



**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Handforth Parish**  
**Council held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 8:00pm, The**  
**Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Thompson & Cllr Tolver (Chair for the meeting after 17/24/1)

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

17/24/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Burgess, Clark, Samson & Smith.

To appoint a chair for the meeting.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that Cllr Tolver chair the meeting.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

17/24/2 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.

17/24/3 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 that it was difficult to reach the named clinics if they had to travel to Macclesfield or Knutsford and didn't drive, considering that a return taxi trip to Macclesfield hospital cost £25 each way.

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A resident enquired whether they could have X-Rays carried out at the Wilmslow Health Clinic

A resident noted that more clinics would make it more economically viable to retain these services in Handforth.

A resident enquired as to whether the GPs thought it was a bad idea to move these clinics away from the health centre.

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To discuss the following submission to the consultation on the loss of some outpatient services at Handforth Health Centre: Handforth Parish Council is extremely concerned at the proposals by the East Cheshire NHS Trust and the East Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group, to terminate the provision of a number of clinical services at the Handforth Health Clinic. The loss of these services would be a serious retrograde step for local residents of both Handforth and Wilmslow. This loss would be significantly magnified as the developments under the Local Plan are realised, since the number of households in the area is expected to grow by some 3,000, virtually doubling the potential attendees at the Health Centre. Furthermore the cost (and major inconvenience) to residents of travelling to alternative sites far outweighs the costs to the Trust of continuing to provide these services in Handforth. We urge the Trust and the Group to reconsider their proposals and to defer them at least for two years whilst alternative arrangements can be discussed by all parties.

The report submitted by the Trust and the CCG to Cheshire East Council stated that in 2016 there were 2,713 clinic appointments of the kind that would be relocated. This averages out to 11 appointments per working day. One would expect a single consulting room to be adequate to carry out these appointments. If we can assume a room of (say) 150 sq ft, at normal rents in Handforth of between £10 and £20 per square foot pa, then that would suggest a maximum true cost of no more than £3,000 pa. We cannot see how the figure of £67,000 is explicable.

The Parish Council submits this as its formal response to the current consultation by the Trust and the Commissioning Group, and also asks these views to be fully taken into account by Cheshire East Council's Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to submit this as HPC's formal response to the consultation with the following three lines from paragraph one amended as follows:

"We object to the proposals and urge the Trust and the CCG to reconsider, and at least to defer them for two years whilst alternative arrangements can

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be discussed with Handforth Parish Council and all parties who have expressed objections to the proposals.”

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to delegate Cllr Tolver to represent HPC in future discussions with relevant parties on this matter.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

17/24/5 Notices and Correspondence

None.

The meeting closed at 8:28 pm.

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