



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on
Tuesday 14th March 2017 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
Twenty One members of the public.

17/08/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

17/08/2 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 Samson noted she was a governor at the Grange School, and wouldn't vote on item 17/08/11.

Cllr Smith noted he was the chair of Stanley Hall Park group and wouldn't vote on item 17/08/13.

Cllr Thompson noted he used to be a member of both HMES and Friends of Meriton Road Park.

17/08/3 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 that under item 17/08/9 that there was a restrictive covenant on the park and the pavilion. Handforth residents had used this covenant in action against CEC. This could be the case if Handforth Parish Council supported item 17/08/9.

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Cllr Smith queried who would take any legal action; and noted that the covenant could be freely found using a simple Google search.

Cllr Samson reminded those present that at the previous meeting, she had requested all documentation relating to the matter be presented to the council in advance of this meeting, and that it had not been provided.

17/08/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC Council meeting of the 14th February 2017.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson that the minutes of the meeting of 14th February 2017 be approved and signed.

Motion Carried: Five for with Two Abstentions.

Cllr Tolver raised a point of order in relation to a point made by Cllr Smith at the meeting of November 2nd 2016. The full version of Cllr Tolver's Point of Order is included at the end of these minutes.

17/08/5 To approve and sign the accounts for payment.

Cllr Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan, that the accounts be approved and signed.

Resolved: Unanimously.

17/08/6 Report from the Clerk

The clerk noted that if councillors had any items for the newsletter, these should be forwarded to the working group.

Also noted was, the clerk had contacted Cllr Burkhill to enquire about the Handforth Boundary signs, he confirmed that the money available to refresh the signs was coming from a pot, from the development of the A6MARR. He was happy if HPC were to send their preferred design to him; he would pass on to the relevant body to move the installation of the signs forward.

17/08/7 Report from the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Re: Designation of the Handforth Neighbourhood Area.

This report is appended to the minutes.

17/08/8 MOTION: To retrospectively approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2015 between members of Handforth Parish Council and Handforth Model Engineering Society.

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It was noted that these minutes were comprised from a working party meeting, not a full council or committee meeting.

Cllr Thompson noted that Friends of Meriton Road Park (FOMRP) had been permitted, in the current tenancy at will to use the pavilion for 12 meeting per year and for 8 other occasions during the year, free of charge.

Cllr Smith noted that it was not for HPC to approve any lease drawn up between CEC and HMES that was up to the two parties concerned.

Cllr Tolver enquired as to how HPC could support a lease without seeing it first, and suggested that a letter from the former clerk to CEC was different to these working party minutes. He also stated he had requested a copy of the lease from HMES, but they did not provide it to him because it was confidential.

Cllr Smith read the following from Lee Beckett CEC Legal Dept.

Despite what may be very valid concerns by third parties, the travelling draft lease is a matter between HMES and ourselves and should not be shown to third parties without the consent of both Council and HMES. Once it has been revealed to anyone else, it's in the public domain. Nobody else should be approving the terms of the lease. However, following recent meetings with residents and friends of the park we have taken into account the concerns of the Friends and the residents as far as reasonably possible.

With regard to the use of the public toilets, Marianne Hodgkinson (Parks Manager) has informed me that there are currently no problems without the toilets being open to the public. She has confirmed that the Park Management team have no budget to maintain/clean the toilets and therefore should not be open to the public.

It was agreed without a vote not to approve and sign these minutes.

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MOTION: To commit Handforth Parish Council to supporting HMES in securing a new lease from Cheshire East Council to replace the current Tenancy at Will.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Clark to defer the motion until any councillors or parties with information critical to these motions volunteered the information to the council for circulation and discussion at a future meeting.

Motion Carried: Six for and one against.

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17/08/10 MOTION: To consider a grant application from Handforth Library to fund a variety of children's events and incentives to support the 2017 summer reading challenge. Amount requested: £600.00.

Cllr Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson that, the council would wait four weeks to receive a response from the site manager at Handforth Dean Retail Park, concerning his investigation into raising the £600.00 from the businesses located in the retail park. If after this time, the site manager could not raise the £600.00, the parish council would provide funding for the project at the library.

Resolved: Unanimously.

17/08/11 MOTION: To consider a grant application from Wilmslow Grange School for activities for children with severe and specific special educational needs (SEND). Amount requested £1.500.00.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that £1,000.00 be granted to the Wilmslow Grange School.

Motion Carried: Four in favour with two abstentions.

Cllr Thompson, proposed, seconded by Cllr Clark that a further £500.00 be donated to the Wilmslow Grange School in support of their activities for children with SEND.

Motion Carried: Three in favour with two abstentions.

17/08/12 MOTION: To consider a grant application from the Oakmere Singers to purchase additional audio equipment as described in the application form. Amount requested £1,000.00. Cllr Samson would not allow Cllr Tolver to proceed with his questions, saying that Cllr Tolver told lies. Cllr Tolver invited her to name one lie he had told; Cllr Samson was unable to do so and apologised to Cllr Tolver before the close of the meeting.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to grant £1,000.00 to the Oakmere Singers to purchase additional audio equipment.

Motion Carried: Five in favour and Two against.

(Against: Cllr Thompson citing no reason, and Cllr Tolver who stated he would be voting against the motion on the grounds that a member of the group had told lies to the council and called that same member of the group a liar)

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17/08/13 MOTION: To consider a grant application from the Friends of Stanley Hall Park towards the refurbishment of the existing path in Stanley Hall Park. Amount requested £1,000.00.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson to defer the item.

Motion Failed: Three in favour and Three against. The Chair used their casting vote against.

Cllr Burgess proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to approve the full grant application for £1,000.00 towards the refurbishment of the footpath in the park.

Motion Carried: Three in favour and Three against. The Chair used their casting vote in favour.

17/08/14 Notices and Correspondence.

None.

The meeting closed at 9:31 pm.

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