

**Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Parish Council (HPC) held  
on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old  
Road, Handforth.**

Present Cllr Burgess

Cllr I Clark,

Cllr M Clark (From item 15/13/4)

Cllr Samson Chair of Handforth PC

Cllr Smith

Cllr Sullivan

Cllr Tolver

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

15/13/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr M Clark temporarily had to leave the  
meeting just before it started.

15/13/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests- none.

15/13/3 Open Forum-

A resident asked how much money was going to be given to the war memorial fund. Cllr Samson responded that there would be a single payment and the amount if approved would be £12500. The Chair was asked if Handforth PC had approached Cheshire East Council asking to take over responsibility for managing public car parks in Handforth. Cllr Samson replied that the initial approach regarding this matter was made by Cheshire East Council. A resident asked if Cllr Samson was impartial with regard to the war memorial funding, she confirmed her support for a war memorial in Handforth and had been actively involved in the group raising funds to purchase a memorial. Cllr Samson went on to say that she had sought professional advice regarding her involvement when considering agenda items concerning the war memorial; they had confirmed that she could vote on such items.

15/13/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May be approved and signed.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

15/13/5 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report included items on improvements to the Christmas lights in Handforth, provided the dates when the HPC accounts could be inspected by members of the public and the possible redevelopment of the Royal British Legion site on Station Road.

15/13/6 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that the accounts for payment totalling £5163.06 be approved for payment.

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

15/13/7 To elect a Vice Chair of Handforth Parish Council.

This item was carried over from the last meeting of Handforth PC with two candidates for the post, Cllrs Smith and Tolver.

Cllr Smith received four votes for and three against.  
Cllr Tolver received three votes for and fou against.

Cllr Smith was elected Vice Chair of Handforth Parish Council.

15/13/8 To consider a proposal that the Council monitor the anticipated spending plans of Cheshire East Council and if it considers it suitable will conduct a full public consultation with all Handforth residents on the level of and if appropriate reassignment of parts of the Devolved Services budget. If feasible, this will be done in time for the budget preparation process in November.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr I Clark that a working group be established to monitor and report back to full council any devolution of services (including car parking) on the part of Cheshire East Council.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

15/13/9 To consider a proposal to pledge £10,000 towards the purchase of a war memorial monument in Handforth. This would also rescind and replace the resolution made in October 2014 to pledge the same amount to 'The Handforth War Memorial Fund'.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Clerk that the original pledge of £10,000 to the Handforth War Memorial fund be rescinded.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

15/13/10 To consider a response to the internal audit report.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson that the response to the audit report prepared by the Clerk be approved.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

The Clerk informed councillors that he already had council approval to place £85,000 of deposit; he sought permission to place the money in the Nationwide Building Society, as they offered competitive rates of interest.

**Approved without a vote.**

15/13/11 To consider a response to Cheshire East Council regarding the potential devolution of car parks in Handforth.

Cllr I Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson that Handforth PC enters into negotiations with Cheshire East Council regarding the devolution of public car parks in Handforth.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

Cllrs Smith and Tolver are to represent Handforth PC in these negotiations.

15/13/12 To approve the immediate award of £12,500 to the Handforth Community War Memorial Foundation. The funds to go towards the purchase and installation of a war memorial in Handforth.

Cllr Burgess proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that Handforth Community War Memorial Foundation be awarded the sum of £12,500, to assist in the purchase and installation of a war memorial in Handforth.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

This payment was made under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

15/13/13 To consider the following requests of support from the SK9 Youth Group:  
Lindow Scout Group £2500

Annual Fishing Competition £515

The request from Lindow Scouts was not considered, as Wilmslow Town Council intended to support this group. Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr I Clark that the sum of £165 be approved to support the Annual Fishing Competition. This figure represents Handforth PC's contribution to the SK9 group.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

15/13/14 To consider the expenditure of up to £1350 on hanging baskets to be sited in the retail area on Wilmslow Road and at the entrances to the village.

Cllr Burgess proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that the expenditure of up to £1,350.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

15/13/15 To consider the expenditure of up to £2000 on defibrillators to be installed in Handforth.

Cllr Burgess was thanked for the work that she had undertaken regarding the purchase and installation of defibrillators. It was agreed without a vote that this item be deferred until a later meeting.

15/13/16 To confirm that the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm

Chair.....

Date.....