

Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Parish Council
held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 7.30pm, The Youth
Centre, Old Road, Handforth

Present: Cllr Samson

Cllr Smith

Cllr Sullivan

Cllr Tolver

Cllr Burgess (arrived for Item 15/21/6)

Cllr I Clark (arrived for Item 15/21/6)

Also present were Mr R Holland, deputising for the Parish Clerk, and 9 members of the public.

15/21/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr M Clark.

15/21/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests.

Cllr Smith declared an interest in item 15/21/9, the Friends of Stanley Hall Park.

15/21/3 Open Forum

No comments or questions received from members of the public.

15/21/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 8th September 2015.

Cllr Tolver highlighted that item 15/19/11 required a seconder to be recorded. Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the amended minutes be approved and signed.

Motion carried: Unanimously

15/21/5 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that the order of payments totalling £6,721.66 be approved.

Resolved: Unanimously

15/21/6 To consider the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Handforth.

Cllr Samson reported that councillors had discussed the need for a Handforth Neighbourhood Plan and believed that it would benefit

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Handforth residents by providing a voice in future planning. Cllr Tolver noted that a Neighbourhood Plan would not have any influence on developments with designated green belt. Cllr Tolver further noted that the likely costs of a Neighbourhood Plan would need to be considered.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Handforth be taken to the next stage which would include establishing the likely costs of the Plan.

Motion carried: Four for and two against

15/21/7 To approve the Handforth PC projects plan for the coming year.

Cllr Tolver noted that certain items on the projects plan relied on backing from Cheshire East Council and were outside the influence of Handforth Parish Council. Cllr Samson highlighted that the plan collated long, medium and short term aims and suggested that all items remain on the list as they represented resident views and would not reduce the Parish Council's efforts in pursuing Cheshire East for resolutions. Cllr Tolver pointed out the need for items in the Plan to be costed.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that the Handforth Parish Council projects plan for the coming year be approved.

Motion carried: Five for and one against

15/21/8 To consider changes to the grant application procedure.

Cllr Sullivan proposed changes to the grant application process and application forms in order to standardise the procedure and ensure all relevant information is received. Cllr Sullivan further suggested that a representative of the applying organisation should attend the council meeting at which their application will be considered in order to support their application and respond to council queries. Cllr Samson added that the Parish Clerk should be available to support applicants through the process.

Cllr I. Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver that the changes proposed to the grant application procedure be approved and that the two-stage process discussed be adopted.

Resolved: Unanimously
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15/21/9 To consider a grant application for £1000 from the Friends of Stanley Hall Park, to assist them in the installation of a fully inclusive picnic area on the site.

Cllr Smith left the meeting for this agenda item as he had declared an interest in the Friends of Stanley Hall Park.

Cllr Samson wished it to be recorded that the grant application received from the Friends of Stanley Hall Park was the most comprehensive that the Parish Council had ever received.

Cllr I. Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that this grant application for £1,000 be approved.

Resolved: Unanimously

15/21/10 To consider an SK9 Youth Group application for £2500 from the Lindow Scouts group.

Cllr Samson clarified that Handforth Parish Council was been asked for a grant of £400, not £2,500, as shown in the agenda.

Cllr I. Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that this grant application for £400 be approved.

Resolved: Unanimously

15/21/11 To confirm that the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will take place on the 10th November 2015.

It was agreed that the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council take place on 10th November 2015 at Handforth Youth Centre.

The meeting closed at 8:05 pm

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