



Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Parish Council
Finance Committee held on Tuesday 09th October 2018 at
6:45pm, The Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

Present: Cllr Burgess
Cllr Samson
Cllr Smith (Chair of the Finance Committee)
Cllr Thompson
Cllr Tolver

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson - Parish Clerk.
Five members of the public.

18/25/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Sullivan.

18/25/2 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).

Cllr Thompson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18/25/7 and made a request for dispensation to vote on the item, this was granted.

18/25/3 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.

None.

18/25/4

Recommendations for expenditure:

a) To retrospectively approve the following items:

None.

b) To consider any other recommendations/requests:

Following the outcome of the CIL hearing CE are required to provide further evidence regarding their viability calculations at the Handforth Garden Village; further funds requested to continue the employ of GVA Grimley as the Parish Councils viability consultant in order to respond to CE – Totalling a maximum of £3,600.00.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to agree to the expenditure of a further £3,600.00 plus VAT to continue the employ of GVA Grimley as the Parish Councils viability consultant in order to further respond to CE regarding the CIL levy evidence.

Resolved: Unanimously.

18/25/5

To approve the Quarterly Income and Expenditure accounts for Q2 2018/19.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess to approve the quarterly Income and Expenditure accounts for Q2 2018/19.

Resolved: Unanimously.

18/25/6

Report from relevant councillor regarding Internal Controls for quarter 2 2018/19.

The clerk informed members that the internal auditor has been booked to perform the half year interim audit and that his report would be circulated at the next meeting.

18/25/7

To consider a grant application received from the Friends of Handforth Station totalling £5,000.00 towards providing a GRIP2 survey for Handforth Station, and make recommendations to full council.

Cllr Thompson noted that the station access was a large problem and it was a primary concern for all Handforth residents. Cllr Smith also noted that this was probably the single most important issue to Handforth residents.

Cllr Thompson also noted that although the GRIP2 survey could be submitted in time, it did not necessarily mean that the FoHS would be successful in their bid to Access for All, this was indicated in the grant application.

Cllr Samson enquired to the representatives of FoHS whether they had set up a grants committee with a dedicated role of applying for further grant funding.

A representative from FoHS stated that yes this was already in hand and that a draft version of the application to Access for All had already been completed.

Cllr Smith enquired to the group as to the timescales for completion of the GRIP2 survey and the deadline for submission of their application to Access for All. These were answered by the representatives in attendance from FoHS.

Cllr Smith asked if the FoHS needed the use of the parish clerks time and volunteered this to FoHS, which they accepted. Also noted that matched funding had been received from CEC for £10,000.00 towards the survey and £5,000.00 from Northern Rail, these two bodies has asked that, if the FoHS group application to HPC was successful would HPC take on the role of principal client for the GRIP2 survey. Cllr Smith also volunteered to act as a liaison between HPC and the FoHS.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson that the finance committee recommend to full council to grant the full award amount of £5,000.00 and that HPC take on the role of principal client for the GRIP2 project.

Resolved: Unanimously.

18/25/8 Notices and Correspondence.

None.

The meeting closed at 7:04pm.