



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on
Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old
Road, Handforth.**

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

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Parish Clerk
Twelve members of the public.
One PCSO.
One member of the press.

17/15/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr I Clark

17/15/2 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).

None.

17/15/3 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 enquired under item 17/15/8 as to where the children who would be attending the coaching sessions come from, would it be Handforth and how would they be informed the activities were taking place. The applicant noted that it would be open to all interested children from Handforth and the wider area. They would advertise with a leaflet drop, as well as on community notice boards, websites and at local schools.

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17/15/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 11th April 2017.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the minutes be amended to reflect that the additional documentation from Cllr Smiths statement including documents and emails be made available through the clerk to Councillors, press and the public.

Resolved: Unanimously.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the minutes of the HPC meeting of 11th April 2017 be approved and signed.

Motion Carried: Five in favour and one abstention.

17/15/5 To approve and sign the accounts for payment for May 2017.

It was noted that the two items relating to the neighbourhood plan were covered by a grant received from My Community to the value of £7,077.00.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson to approve and sign the May 2017 accounts for payment totalling £7,807.90.

Resolved: Unanimously.

17/15/6 To receive a report from the clerk.

The clerks report was received by all members present.

17/15/7 To receive a report from the chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Group.

The chairman of the neighbourhood plan group gave an update to all members and public present regarding progress made with the emerging Handforth Neighbourhood Plan. This report was received and is appended to the minutes.

17/15/8 MOTION: To Consider a grant application from the Handforth Hall Tennis Club, to provide 3 X replacement nets and 3 x free tennis coaching camps for children. Amount requested £997.20.

Cllr Thompson asked the applicant as to whether they had applied to Sports England for grant funding. The applicant responded to say, that Sports England would not pay for the costs of replacement equipment, and they had not applied. The applicant continued to note that they had sought funding

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from a local source, i.e. HPC for this local activity. Cllr Thompson also enquired as to how they were going to inform local school children of the activities. The applicant said that they would leaflet the local schools and also a colleague would possibly go into their assemblies to address the children.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess to approve the grant request made by the Tennis Club totalling £997.20.

Resolved: Unanimously.

17/15/9 MOTION: To utilise the ring-fenced 2017/18 budget allocation for “additional power sources” for the supply and installation of electrical infrastructure to six additional columns in the village that haven’t previously been used, and to alter the ten existing column control gears for accessibility during future Christmas lights switch – on events, using HPC’s current contractor LITE. Cost net of VAT £3,075.00.

It was noted that these infrastructure works would allow hanging Christmas displays in the future on the southern extent of Wilmslow Road in the village.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson to approve these infrastructure works using the above ring-fenced budget allocation.

Resolved: Unanimously.

17/15/10 MOTION: To agree a virement of funds from the contingency fund to the Christmas lights fund of £3,200.00 to further enhance the 2017 Christmas Lights.

A proposal of these enhancements was circulated to all members. Cllr Thompson disagreed that HPC should pay to light up the shops in the village centre. It was noted that the Handforth business group had been approached again to make a donation towards the costs of the Christmas lights.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess that the virement of £3,200.00 from the contingency to the Christmas Lights budget be actioned in order to enhance the 2017 Christmas lights display.

Motion Carried: Four in favour one against and one abstention.

17/15/11 MOTION: To agree a virement of funds from the contingency fund to the Christmas Event fund of £1,000.00 to provide a reindeer display at the Christmas Lights Switch on 2017.

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Cllr Samson noted that these reindeer were from a Cheshire farm, and would therefore not be travelling a great distance; they were to be used in a static display and not a parade.

Cllr Tolver stated he was against the idea and Cllr Thompson considered this a waste of money; and that the money would be better spent on providing presents for the children. Cllr Smith suggested that the council attempt the idea this year to see how the display is received by residents and the children.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Burgess that the virement, as above be actioned and the money be spent on a reindeer display at the Christmas Lights switch on.

Motion Carried: Four in favour and two against.

17/15/12 Notices and Correspondence.

The clerk read out a letter received from David Keane, the Police & Crime Commissioner inviting representatives from town and parish councils to meet with him on Thursday 22nd June 2017 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall in Macclesfield to discuss any issues to be brought to his attention.

Cllr Thompson noted that he received a lot of notices from central government and could the clerk disseminate this to all members.

The meeting closed at 8:13pm.

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