

**Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Parish Council held
on Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 7:15pm, The Youth
Centre, Old Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Harrison
Cllr Martin
Cllr Pincombe (Chairman)
Cllr Thompson
Cllr Tolver

Also present Mr J Brooks Parish Clerk, Ward Cllr Mahon (from 7:45) and 18 members of the public.

Before opening the meeting Cllr Pincombe informed the public that he would act as Chairman due to Cllr Samson's illness.

Members of the SK9 Youth Group gave a brief talk about the composition of the group and the work they hope to undertake in the future.

Cllr Pincombe thanked them for attending the meeting.

Part A

14/02/1 To receive apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllr Samson due to illness.

14/02/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests- none.

14/02/3 Open Forum.

A resident expressed concern that the item on CCTV provision in the village concerned finance and was being discussed without the press or public being present. At the Chairman's request, the Clerk responded that due to the confidential nature of the business it was necessary to follow this course of action.

14/02/4 To approve the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 10th December 2013.

Cllr Thompson raised a query about item 13/32/6, stating that he did not consider that the account from Dor-2-Dor had been approved. The Clerk explained that all of the outstanding accounts had been voted on and approved, but that the Clerk was to investigate why Cllr Thompson had not received a leaflet. The Clerk had determined that other residents in Knowle Park had received leaflets, so the account was paid.

Cllr Harrison proposed, seconded by Cllr Pincombe that the minutes be approved.

Motion carried: 3 for and 2 abstentions.

14/02/5 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report focussed on the Christmas decorations in Handforth centre and the success of the Oakmere Singers performances. Cllr Pincombe thanked Cllr Harrison for the work he had undertaken in connection with the installation of the wall mounted mini Christmas trees.

14/02/6 To approve accounts for payment.

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

Resolved: unanimously.

14/02/7 To review the operation and future support of the Funsid Club (Junior Youth Club).

A verbal report on the Funsid Club was received from Mrs M Smith a CEC officer. Cllr Martin suggested that both children and adults from churches in Handforth be invited to join the Funsid Club, the Clerk to contact these organisations. Cllr Harrison proposed, seconded by Cllr Martin that this item be brought back to the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/02/8 To agree the precept for the financial year 2014/15
Cllr Pincombe
proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the precept for the financial
year 2014/15 remain at the current level of £85,000.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/02/9 To consider the future of Handforth Parish Council surgeries.
There was
a proposal from Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Pincombe that
Handforth Parish Council surgeries continue in their current format,
*monthly meetings, with councillors rotating the duty, to be reviewed in
April 2014.*

Resolved: unanimously.

14/02/10 To consider amending the Handforth Parish Council Standing Orders.

There was a proposal from Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Tolver that
the Handforth Parish Council Standing Orders be amended so that at a
member's request, ballots for the position of Chair or Vice-Chair of the
Council, Committees or Working Groups be determined by secret
ballot.

Motion carried: 3 for 2 against.

14/02/11 To consider a written report from Cllr Thompson establishing portfolios
for individual councillors.

Cllr Thompson explained the background to
his report and the benefits of adopting it. Cllr Pincombe responded
that the range of topics was too wide ranging and more in keeping with
the duties and responsibilities of a unitary authority. The benefit of
gaining expertise was recognised by all councillors, and Cllr Thompson's
report was noted without recourse to a vote.

14/02/12 To approve the expenditure of up to £1000 on litter bins to be sited in Handforth.

There was a proposal from Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Pincombe that this expenditure be approved.

14/02/13 To agree the date and time of the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council.

It was agreed without a vote that there would be a meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee on the 28th January 2014 at 12:30 pm and of the Full Council on the 11th February 2014 at 7:15 pm. Both meetings are to be held at Handforth Youth Centre.

Chairman..... Date.....