

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

Present: Cllr Harrison
Cllr Martin
Cllr Samson (Chair of Handforth Parish Council)
Cllr Thompson
Cllr Tolver

Also present Mr J Brooks Parish Clerk, Ward Cllrs Burkhill and Mahon and thirty eight members of the public.

14/04/1 To receive apologies for absence- none.

14/04/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests.

The following personal
interests were declared.

Cllr Samson item 14/04/9, Cllr Harrison item 14/04/8

Cllr Martin items 14/04/8 and 14/04/9, Cllr Thompson item 14/04/8

14/04/3 To appoint a Vice-Chair of Handforth Parish Council following the resignation of Cllr D H Pincombe.

Cllr Martin proposed and Cllr Tolver
seconded the nomination of Cllr Thompson. Cllr Samson proposed Cllr
Harrison but as it was not seconded this proposal failed.

**The motion to appoint Cllr Thompson as Vice-Chair of Handforth
Parish Council was carried with 3 for and 2 abstentions.**

14/04/4 Open Forum-

Concern was expressed by a member of the public that if
the grant application in item 14/4/8 was approved; the money would
be given to support a private business. Comments were also made
about item 14/04/12 Footpath 91, questioning the suitability of the

proposed care home for people with severe dementia. There was support from the public for the Royal British Legion Grant application.

14/04/5 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 14th January 2014.

Cllr Thompson asked for addition details to be added to item 14/02/09. Cllr Harrison proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver that the amended minutes be approved.

Motion carried 4 for and 1 abstention.

14/04/6 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report was noted.

14/04/7 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Harrison proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the accounts for payment of £3664.42 be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/04/8 To consider a grant application for £1500 from Handforth Craft Fairs.

Councillors agreed without a vote that they required more information on this item before a decision could be made. The Clerk was asked to contact the applicant to obtain the necessary material.

14/04/9 To consider a grant application for £10,000 from the Handforth Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Cllr Thompson asked if the Handforth Branch of the Royal British Legion was a business, as it was registered at Companies House. Information from members of the association confirmed that this was the case. Concern was expressed by councillors about the long term viability of the British Legion in Handforth and that financial projections of future income would aid the decision making process.

Cllr Harrison proposed that this grant application be supported. **The proposal failed as it was not seconded.**

14/04/10 To consider the approval of additional cheque signatories.
There was a proposal from Cllr Harrison, seconded by Cllr Thompson that Cllr Harrison be added to the list of councillors who can sign cheques on behalf of Handforth PC.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/04/11 To consider the appointment of representatives to the Wilmslow Local Area Partnership.

Cllr Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver that Cllrs Harrison and Thompson be appointed as HPC representatives to the Wilmslow Local Area Partnership.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/04/12 To consider a response to Cheshire East Council regarding Footpath 91.

There was a proposal from Cllr Tolver, seconded by Cllr Martin that the Clerk be instructed to write to CEC, stating that HPC no longer wished to continue its objection to the diversion of Footpath 91.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/04/13 To consider the expenditure of up to £1200 on Hanging Baskets to be sited within the retail area of Handforth.

The Clerk explained to the meeting that it would be CEC who would install, maintain and remove the hanging baskets referred to in this item. Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison that that this expenditure be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/04/14 To consider policing priorities in Handforth, part of a Local Area Partnership wide review.

Councillors agreed without a vote that the Clerk should write to Inspector Mills inviting her to contact Handforth PC, with a view to discussing policing priorities in the village.

14/04/15 To agree the date and time of the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council.

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

The meeting closed at 8:25 pm

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

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