

**Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on
Tuesday 14th October 2014 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old
Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Chapman

Cllr Fox

Cllr Harrison

Cllr Tolver (Chairman of Handforth Parish Council)

Cllr Thompson

Also present: Mr Brooks Parish Clerk, CEC Councillors Burkhill & Mahon plus thirty six members of the public.

14/22/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr
Martin.

14/22/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests.

Cllrs Chapman and Harrison
expressed a personal interest in item 14/22/15. Cllr Thompson stated that
he knew all three candidates in item 14/22/15, but did not consider that
he had a personal interest.

14/22/3 Open Forum-

A resident informed the meeting that the compulsory
purchase order to enable the building of a new road across land east of
the A34 had been withdrawn. There were various comments about the
proposed war memorial, including why Handforth PC could not pay all of
the cost the memorial. It was explained that this large sum of money had
not been allowed for in the budget and could only have been funded
by using reserves ring-fenced for other contingencies. The anticipated cost
represents over half of the Council's annual income, much of which is in
any event committed in advance.

Cllr Harrison outlined the progress to date of the War Memorial Working Group and went on to qualify the comments that he had made on Facebook, confirming that they were his own views and not necessarily those of the Council. The Clerk responded to a question regarding Cyclewilmslow, explaining that the group operated across the SK9 area.

14/22/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 9th September 2014.

Cllr Fox proposed, seconded by Cllr Chapman that the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 9th September 2014 be approved and signed.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/22/5 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report was noted.

14/22/6 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Harrison proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the accounts for payment of £7315.67 be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/22/7 To consider the External Audit report and to approve the Annual Return.

The Clerk explained that he had received conflicting advice from the internal and external auditors about a cheque that had not cleared, hence the comment on the external auditors report. Given this information it was proposed by Cllr Harrison and seconded by Cllr Tolver that the External Audit report be accepted and acted upon, also that the Annual Return be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/22/8 To consider a grant application for £250 from CycleWilmslow.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Fox that this grant application of £250 be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

The Clerk was asked to determine if it was possible to include a link to the CycleWilmslow website on the Handforth PC website.

14/22/9 To consider an application for £1643.35 from the SK9 Youth Group.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison that this application be supported.

Resolved: unanimously.

The Clerk to contact Wilmslow Town Council to confirm Handforth PC's support.

14/22/10 To consider the expenditure of up to £1400 on winter plants for the planters and troughs in Handforth.

Cllr Fox proposed, seconded by Cllr Chapman that the expenditure of up to £1400 on winter plants be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of having an annual contract for the supply of plants to the Council.

14/22/11 To consider the expenditure of up to £240 on two benches, for Henbury Road public open space.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Chapman that the expenditure on this item up to £240 be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/22/12 To consider making a donation of £10,000 to the Handforth War Memorial Fund.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison that the £10,000 donation to the Handforth War Memorial Fund be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/22/13 To consider the expenditure of up to £2,000 on new litter bins for the centre of Handforth.

It was unanimously agreed without a vote to defer this item to a later meeting, to allow councillors to see the nature of the problems with the current litter bins.

14/22/14 To consider the expenditure of up to £500 on grounds improvement work at Handforth Youth Centre.

Cllr Fox proposed, seconded by Cllr Chapman that the expenditure of up to £500 on this item be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/22/15 To consider the co-option of a councillor for the vacancy in the South Ward.

Cllrs Chapman and Harrison left the room whilst this item was considered. Cllr Thompson proposed Mr B Cooke for the position.

This motion failed as it was not seconded.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Fox, Ms A Scott for the vacancy in the South Ward.

Motion carried 2 for and 1 abstention.

14/22/17 To confirm that the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will take place on the 11th November 2014.

The next meeting of Handforth parish Council will take place on Tuesday 11th November 2014, 7:30 pm at Handforth Youth Centre.

The meeting closed at 8:18 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....