr Jones, Leader of CEC. Cllr Burkhill responded that the invitation was open to all HPC councillors.

Cllr Samson asked Cllr Burkhill what 'clout' does HPC have in the Local Plan consultation process. He responded that the real power lies with the residents of Handforth, and the strength of their response to the consultation. Cllr Barnes raised the possibility of holding a referendum. It was recognised that although this was a good idea, the cost and limited timescale might make it impractical.

There was a **proposal** from Cllr Martin that the six pages of the consultation document that refer to Handforth and a covering letter be delivered to all homes in Handforth.

Resolved: Unanimously.

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Cllr Pincombe **proposed** that three meetings be arranged to enable HPC to consult with the residents of Handforth.

Resolved: unanimously.

Cllr Page **proposed** that money be set aside to purchase banners and other promotional material to increase public awareness of the consultation.

Resolved: unanimously.

13/02/9 To consider the Handforth Parish Council response to the public consultation on the proposed A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road.

The Clerk is to draw up responses from both councillors and members of the public and forward them to the SEMMS consultation.

Resolved: unanimously.

13/02/10 To receive a written report on the Artisan Market from Cllrs Barnes and Page.

Cllr Pincombe thanked both Cllr Barnes and Cllr Page for the work they had undertaken in preparing the report.

Cllr Small stated that he was supportive of the Artisan Market and asked if would be possible for members of the proposed business forum to become involved.

Cllr Samson asked Denise Valente if financial support from HPC for the market was to cease would the event stop. In response Denise Valente said that the market in Handforth would stop, as it was making insufficient profit to continue without HPC support.

Cllr Martin asked who the word 'group' contained in the report referred to; Cllr Barnes confirmed that it was her and Cllr Page.

Cllr Small **proposed**, seconded by Cllr Martin that the report be accepted.

Resolved: unanimously.

13/02/11 To consider and approve the expenditure of up to £2000 on promoting the Artisan Market in Handforth during the 2013 calendar year. (Cllr JB)

Cllr Barnes provided the meeting with a breakdown of how the £2000 would be spent if approved. £1500 would be spent on banners and leaflets and £500 on doorstep delivery of the leaflets. There was a consensus that if any payments were

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made to the Artisan Market they must be spread over the year. Payments would only be made on production of the appropriate invoices from suppliers.

Cllr Barnes **proposed**, seconded by Cllr Small that the expenditure of up to £2000 on promoting the Artisan Market be approved.

Motion carried: 6 for, 1 abstention.

13/02/12 To set the date and time of the next full council meeting.

It was agreed to hold a Working Group meeting on Wednesday 16th February to produce the promotional material approved in Item 13/02/8.

The next full council meeting of HPC is to take place on Tuesday 12th February 2013, 7 pm at the Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

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