

**Minutes of the meeting of Meeting of Handforth Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old  
Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr K Burgess

Cllr I Clark

Cllr C Samson Chair of Handforth Parish Council

Cllr J Smith

Cllr K Sullivan

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

15/15/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Clark  
and B Tolver.

15/15/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests- none.

15/15/3 Open Forum-

A request was made by a resident for more information about agenda items on the notice of meeting, particularly item 15/15/9, proposed changes to the Standing Orders. The Clerk explained that the proposed changes to Standing Orders were too numerous to list on the notice of meeting, but if any resident had a query about the agenda then they are most welcome to contact the council prior to the meeting, for clarification of any point. Cllr Samson explained to the meeting what the General Power of Competence was, and that HPC satisfied the eligibility requirements for adoption of the power.

Questions were asked about the use of the mower in item 15/15/10, and it was explained that the purchase of this item was to meet future challenges.

Item 15/15/13 brought opposing comments from the public, expressing satisfaction with the current arrangements and the alternative welcoming a change of contractor, as the floral displays in Wilmslow looked superior to those in Handforth.

There was also a question about the dead trees on Wilmslow Road, the meeting was informed that Cheshire East Council intend to remove the trees and replace them with floral displays.

15/15/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess that the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 be approved and signed.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

15/15/5 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report made reference to the future of the Youth Centre looking more secure, as CEC were starting to invest money in the building. There was also a reminder to residents that the SK9 garden, which HPC had helped to support, was on display at Tatton Park next week.

15/15/6 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Burgess proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the accounts for payment totalling £20,998.26 be approved for payment.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

15/15/7 To consider the membership of the Finance Committee and the Employment Committee.

Cllrs Smith, Burgess and Tolver had expressed an interest in joining the Finance Committee. Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson that their nominations be supported.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

Cllrs Samson, Burgess and Sullivan expressed an interest in joining the Employment Committee. Cllr I Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that their nominations be supported.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

15/15/8 To consider making a declaration to confirm the Parish Council's eligibility to exercise the General Power of Competence, as set out in the Parish Council (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.

Earlier in the meeting Cllr Samson made reference to the eligibility of HPC to adopt the General Power of Competence, in that all of the councillors were elected and the Clerk held the relevant qualifications. K Burgess proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that HPC adopt the General Power of Competence.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

15/15/9 To consider changes to the Handforth PC Standing Orders.

Cllr Sullivan

proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that the changes to the Standing Orders, as per the document circulated be approved.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

Details of the approved changes can be found on the last page of these minutes.

15/15/10 To consider the purchase of a ride on mower at a cost of £3000.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that this item be deferred to a later meeting.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

15/15/11 To consider a grant application for £1000 from 1<sup>st</sup> Handforth Scout Group.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess that a grant to assist 1<sup>st</sup> Handforth Scouts to purchase a lawn mower be approved.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

15/15/12 To approve the expenditure of up to £570 on activities for children aged 7 to 11 years.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that the expenditure of up to £570 on activities for children aged 7 to 11 years be approved.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

15/15/13 To consider entering into an annual contract for the provision and maintenance of floral displays in Handforth, at a cost of approximately £5,500 per annum.

Cllr I Clark expressed concern about the significant increase in the expenditure that would be incurred if the new contract for the provision and maintenance of floral displays was approved. Cllr Samson responded that the new supplier would provide a more comprehensive service, incorporating both the provision and maintenance of the displays. Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that the change of contractor be approved.

**Motion carried: four for and one against.**

15/15/14 To approve adding Councillor Samson's name to the list of authorised cheque signatories.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess that Cllr Samson's name be added to the list of authorised cheque signatories.

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

15/15/15 To consider moving the Handforth Parish Council current account to Barclays Bank.

Cllr Burgess proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the Handforth PC current account be transferred to Barclays Bank.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

15/15/16 To confirm that the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

It was agreed that the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 7:30 pm at Handforth Youth Centre.

The meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

### **Approved Changes to HPC Standing orders.**

Page 3 Section 1 M should be amended to read

**Photographing, recording or transmitting the proceedings of a public meeting is permitted providing it is carried out in a way that is non-disruptive.**

Page 3 Section S

The second sentence amended to read **'If any member so requires the manner in which each member voted on any particular question must be recorded in the minutes'**.

No other changes. This item is statutory (hence in bold type).

Page 9 Section 4 A the notice period in the final sentence is increased to ten days.

4F 'entered in a book' to read recorded electronically.

4G The item now to read:

Every motion rejected in accordance with the Council's standing orders shall be recorded electronically with a note by the Proper officer giving reasons for its rejection, which shall be available for inspection by all councillors.

Page 22 Section 8 b and C to be deleted.

Page 23 item 12 B to be deleted.

Page 27 Section 23

Clause 2 to be amended to read

2 issue orders, instructions, directions *or enter into agreements with third parties.*

A new clause B

B No member of the public may represent or act on behalf of Handforth Parish Council without the express authority of the full council.

Page 28 Section 25

If councillors vote to adopt the General Power of Competence then this section would read:

Handforth Parish Council has satisfied the requirements to adopt the General Power of Competence, see minute 15/15/8.

Chair.....

Date.....