



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 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

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

18/07/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Tolver

18/07/2 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 18/07/9 and will not take part in debate or vote on the item.

18/07/3 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.

18/07/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 be approved and signed.

**Motion Carried: Four in favour and two abstentions.**

18/07/5 To approve and sign the accounts for payment for March 2018.

Cllr Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the accounts for payment for March 2018 totalling £4,281.65 be approved and signed.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

18/07/6 To receive a report from Cllr Clark following a visit to a GovNet conference in December.

Cllr Clark gave an in depth report regarding his visit to the Blue Light Innovation conference he attended in December 2017. The report was received by all councillors and public present and a copy of which can be obtained from the clerk.

18/07/7 MOTION: To approve HPC's organisation of another pantomime production (Cinderella) through Chaplin's Entertainment in November / December 2018; at a cost of £1,479.00 plus VAT. (Quotes from other companies received and circulated).

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Clark that HPC organise another pantomime production through Chaplin's Entertainment in November / December 2018 at a cost of £1,479.00 plus VAT.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously.**

18/07/8 MOTION: To receive recommendation from the finance committee to update the finance committee terms of reference: Other Financial Matters  
B) Any member of the Council may require that any matter dealt with, or intended to be dealt with, by the Finance Committee may be referred up to the full Council to be dealt with, without giving any reason. – To replace "without giving any reason" with "giving a reason".

Cllr Smith felt that altering the finance terms of reference to reflect the above assisted to make HPC more open and transparent. Cllr Thompson felt that this change was undemocratic.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to update the finance committee terms of reference: Other Financial Matters  
B) Any member of the Council may require that any matter dealt with, or intended to be dealt with, by the Finance Committee may be referred up to

the full Council to be dealt with, without giving any reason. – To replace “without giving any reason” with “giving a reason”.

**Motion carried: Four in favour and two against.**

18/07/9 MOTION: To consider a grant application from the In Together – Handforth group for materials and activities for people living with dementia and their carers. Amount requested £1,000.00.

Cllr Samson commented that she had been given the opportunity to visit this group and found them to be an outstanding voluntary organisation.

Cllrs Smith and Clark indicated their support for the work carried out by this group and commented that the application was excellent and fully informative.

Cllr Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the full amount of £1,000.00 is granted to the In-together Handforth group.

**Motion carried: Five in favour and one abstention.**

18/07/10 MOTION: To authorise the Parish Clerk to issue the necessary paperwork to CEC for the next stage of discussion regarding the devolvement of Handforth Youth Centre to Handforth Parish Council. It is understood that the next stage does not commit HPC to any costs or agreement of terms.

Cllr Thompson indicated that he felt the document should be pre drafted and was concerned that the parish council currently did not have a business model. Cllr Thompson also enquired about other assets in Handforth on the list. Cllr Smith noted that this was simply an enquiry form and that it was not committing HPC to any lease or costs. Any further stages would be returned to council for debate.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess to authorise the Parish Clerk to issue the necessary paperwork to CEC for the next stage of discussion regarding the devolvement of Handforth Youth Centre to Handforth Parish Council.

**Motion carried: Four in favour and two against.**

18/07/11 Notices and Correspondence.

The clerk noted correspondence received from CEC about the next SEMMMS consultation, the consultation will open on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March for 6 weeks with a drop in session to be held at Poynton Civic centre on 27<sup>th</sup> March from 3pm until 8pm.

The clerk also reminded all present that the Handforth Neighbourhood Plan regulation 16 consultation will only be running for a further 2.5 weeks if anyone wished to make any comment or representation.

The meeting closed at 8:12pm.

Chair..... Date.....