

**Minutes of Handforth Parish Council meeting held on the
10th June 2014, 7:30 pm Handforth Youth Centre.**

Present: Cllr Chapman

Cllr Fox

Cllr Harrison

Cllr Small

Cllr Thompson

Cllr Tolver, Chairman of Handforth Parish Council.

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

14/12/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr
Martin.

14/12/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests- none.

14/12/3 Open Forum

A number of questions were asked about the siting of the planters (item 14/12/9). Cllr Tolver responded that Cheshire East Highways wanted to see the planters on private property, rather than on the highway, hence the choice of outside the shops on Wilmslow Road. A question was asked about the possibility of installing barrier mounted planters, on the railings outside the shops on Plumley Road. Cllr Tolver commented that the Council had considered this area but there was some doubt as to who owned the railings, further investigations would be made. There was a question about using voluntary groups to undertake maintenance work, Cllr Tolver responded that he had made enquiries about the Handforth Gardening Society, but many members lived outside of the Village and were of an age where they may not be able to help the Council on a regular basis. There was a single question about items 14/12/11 to 14, changes to the terms of reference of committees. Cllr Tolver stated that it had become necessary to amend the terms of references in order to meet new

challenges that the Council was facing, an example being the forthcoming Local Plan examination.

14/12/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 13th May 2014.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the minutes of the 13th May 2014 be approved and signed.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/12/5 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report was noted.

14/12/6 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Small proposed, seconded by Cllr Fox that the accounts for payment of £3616.82 be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/12/7 To consider a response to the Internal Audit Report.

Councillors considered both the Internal Audit report and the Clerk's recommendations regarding the follow up actions. Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Small that the all of the recommendations be approved and acted upon where necessary.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/12/8 To approve the expenditure of £500 on grounds maintenance equipment.

Cllr Harrison proposed, seconded by Cllr Small that the expenditure of up to £500 on grounds maintenance equipment be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/12/9 To approve the expenditure of £5000 on planters and associated plants, to be sited in the Village centre.

Cllr Harrison proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the expenditure of up to £5000 on planters, troughs and associated plants be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/12/10 To consider a request from the SK9 Group for £282.50, in financial support to run a fishing competition.

Cllr Harrison proposed, seconded by Cllr Small that the expenditure of £282.50 for the SK9 fishing competition be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/12/11 To approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee.

Cllr Small proposed a number of additions to the terms of reference. There was a proposal from Cllr Small, seconded by Cllr Harrison that these amendments be incorporated into the draft Terms of Reference that had been circulated with the agenda.

Motion carried: 3 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

Cllr Harrison proposed, seconded by Cllr Small that the main document with the four additions be adopted.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/12/12 To approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Local Plan.

Cllr Small commented that he did not think it would be correct for any councillor (or their close family) who owned commercial property to speak on behalf of the Council with reference to the Local Plan. Cllr Harrison expressed concerns about item five in the Terms of Reference, which if approved would give the Chair a degree of discretion when making representations about the Local Plan.

Cllr Tolver responded that the HPC representative had to have some discretion when speaking to the Inspector at the Examination, otherwise there was no point having a representative at all- the written

report from HPC would need to stand on its own without explanation. Cllr Tolver added that whoever represented the Council would inevitably have his/her own views, whether as an individual, as part of a residents group or representing a political party.

Cllr Small also expressed concern about members of the Hands off Handforth Green Belt speaking on behalf of the Council, as they may give the wrong impression of the Council's views as a whole. There was a proposal from Cllr Tolver, seconded by Cllr Fox that the Local Plan Terms of Reference (as circulated) be approved.

Motion carried: 4 for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

14/12/13 To approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison that the Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee be approved without amendment.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/12/14 To approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Employment Committee.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the Terms of Reference for the Employment Committee be approved without amendment.

Resolved: unanimously.

14/12/15 To approve the amended guidelines for grant applications.

Cllr Harrison stated that he considered that the ceiling on individual grants of £1000 was too low. Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Small that the grant guidelines be approved without amendment.

Motion Carried: 5 for and 1 against.

14/12/16 To confirm that the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will take place on the 8th July 2014, 7:30 pm at Handforth Youth Centre.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....