

**Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of Handforth Parish
Council held on the 29th October 2013, 6 pm at Handforth Youth
Centre.**

Present: Cllrs Barnes
Cllr Harrison
Cllr Martin,
Cllr Pincombe
Cllr Samson (Chair of Handforth Parish Council)
Cllr Thompson
Cllr Tolver

Also present Mr J Brooks, Parish Clerk. Fifteen members of the public were present.

- 13/26/1 To receive apologies for absence.
None

- 13/26/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests.
Cllrs Martin and Thompson expressed a prejudicial interest in item 13/26/4.

- 13/26/3 Open Forum
A member of the public asked for clarification about the process that the meeting would follow. The Chair stated that the Council would consider the main item of business and then vote to either support or object to the planning application. A second resident spoke against the proposed development on the site off Sagars Road. The same resident asked that the members of Handforth Parish Council be consistent when voting on developments that were in the greenbelt.

- 13/26/4 To consider planning application 13/3883M, site of Knowle House, Sagars Road, Handforth.

Cllr Tolver expressed concern about the development as it proposed to build on green belt land.

Cllr Pincombe noted that social housing needs in Handforth were not being met. He was also concerned that with 20 homes the site was being over developed. He also stated that Cheshire East Council was looking for sites to build traveller settlements. He was concerned that if a suitable housing scheme could not be agreed upon, then a traveller site might be a possibility.

Cllr Harrison considered that brown field sites should be developed first and in part this was a brownfield site. He acknowledged that the percentage of affordable housing was quiet high, but also that there may be problems with parking.

Cllr Barnes stated that she would like to see the site redeveloped to a good design that suited the plot. She believes the restricted access during the construction process should not be a reason to object.

Cllr Samson commented on the total lack of social housing within the proposed development.

At this point Cllrs Martin and Thompson left the meeting.

Cllr Harrison proposed that Handforth Parish Council support this application.

Motion carried: 3 for 2 against.

The meeting closed at 6:25 pm.

Chair..... Date.....