



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on
Tuesday 08th November 2016 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre,
Old Road, Handforth.**

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

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

PART A

16/33/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Burgess & Clark.

16/33/2 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 Received.

16/33/3 Open Forum-

A resident enquired as to why the council were amending the finance committee terms of reference under item 16/33/10. The chair stated it was to ensure that only financial reasons were given for referring an item on the agenda to full council rather than no reason; in the interests of transparency. It was noted the amendment could read, "to give a valid reason".

A resident enquired as to where members DPI's could be found on the website.

The clerk responded to say they can be found under the "members" section on the website, and that you had to click on the councillor's name to open their individual DPI.

A resident enquired as to had there been an increase in recorded accidents in Handforth and was that the reason for item 16/33/11. Councillor Smith responded to note, that it was a precaution to prevent possible accidents.

A resident congratulated the council on its purchase of a SID, but enquired as to whether the brightness could be increased.

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16/33/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC Council meeting of the 11th October 2016.

Cllr Smith queried Cllr Tolver's statement from the minutes of the meeting and noted that he could not find a motion for councillors voting to publish a defamatory statement. He also asked whether a statement could be considered defamatory even though it had not been proven in court. Cllr Tolver responded to note that a statement does not have to be proven to be defamatory; to be so; and as previously noted the council has a duty not to publish anything defamatory.

Cllr Sullivan had been asked by Cllr Burgess who couldn't be present at the meeting, to refute the fact that she had sent an email to Cllr Tolver indicating she had not read the minutes of 18/08/16. Cllr Tolver stated he would endeavour to locate the email and consider circulating it to councillors.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the minutes of the meeting of 11th October 2016 be deferred to the next meeting.

**Motion Carried: Four for and one against.
(Cllrs Samson, Sullivan, Thompson and Tolver for and Cllr Smith against)**

16/33/5 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC Finance committee meeting of the 24th October 2016.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that subject to two amendments noted that the minutes for the HPC Finance committee meeting of the 24th October be signed and approved.

Motion Carried: Unanimous.

16/33/6 To approve and sign the accounts for payment.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the accounts be approved for payment.

**Motion Carried: Four for and one abstention.
(Cllrs Samson, Smith, Sullivan and Thompson for and Cllr Tolver abstained)**

The clerk was asked to increase the size of the font on both the order of payments and agendas in the noticeboard. To make it easier to read.

16/33/7 Report from the Clerk

The clerk's report was received by councillors.

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16/33/8

To review Handforth Parish Councils committee structures and invite any further nominations to:

- The Planning and Environment Committee
Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that Cllr Samson be nominated on to the planning and environment committee.

Motion Carried: Unanimous.

- The Finance Committee
Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that Cllr Samson be nominated onto the Finance committee.

Motion Carried: Unanimous.

- The Employment Committee

No further nominations were received to the employment committee.

16/33/9

MOTION: To give Mr Paul Goodman (HPC’s Planning Consultant) a vote of thanks for his work, on behalf of HPC, in relation to the Local Plan. Cllr Tolver.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that Cllr Tolver draft a letter of thanks to Paul Goodman, HPC’s planning consultant, to be sent to the clerk who will forward on to Paul Goodman.

Motion Carried: Unanimous.

16/33/10

MOTION: To amend the finance committee terms of reference under “Other Financial matters” (B) from:

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

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, giving reason under HPC’s Financial Regulations. Cllr Samson.

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

Motion Carried: Unanimous.

16/33/11 MOTION: To allocate £1,000.00 towards the purchase and installation cost of up to 10 road safety mirrors. A number of locations have already been identified. Additional locations to be determined by councillors and sent to the clerk. Cllr Smith.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith, that, subject to approval from the relevant authorities including CE highways and the police that £1,000.00 is allocated towards the purchase and installation cost of up to 10 road safety mirrors.

Motion Carried: Unanimous.

16/33/12 MOTION: To review the 15-16 projects list and to set the Handforth Parish Council 17-18 projects list. Cllr Samson.

After a thorough review of the 15-16 projects list the 17-18 projects list was set with requests for councillors to give regular updates on all projects which they had put their names down for. The new 17-18 projects list will be circulated to all councillors.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith to adopt the HPC 17-18 Projects list.

Motion Carried: Unanimous.

16/33/13 MOTION: To schedule HPC's Council meeting dates for 2017. Cllr Samson.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to accept the circulated meeting dates for 2017.

Motion Carried: Unanimous.

16/33/14 Notices and Correspondence.

The clerk informed the Councillors and public present that the council meeting to be held on 13th December will take place at 7:30pm as planned, however a representative from Manchester airport will give a short presentation and update to councillors and the public from 7:00pm.

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PART B

Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public will be excluded from this part of the meeting on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business.

16/33/15 To review the clerks remuneration after passing the CiLCA 2015.

In accordance with the clerks contract of employment, Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson that the clerk be moved up one increment on the LGS pay scale from LGS33 to LGS34 after passing CiLCA 2015.

Motion Carried: Unanimous.

The meeting closed at 8:56 pm.

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