

**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on Tuesday  
12th February 2013 at the Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllrs Barnes

Cllr Martin

Cllr Pincombe (Chairman)

Cllr Samson

Cllr Small

Cllr Thompson

Also present John Brooks, Parish Clerk.

13/08/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

13/08/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests.

None.

13/08/3 To receive a verbal presentation from a representative of the Citizen Advice Bureau (CAB) on their work in the community.

Mr Mckellen gave a brief presentation on the work of the CAB, concentrating on how it might operate in Handforth and what the benefits to residents would be. Cllr Samson asked about the costs for two half day sessions, and was told it would be in the region of £13k-£15K pa. It was agreed to establish a working committee to examine this item in more detail and then report back to a full council meeting. Cllrs Pincombe, Martin and Samson volunteered to work with the Clerk on this item.

13/08/4 Open Forum- Mr Tolver asked about the confidential nature of the meeting between members of HPC and Cllr M Jones, Leader of CEC. Cllr Pincombe responded, saying that it was Cllr Jones who had asked for the meeting to be considered confidential and if at a later public meeting he chose to reveal details of the meeting, then that was his right. Mrs Walsh asked why the council meeting held after the meeting with Cllr Jones was not an open forum. It was explained that the main purpose of this meeting was to update councillors who had not attended the Sandbach meeting with Cllr Jones. The Clerk confirmed

to Mrs Walsh that any expenditure that was incurred as a result of this meeting had already been approved in an open meeting earlier in the year. Mr Probert asked why HPC were not acting on behalf of the 'Hands Off' campaign group. Cllr Pincombe replied that at this stage in the consultation process, HPC were not prepared to side with one or more campaign groups.

13/08/5 To approve the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

Cllr Pincombe proposed that the minutes be approved with minor typographical changes.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

13/08/6 To approve the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council Extra-ordinary meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

Cllr Pincombe proposed that the minutes be approved with minor typographical changes.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

13/08/7 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report was noted.

13/08/8 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Pincombe **proposed** that the accounts for payment of £2976.12 be approved.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

13/08/9 To consider the dissolution of the HPC Planning & Environment Committee.

Cllr Samson informed the meeting that a Handforth resident with planning experience had offered his services to the council. Cllr Thompson suggested that before any planning text books were purchased, this persons advice be sought. It was agreed that the Clerk organise a working group to examine this matter.

Cllr Pincombe **proposed** that the HPC Planning and Environment Committee be dissolved.

**Resolved:** Unanimously.

13/08/10 To consider a request from Cheshire East Youth Services (Handforth) for £1800 in financial support, to run a residential course for young volunteers.

Councillors expressed concern that this was another occasion where CEC were expecting local councils to fund services that they had paid for in the past. Cllr Pincombe **proposed** that as a one off, HPC approve the payment of up to £1800 to support the residential course.

**Resolved:** Unanimously.

13/08/11 To consider a request that the traffic light at the junction of Station Road and Wilmslow Road be modified, to enable people with disabilities to cross the road more safely. (MT)

Cllr Pincombe informed the meeting that the CEC ward councillors were working to resolve this issue, and had met Cheshire Highways officers on site. The cost of a crossing would be in the order of £40K, and if it was simply added to the LAP highways list of work requiring attention would not be installed for four years.

Cllr Thompson **proposed** that HPC write to CEC Highways requesting urgent action on the installation of a 'Pelican' type crossing.

**Resolved:** unanimously.

13/08/12 To agree the membership of the HPC Business Forum working group.

Councillors Barnes, Pincombe and Thompson agreed to join this working group.

**Resolved:** Unanimously.

13/08/13 To establish a working group with responsibility for organising the Christmas Lights in Handforth for 2013. (JB)

Cllr Pincombe suggested that consideration should be given to forming a group that would consider at a wider range of issues, including planters and hanging baskets. It was however **proposed** not to widen the scope of this item, and that Councillors Barnes and Small with three members of the public would work on this project.

**Resolved:** Unanimously.

13/09/14 To approve the expenditure of up to £500 to allow voluntary groups based in Handforth to rent stalls at the Artisan Market. (DP)

This item was not considered, as the Artisan Market organisers have agreed to offer the voluntary groups stalls free of charge.

13/08/15 To set the date and time of the next full council meeting.

There will be a meeting of the HPC Finance Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30 pm at the Youth Centre Handforth, followed by a full council meeting at 7:15 pm.

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

Chairman.....

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