

**Minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old
Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Chapman

Cllr Fox

Cllr Harrison

Cllr Scott

Cllr Thompson

Cllr Tolver (Chairman of Handforth Parish Council)

Also present Mr Brooks, Parish Clerk, CEC Cllr Mahon and twenty three members of the public.

15/01/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Clark.

15/01/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests- none.

Cllr Tolver informed the meeting that item 15/01/9 would be deferred to a later meeting.

15/01/3 Open Forum- A resident asked a number of questions about the water bowser which the Clerk was asked to respond to. It was correct that Handforth PC had been offered a bowser free of charge, but the carrying capacity was such that a tractor would be required to tow it. The Clerk confirmed that if the purchase of the bowser was approved, no member of the council would be supplying the equipment. Responding to a question about how adjoining councils watered their plants, the clerk informed the meeting that Poynton TC had their own electric powered bowser and that Wilmslow TC used the services of a contractor.

15/01/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 9th December 2014.

Cllr Fox proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 9th December 2014 be approved and signed.

Motion carried: Four for and two abstentions.

15/01/5 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report was noted.

15/01/6 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver that the accounts for payment of £2850.50 be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

Cllr Harrison asked when there would be a Finance meeting at which the Chair of the committee could provide a quarterly report to members. The Clerk confirmed that a Finance Committee meeting was planned for Wednesday 28th January.

15/01/7 To consider devolving approval of the final drafts of Handforth PC newsletters to the Newsletter Working Group.

It was agreed without a vote that Cllr Thompson would join Cllrs Tolver, Harrison and Fox on the Newsletter Working Group. Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Fox that approval of the final drafts of Handforth PC newsletters be devolved to the Newsletter Working Group.

Motion carried: five for and one against.

15/01/8 To approve the expenditure of up to £1000 on a water bowser.

Cllr Thompson explained how planters and troughs in Handforth were currently watered in Handforth. The costing showed that the capital cost of purchasing a water bowser would be repaid through savings after approximately four years. Cllr Harrison proposed that he sought more prices from contractors for watering the planters. This proposal was not seconded and therefore failed. Cllr Thompson proposed,

seconded by Cllr Chapman that the expenditure of up to £1000 on a water bowser be approved.

Motion carried: five four and one against.

15/01/9 To consider a grant application from the Handforth Mobility Access Group for £1000-this item was deferred until a later meeting.

15/01/10 To confirm that the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will take place on the 10th February 2015.

It was agreed that the next meeting of Handforth Parish Council will take place on the Tuesday 10th February 2015, 7:30 pm at Handforth Youth Centre.

The meeting closed at 7:57 pm.

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