



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on
Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old
Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Barry Burkill, Cllr Aled Brewerton, Cllr Susan Moore, Cllr Cynthia Samson, Cllr John Smith & Cllr Brian Tolver (Chair of Handforth Parish Council).

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Parish Clerk
Seven members of the public.
One PCSO.

20/08/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Jean Thompson.

20/08/2 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.

20/08/3 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 noted he had passed on a document concerning Coronavirus and what a community should do to the clerk. They also gave a very brief update on the AfA project at the station indicating that the GRIP3 stage had now been signed off by Network Rail and there will be a meeting arranged for the FoHS in Late May / Early June 2020.

A resident noted a great number of councils had reports from chairs and Ward councillor's on their agendas.

20/08/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 11th February 2020.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Brewerton to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 11th February 2020.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/08/5 To approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for March 2020.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Brewerton to approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for March 2020 totalling £6,413.05.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/08/6 Chairman's Report: In January, it was announced that the rate of clearing-up crime in England was just over 7%. I have been compiling statistics for Handforth for three years, and writing to the Police Commissioner asking for action, as the clear-up rate locally is less than a quarter of the national rate. I am therefore delighted that the Policing numbers are now to be increased, and the Commissioner has confirmed to me that Handforth will soon have its own dedicated named Police Officer, in addition to our PCSO. I will continue to track the statistics.

Report received.

20/08/7 MOTION: To receive any reports from Handforth Ward Councillors.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to receive the report.

**Motion failed: Three in favour and three against.
(The chair used his casting vote against).**

20/08/8 MOTION: To confirm the date of the next Handforth Parish Council meeting as 14th April 2020.

Councillor's discussed the impact of Coronavirus on holding Parish Council meetings and for councillors and the clerk. It was agreed that the clerk ensure there is hand sanitiser on site and that HPC will act in accordance with any government guidelines issued around public gatherings as information becomes available.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm.

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