



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old  
Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Burgess, Cllr Clark, Cllr Samson (Chair of Handforth Parish Council), Cllr Smith, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Thompson & Cllr Tolver

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Parish Clerk  
Five members of the public.  
One P.C.S.O.

19/03/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

19/03/2 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 19/02/10 as a former member of both HMES; and made a request for dispensation to vote on the item, this was granted.

19/03/3 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 on item 19/03/10 that they had attended the finance committee meeting where the item had been debated and listen to Cllr Smiths definition of a community group but in their opinion HMES had alienated the majority of people in Handforth.

The Chair of HMES responded that he felt that HMES was a community group and had received community grant awards from both CEC and the

Manchester Airport Community Fund. The question of use of toilets in the pavilion appeared to be a source of contention, but the HMES group was told by a representative from CEC that the toilets were to be used at the public's own risk, because of fears surrounding possible legionella etc.

The resident who spoke earlier noted that it was unacceptable to grant this money as HMES could not say they were a community group, and were not of benefit to the wider community. The resident felt they did not fit the grant awarding criteria and should be refused.

The Chair of HMES noted that they were not a hobby group and were open to anyone who wished to become a member. The equipment requested would allow them to run more trains for the benefit of children who wished to ride on them.

A resident spoke to the effect that this was specialist equipment and that HPC had provided grants for equipment which could be considered specialist in the past.

19/03/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council planning and environment committee meeting of 09<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council planning and environment committee meeting of 09<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/03/5 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

**Motion Carried: Three in favour with four abstentions.**

19/03/6 To approve and sign the order of accounts for payment for January 2019.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for January 2019, totalling £19,346.53.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/03/7 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The clerk's report was received by all present.

19/03/8 To receive a report from the P.C.S.O.

The PCSO reported that the rollout of Operation Shield was about to commence at the beginning of February and that Hall Road and Woodlands road would benefit from the initial rollout in Handforth, it has only one vehicular access route and has historic problems with burglary from both homes and motor vehicles; this rollout would be accompanied by a press release etc. The PCSO thanked that parish council for their generous contribution towards the property marking kits to get the operation off the ground. The PCSO also noted that the new stretch of bypass (A555) had been very good returning very few accidents. There is an ongoing debate as to whether it should fall into the administrative area of Cheshire or Greater Manchester police force, as it is on the border between the two. Cllr Smith enquired as to whether there would be any speed enforcement cameras installed, however, the PCSO felt that this was unlikely unless a serious number of problems were reported over time.

The PCSO thanked the parish council for the ongoing use of the CCTV system it had recently been used for the successful outcome of a recent incident.

Cllr Tolver enquired as to what the marking equipment could be used on, noted that this could be any household item e.g. TV, DVD player etc. It is essentially the Smartwater system using a detectable DNA marker.

Cllr Thompson enquired as to the CCTV could be used to track down drivers passing through red lights at the crossroads in the village. The PCSO noted that the CCTV can be reviewed if an incident like this occurs, it has been used for this purpose and warnings to drivers have been issued.

Cllr Tolver reported that he had met with Sgt O’Driscoll recently and that this had been in response to his queries raised from reviewing the online “crime map” He had noticed that reported offences had increased by 67% in 2017, but the clear up rate from offences had dropped from approximately 27% to 1.4%. Sgt O’Driscoll assured Cllr Tolver that he would make efforts in future to record crime reports from Handforth in greater detail for a limited period of time.

19/03/9 Update on the Community Infrastructure Levy (post examination).

The clerk updated councillors that the Independent Examiner had published his report on the CIL and of his five main amendments to the CE CIL draft charging schedule, he had recommended that: CE must apply the Zone 4 rate of £71 per square metre (psm) to the Handforth Garden Village Site. Also The CIL Examiner’s Report will be debated at the CEC Full Council Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019. The Council’s [CIL Draft Charging Schedule](#) is expected to be

adopted and come into effect on **1 March 2019**. It will apply to relevant planning permissions granted from 1 March 2019 onwards. If the Examiner's report is accepted by CEC, the Garden Village site, the safeguarded land to the south of the Garden Village site and all other parts of the parish still designated as greenbelt will attract a levy of £71 per sq. m. The site on Earl Road (currently awaiting a pronouncement by Secretary of State) is proposed for retail use and will attract a levy of £66 per sq. m. presumably the same would be true of the proposed BMW site on Coppice Way/Lower Meadow Road. Landowners are ultimately liable to pay CIL, but anyone involved in a development may assume liability to pay on behalf of the landowner. A development becomes CIL liable **from the date planning permission is granted** not when the planning application is submitted. CIL is payable (to the charging authority) within 60 days of the commencement of development.

Cllr Samson took the opportunity to thank all those who had worked hard in assisting to get this positive outcome for HPC including the Chair and Vice Chair of the neighbourhood plan group, Cllr Tolver, the councillors and clerk and the councils appointed viability consultants GVA Grimley.

19/03/10 To receive recommendation from the HPC finance committee in respect to a grant application received from the HMES totalling £1,000.00 towards facilitating easier deployment of carriages and locomotives for the miniature railway in Meriton Road Park via a crane system.

The recommendation received from the finance committee is to approve the application.

Cllr Smith enquired as to whether councillors had any further questions regarding this application. Cllr Thompson raised a point regarding the HMES group and noted that past planning permission had been given to HMES Ltd. He enquired as to whether HMES was or had been a limited company.

Documentation was found that up until 2010 HMES had been a limited company, however they had dissolved this status in 2010 and had become a voluntary organisation. Noted that in 2010 when the original track was laid HMES had applied to the Manchester Airport Group for funding, but this could not be given to a limited company through their community funding scheme. They had then dissolved as a company at this point in 2010.

Cllr Tolver noted that from his scrutiny of the bank statements, as much money went into the bank account as was expended. The bulk of the income was from member subscriptions and donations for rides on the trains. He noted they had a reasonable bank balance. Cllr Smith noted the closing bank balances for a number of recent applications for grant funding from HPC and

that they were of a similar level or higher in most cases. Cllr Samson stated that she felt that this grant application was receiving a high degree of scrutiny out of step with previous grant applications.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to accept the recommendation from the HPC finance committee and approve the full grant amount totalling £1,000.00.

**Motion Carried: Four in favour and three against.  
Cllrs Burgess, Samson, Smith & Sullivan in favour.  
Cllrs Clark Tolver & Thompson against.**

19/03/11 Notices and Correspondence.

None.

The meeting closed at 8:33pm.

Chair.....

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