

**Minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 7:15pm, The Youth Centre, Old
Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Chapman, Cllr Fox, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Small, Cllr Thompson,
Cllr Tolver (Chairman of HPC)

Also present Mr J Brooks, Parish Clerk, CEC Cllrs Burkhill and Mahon,
and 28 members of the public.

14/07/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr
Martin.

14/07/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests- none.

14/07/3 Open Forum

Cllr Tolver was asked how HPC intend to consult with residents when preparing the response to the Local Plan Strategy Document. He responded that this representation would be similar to earlier responses that were based on feedback from Handforth residents and would concentrate on the same concerns, loss of green belt, lack of consultation etc. Given the tight timescale, it would be better to let residents see HPC's representation once drafted and comment on it over the coming months prior to the Public Examination.

A question was asked about the role of the planning consultant. Cllr Tolver responded that Mr Goodman's job was to support what the Council wished to say, not to write the representation for the councillors.

There was a question about the need for portfolio positions. The Chairman explained how he envisaged that they would work and provided examples of the areas of responsibility. The Clerk informed the meeting that subject to the item being approved the portfolio matrix would be published within a day or so of this meeting. There was also a suggestion that a skills matrix for councillors should be produced.

14/07/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 11th March 2014.

Cllr Harrison proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the minutes of the meeting on the 11th March 2014 should be approved.

Motion carried: 5 for, 1 abstention.

14/07/5 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report was noted.

14/07/6 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Harrison proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the accounts for payment of £2818.94 be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/07/7 To receive nominations for positions on the Planning and Environment Committee.

Nominations for positions on the Planning and Environment Committee were received from Cllrs Harrison, Small, Chapman, Fox and Tolver. It was agreed without recourse to a vote that these councillors would join the Planning and Environment Committee.

14/07/8 To consider a variation to the terms of reference for the Planning and Environment Committee.

It was unanimously agreed that this item be deferred until a later meeting.

14/07/9 To receive nominations for portfolio positions.

Cllr Harrison stated that he considered it more important that vacancies on the Employment and Finance Committees were filled, before councillors took on additional responsibilities. Many of the areas included in the matrix are the responsibility of the unitary authority and have dedicated CEC officers. Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Fox that the nominations on the portfolio matrix be approved.

Motion carried: 5 for 1 against.

14/07/10 To consider the Handforth Parish Council Risk Assessment for 2014/15.

Cllr Small suggested a number of alterations to the way in which potential risks were described. Cllr Small proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison that the amended document be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison that the risk assessment document made clear that the Clerk drafted HPC cheques and that they were signed by two nominated councillors.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/07/11 To consider the expenditure of £500 on summer plants for the planters in Handforth.

Cllr Small proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison that this expenditure be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/07/12 To agree the date and time of the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council.

It was agreed that the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 13th May 2014, 7:30 pm at the Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

The Chairman also advised councillors and the public that an extraordinary meeting was scheduled for the 22nd April 2014, 7:30pm at the Youth Centre.

The meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....