

# Handforth Parish Council

## Newsletter 2017



Welcome to the Handforth Parish Council 2017. We hope that you enjoy reading the content which covers the work of the council over the past year.

### Chairs Report

The first task of the council was to interview for a new parish clerk as John Brooks had tendered his resignation. His work on the council was invaluable and my thanks goes to him for all the help he gave during his time with HPC. The successful applicant was Ashley Comiskey Dawson.

Our year has been one of proactive projects:-

**You asked** for CCTV and this was installed and up and running.

**You asked** for better Christmas Lights and I am sure you will all agree the lights last Christmas was a joy to behold and I hope this coming Christmas will see an even better display along with a Christmas Fair.

**You asked** for a better looking village and we increased the plants and planters and HPC employed Paul Redwood as a handy man and his work in and around the village such as attending to windblown fallen branches, removal of graffiti and litter removal has been well received.

**You asked** for help towards the building of a War Memorial and last Remembrance Day saw in excess of one thousand people both marching and lining the route and our thanks goes out to the War Memorial Trustees who worked so hard to make this happen.

**Handforth Parish Councillors** receive no payment for the job they were elected to carry out and I would like to give my thanks to all those councillors who gave up their time and effort to take on this sometimes difficult task. I am sure seeing the improvements in and around Handforth can only demonstrate to the residents that we are doing our best to make Handforth a happy healthy and worthwhile place to live.

### Village Safety

#### CCTV

CTV cameras were funded by Handforth Parish Council, installed by local business Moore Secure and became operational in 2016. Initial results show the system has been accessed by Cheshire Police on a regular basis in relation to local crime.

#### SID (Speed Indicator Device)

HPC has now acquired a vehicle speed recording system to aid the collection of vital information regarding the volume, speed and frequency of traffic passing through the village.

The data gathered will aid in encouraging drivers to reduce their speed and so make the village safer.

It will also aid in presenting further responses to the Cheshire East Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan Developments.



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## Grants Information – Queens Birthday Awards

HPC continues to support local causes within Handforth, in the last year we also provided Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party awards to:

**Mobility Action Group** held a party for members at Oakmere with entertainment provided by a local dance team who use the Oakmere Village Hall for practice and a guest singer. Catering was provided along with fizz to raise a toast to Her Majesty.

**Oakmere Singers** who held a celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 with entertainment and catering supplied, the party was greatly enjoyed by the 65 residents who attended who also raised a glass to celebrate.

**Both St Benedict's Primary School and Wilmslow Grange School** held parties for the pupils at the with the schools decorated in red, white and blue and royal themes to celebrate with party food, music and games.

**Friends of Stanley Hall Park** who held a 'Right Royal Do' within the park including a dog competition, a baking competition and provided afternoon tea for all attendees.



**St Chads and St Marys Churches** both held a party in the Church Hall for parishioners to celebrate.

These events ensured the Handforth had fantastic opportunities to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II and all were greatly enjoyed by everyone who attended. HPC is happy to have provided these opportunities to the community.

## Other Grants

A number of local groups applied for grants over the period including:

**Hampers of Hope** requested new equipment to assist the Job Club with online job searches and a projector for presentations to members. The group run a job club, food bank and advice centre for users.



**Handforth Library** sought funding to enable summer time activities for all local children to take place in the school holidays..

**Wilmslow Grange** requested and received funding to help provide support for parents and carers of pupils with special needs.

**Friends of Handforth Station** applied for funding towards a decorative gate to be placed at the rear of the station ticket office to improve security.



**St Marys Methodist Church** to help with refurbishments to the church hall and improved access.

**Oakmere Singers** received a grant to purchase new PA equipment for their concerts within the local community.



**Friends of Stanley Hall Park** were awarded funding towards the refurbishment of the path which runs around the perimeter of the park, enabling access to the fully inclusive picnic area.

