

**Minutes of Handforth Parish Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013**  
**at the Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllrs Barnes (arrived at 6:58 pm)  
Cllr Samson Chair for this meeting  
Cllr Small  
Cllr Thompson

Also present Mr J Brooks Parish Clerk.

It was unanimously agreed immediately before the start of the meeting that Cllr Samson would act as Chair in the absence of Cllr Pincombe.

13/12/1 To receive apologies for absence.  
Apologies were received from Councillor Martin and Councillor Pincombe.

13/12/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests.  
Cllr Small informed the meeting that he had a personal interest in item 13/12/6 as he lived near to this property.

13/12/3 Open Forum  
Mrs Bridge asked if HPC knew of any plans to replace the horse chestnut tree recently cut down outside the Paddock. Cllr Samson responded that she would like to see a Christmas tree located at this point and that the Clerk would investigate the matter with CEC.

Mrs Fox asked why an election poster for Mr Tolver had been removed from the Spath Lane Residents notice boards. Cllr Samson confirmed that the notice board in question was not controlled by HPC but she understood that the leaflet was removed as proper permission to use the notice board had not been given.

Mrs Cracknall brought to the Council's attention the poor condition of Woodlands Road, she was informed that her complaint would be forward to CEC Highways.

Mr Shenton expressed concern about damage to the signage on the roundabout at the junction of the A555 and Wilmslow Road. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact CEC Highways.

There was a proposal from Cllr Thompson that items 13/12/4 to 7 (all planning related) be considered at the end of the meeting.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

13/12/8 To receive a verbal report from PCSO G Harding on policing in Handforth.

PCSOs Harding and Woolley answered questions from both the public and councillors. Mr Shenton raised the issue of the PCSOs using cycles, PCSO Harding responded that in many cases it was more practical to make use of available motor vehicles. Mr Samson asked what measures the police were undertaking to stop the nuisance caused by off road motor cycles. He was informed that it was not police policy to chase such vehicles, but to rely on information from the public that could lead to the issuing of confiscation orders.

Cllr Samson asked the officers present if there was anything HPC could do to help them. PCSO Harding stated that burglaries were currently a problem in the area and it was suggested HPC might encourage residents to join homewatch schemes.

Cllr Samson thanked both officers for attending the meeting.

Cllr Barnes joined the meeting at this point.

13/12/9 To consider the establishment of a Youth Forum/Panel, in conjunction with other councils in the Wilmslow LAP.

Mr M Marshall a CEC officer gave the meeting a brief presentation and then went on to answer questions. Cllrs Thompson and Barnes both felt that more detail was required before any commitment to this scheme could be made. Cllr Samson was concerned about the size of the proposed financial contribution, when compared with the monies Wilmslow Town Council had set aside. Wilmslow TC being a much larger council, with a bigger precept. Cllr Small asked how the representatives to the forum would be selected, and was informed that this would be something that the youth workers would ensure was equitable.

There was a proposal from Cllr Thompson that in principle HPC supports the establishment of a youth forum.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

Mr Marshall agreed to provide further details about the operation of the youth forum which will be considered at a later meeting.

13/12/10 To consider a grant application for up to £750 from Cycle Wilmslow.

Councillors considered that there was conflicting information in this application and the Clerk was asked to contact the applicant and ask them to resubmit the grant form.

13/12/11 To approve the HPC minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Cllr Samson

proposed that the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 be approved with minor typographical changes.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

13/12/12 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report was noted.

13/12/13 To approve accounts for payment.

There was a proposal from Cllr Small, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the accounts for payment of £7340.72 be approved.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

13/12/14 To approve the HPC Risk assessment produced by the Finance Committee.

There was a proposal from Cllr Thompson that the risk assessment be approved.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

13/12/15 To consider the recommendations from the Employment Committee that the Clerk receive an increment as per his contract of employment.

There was a proposal from Cllr Thompson seconded by Cllr Barnes that the Employment Committee's recommendation be adopted, and the Clerk receive an increment.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

13/12/16 To approve the transfer of £9,350 to an on-going projects reserve.

Cllr

Thompson proposed seconded by Cllr Small that the transfer of £9350 to an on-going reserves fund be approved.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

13/12/17 To consider the expenditure of up to £500 on a laptop computer and associated software for us by councillors (RS).

Cllr Barnes proposed seconded by Cllr Small that this purchase be approved.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

13/12/18 To approve the Accounting Statement in Section 1 of the Annual Return 2012/3.

Cllr Thompson proposed that Section 1 of the Annual Return be approved.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

At this point Cllr Thompson left the meeting, as he did not agree with the use of powerpoint to present planning information.

13/12/4 To consider a response to planning application 13/0735M, the erection of 175 houses on land south of Coppice Way Handforth.

There was a proposal from Cllr Small seconded by Cllr Barnes that this proposed development be opposed for the following reasons.

- 1.This greenfield site is currently safeguarded land.
2. HPC have requested that, in the new Local Plan, this site forms part of of a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF
3. The Draft Handforth Town Strategy Consultation Report showed that a significant number of respondents did not want this site to be developed.
4. Development of the site would have an adverse effect of the flora and fauna of Hall Wood - a neighbouring site of special biological importance.
5. Should permission be given to Greystone UK to build a care village on land to the north of the site, the access road for the Jones Homes development would pass right through the heart of the care village.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

13/12/5 To consider planning application 12/4723M, the installation of an ATM at the Spar Store 118 Wilmslow Road, Handforth.

Cllr Samson proposed seconded by Cllr Small that this application be supported.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

13/12/6 To consider a retrospective planning application 13/1362M, 3 Old Hall Crescent, Handforth, the installation of a 1.8 metre high fence.

Cllr Samson proposed that this application be supported.

**Motion carried: 2 for 1 abstention.**

13/12/7 To consider planning application 13/1401M, 3 Grangeway, Handforth, the erection of a side and rear extension.

Cllr Small proposed that this application be supported.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

13/12/19 To agree the date of the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual parish meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at a venue to be agreed.

13/12/20 To agree the date of the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council.

The next meeting of Handforth parish Council will be held at 7:15pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> May at The Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

Chair of HPC.....

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