

**Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old  
Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Burgess

Cllr Samson (Chair of Handforth Parish Council)

Cllr Smith

Cllr Sullivan

Cllr Thompson

Cllr Tolver

Also present Mr Brooks, Parish Clerk and twelve members of the public.

16/04/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr  
Clark and ward Cllrs Burhill and Mahon.

16/04/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests- none.

16/04/3 Open Forum-

A member of the public asked about the purpose of item 16/04/2 Declarations of members interests. The Clerk responded that there might be circumstances where a councillor could gain financially or receive other benefits from how they voted. For this reason councillors are obliged to declare any interests personal or financial in relation to items on the agenda. This could mean that they do not take part in discussions or votes on items where an interest is declared. The Chair confirmed that councillor's pecuniary and personal interests are published on the Handforth Parish Council website.

A resident from the South Ward stated that he supported the introduction of car parking restrictions on Hall Road/Dean Road. He added that parking restrictions on the roads around St Benedict's Primary School particularly at the start and finish of the academic day,

would improve both the access and safety of road users on Woodlands Road and Old Hall Crescent

16/04/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess that the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 be approved as a true record and signed.

**Motion carried: five for and one abstention.**

16/04/5 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report included an item about the CEC Local Plan and the timetable of activities leading up to the recommencement of the Examination. Cllr Thompson asked about the level of consultation to date, between CEC and Handforth PC concerning the Local Plan. The Clerk confirmed that councillors had been invited along with other local councils to meetings with CEC officers, but there had been no one to one consultation between CEC and HPC concerning the Local Plan. Cllr Tolver informed the meeting that lack of consultation with local councils was one area where the Planning Inspector had criticised CEC in their development of the Local Plan. The Clerk's report was noted.

16/04/6 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the accounts for payment of £2797.54 be approved.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

16/04/7 To consider a response to Cheshire East Council regarding the proposals to introduce Prohibition of Waiting orders (Double Yellow Lines) on Hall Road, Spath Lane and adjoining Roads.

Councillors recognised that there was a problem with parked cars on Spath Lane, which had resulted in the blocking of a bus route and injuries to pedestrians. Councillor Samson expressed concern that if the proposed parking restrictions were implemented without the introduction of off road parking in the same

area, motorists would start parking on the grass verges at the side of Spath Lane, which would be a most unsatisfactory arrangement. Cllr Smith informed the meeting that he has met with Ward Cllrs Burkhill and Mahon plus representatives of Contour Housing to identify suitable sites for additional off road parking on the Spath Lane estate. The intention being to use part of the Section 106 monies ring fenced for additional car parking in Handforth to pay for the work. Cllr Smith confirmed that he had contacted the CEC ward councillors requesting an update on progress on this item but had not received a response. Cllr Samson thanked Cllr Smith for the work that he had undertaken to increase the amount of off road parking in this area.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the Clerk be instructed to write to CEC stating that Handforth PC cannot support the introduction of new parking restrictions on Spath Lane and Ollerton Road, until arrangements are made to provide off road parking for cars displaced by the introduction of the Prohibition of Waiting Order.

**Motion carried: five for and one abstention.**

Cllr Tolver informed the meeting that he had contacted residents of Hallwood Road who may be affected by the proposed parking restrictions and they supported the introduction of the double yellow lines. Councillor Tolver confirmed that he had spoken to Cllr Burkhill about the proposals for Hall Road, and had been informed that the proposed Order was likely to be amended, taking the parking restrictions up to the junction of Hall Road and Hereford Drive.

Cllr Tolver proposed seconded by Cllr Thompson that HPC would support the introduction of parking restrictions on Hallwood Road as per the Order.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the Order for Hall Road be supported, but that the parking restrictions be extended to the junction of Hall Road and Hereford Drive.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

The Clerk confirmed that he would contact CEC informing them of the decisions made above, prior to the consultation ending on the 18<sup>th</sup> February.

Note: In the Prohibition of Waiting Orders on public display it was stated that Handforth Parish Council supported the implementation of these parking restrictions, this was not the case. Handforth PC was not consulted about these Orders prior to publication and therefore could not have supported them.

16/04/8 To consider the expenditure of up to £2000 on a pantomime to be held as part of the Christmas 2016 festivities.

Cllr Thompson asked Cllr Sullivan a number of questions about the operation of the pantomime that was held at Handforth Youth Centre in December 2015.

Cllr Burgess proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the sum of up to £2000 be authorised to be spent on a pantomime, to be held at Handforth Youth Centre, using the same production company as last year. Cllr Burgess and Sullivan to be given delegated authority to make the booking and associated arrangements.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

16/04/9 To confirm that the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

It was agreed that the next meeting of Handforth parish Council would take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7:30 pm, at Handforth Youth Centre.

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm

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