**St Benedict's Primary School** requested a grant to provide a welcoming meeting and drop in area for parents including new furniture and seating, tea and coffee facilities, baby changing area and information leaflet dispenser.

**St Chads Church** HPC contributed towards a new footpath and disabled access to both the front and rear entrances to the church halls.



**Handforth Tennis Club** received a grant for Summer Tennis Clubs for local children to take place over the May holidays.



## Primary-High School Transition

Early in 2016 HPC, working with Cheshire East Youth Services team, funded a club on a Monday evening for Handforth children in years 6 & 7.

The club is called "Transformers" and is designed to bring together children who are due to move or have recently transitioned from primary to high school.

Pupils from Wilmslow Grange, St Benedicts and Wilmslow Academy were invited to attend. Averaging between 18 and 25 children per week, it became an instant success. The purpose of the group is not only to have fun through team building events, we also work with the children to further educate and reaffirm the schools teachings on bullying, internet safety and any life changing issues they choose to discuss.

The Youth services team already work within Wilmslow High School and this is a great way for the children to begin an instant connection with the staff, and give them a trusted person they can approach if they feel the need. We have recently worked with a new group of children for 2017. It has been wonderful to see the year 7 children share their experiences of starting high school with the year 6s, offering reassurances to them that their journey into high school is not as scary as they may think!

The picture below shows some fabric designs which the children recently created.



It is hoped this will be an ongoing project from HPC and the Youth Services.

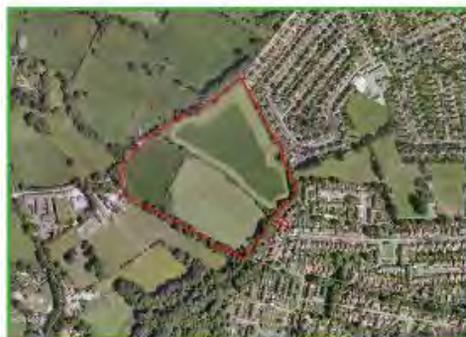
## Local News in Brief

### Local Plan Update

The Planning Inspector has accepted Cheshire East Council's Local Plan for shaping future development in the borough which allocates 2200 new homes in Handforth by 2020. The Local Plan will go before the full Cheshire East Council for a decision on July 27th this year. If approved the Plan will then be adopted by CEC bringing 7 years work to an end. For further information visit [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan).

### CS49 (Land between Sagars Road and Clay Lane)

This is a planned development of 250 houses on land to the west of the village but situated in Styal. The reason this affects Handforth is that the vehicle access to the site is proposed as being via 15 Hampson Crescent which will be demolished to provide access to the site for construction vehicles and in future for residents and also via Meriton Road. For further information please visit the website [www.emeryplanning.com](http://www.emeryplanning.com)



### Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan will set out the vision for Handforth; and once approved it will be a statutory document which can influence planning decisions over the next 15 years.

The Plan is being driven by a steering group of volunteers, all of whom are Handforth residents. They will spend 2017-2018 consulting with all Handforth residents, businesses, community groups and other stakeholders about the content of the plan. Following the consultations, the Steering Group will draft a detailed planning document – the Neighbourhood Plan.

### Village Handyman

Paul Redwood became village handyman in April 2016, To help keep the village neat and tidy, Paul undertakes maintenance work on behalf of the Parish Council, if you know of a project Paul can assist with, please contact the Parish Clerk.

### Local Police

Handforth Parish Council would like to congratulate PCSO Gareth Harding on his tenth anniversary in his role as a PCSO. Gareth will be holding regular police surgeries for residents to discuss matters with him, one to one, at the beat office: Handforth Youth Centre. The times and dates of these will be advertised on HPC's website, Facebook page and on the village noticeboards.

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### Bus Consultation

The public consultation on supported bus services closes on 26<sup>th</sup> July, If you wish to look at the plans Cheshire East have for supported bus services and have your say, please visit the East Cheshire web site, [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/busreview](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/busreview).