

**Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on
Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 7:15pm, The Youth Centre, Old
Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Fox

Cllr Harrison

Cllr Martin

Cllr Small

Cllr Thompson Chairman to item 14/06/3

Cllr Tolver Chairman from item 14/06/3

Also present Mr J Brooks, Parish Clerk, ward Cllrs Burkhill & Mahon and forty five members of the public.

14/06/1 To receive apologies for absence- none.

14/06/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests- none.

14/06/3 To elect a Chair of Handforth Parish Council.

Cllr Martin proposed,
seconded by Cllr Small that Cllr Tolver be elected Chairman of Handforth
Parish Council.

Motion carried: 4 for and 2 abstentions.

14/06/4 Open Forum-

A question was asked regarding item 14/06/9 promotion of the Council enquiring if the Council had considered opening a Facebook account and using this as a means to communicate with residents of Handforth. Cllr Tolver responded that HPC was prepared to consider this means of communication, but limited resources may make it impractical. The Clerk was asked a number of questions about the budget for both 2014/5 and also for the previous two years.

There were a number of residents who expressed general disappointment about the lack of projects that HPC had supported since 2011. The Clerk was also asked questions about the reserves that Handforth PC held. He went on to explain that there were two main reserves, the devolved services/transfer of assets reserve and an operating reserve together totalling £142.5k. Concern was expressed by a number of residents that with reserves of this magnitude why HPC could not give a grant to the Handforth Club of the Royal British Legion. Cllr Tolver explained that it was not that HPC would not necessarily support the Club, but that before doing so they had to be sure that it was public money being prudently spent, and that they were seeking much more information from the Club and the Royal British Legion. Questions were also asked about which projects the Council would support in the coming year.

14/06/5 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 11th February 2014.

Cllr Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison that the minutes of the meeting of the 11th February 2014 be approved and signed.

Motion carried: 4 for, 2 abstentions.

14/06/6 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report was noted.

14/06/7 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Small asked a question about the cheque for the traffic survey. He was informed by the Chairman that the information from the survey would be used to support HPC's response to the proposed Cheshire East Local Plan. Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison that the order of payments totalling £10558.09 be approved.

Resolved: Unanimously.

14/06/8 To receive a verbal report from Cllr Thompson on the latest meeting of the Wilmslow Local Area Partnership.

Cllr Thompson started his report by stating that a comprehensive written document would be circulated to councillors in the next week. He went on to highlight the two main points of interest, the Snow Angels voluntary group that helps elderly people in the winter and the restructuring of the Wilmslow Local Area Partnership. Cllr Thompson's report was noted.

14/06/9 To consider the expenditure of £500 on promotional equipment for Handforth Parish Council.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Small that this expenditure be approved.

Resolved: Unanimously.

14/06/10 To approve additional signatories for the Handforth Parish Council bank account.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Martin that the names of Cllrs Fox and Small be added to the list of approved cheques signatories.

Resolved: Unanimously.

14/06/11 To agree the date and time of the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council.

It was agreed that the next meeting of Handforth parish Council would take place on Tuesday 8th April 2014, 7:15 pm at Handforth Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....