



**Minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 12th July 2016 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old Road,
Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Clark

Cllr Samson (Chair of Handforth Parish Council)

Cllr Smith

Cllr Sullivan

Cllr Thompson

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Parish Clerk and 14 members of the public.

16/21/1 To receive apologies for absence.
Apologies received from Cllr's Burgess and Tolver.

16/21/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests.
Cllr Thompson declared an interest in item 16/21/11 (as a member of the Friends of Handforth Station Group FoHS) Cllr Clark declared he had been a member of FoHS until one year ago.

16/21/3 Open Forum-

A resident asked a question about item 16/21/5, the chair responded that a formal complaint had been made about the item and it was under review by Cheshire East Council. The resident then made a statement regarding item 16/21/13, he noted that the new building contained 44 apartments, and felt that the development had attracted little public interest with only 4 objections being raised; he stated that there would not only be a loss of privacy for existing residents in the area, but a loss of green space and even though the local housing strategy needed a component of affordable housing, none had been put forward in this application.

16/21/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the HPC meeting of the 14th June 2016.

Cllr Thompson proposed an amendment to item 16/16/4; the removal of the line "Cllr Samson highlighted that under Item 16/14/10, Cllr Smith should have been listed as a member of the Planning & Environment Committee." Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that subject to the removal of this line the minutes from the 14th June 2016 be approved and signed.

Resolved: unanimously.

Cllr Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Samson moved too bring item 16/21/11 forward on the agenda subject to standing order Sec5 A(6) for reasons of urgency.

Resolved: unanimously.

16/21/11 To consider a grant application from Friends of Handforth Station (FoSH) for £1000.00 towards the costs of a new gateway.

Cllr Thompson left the room during the debate and the vote. Cllr Smith opened the debate by asking Mr Bishop (in attendance as the representative for FoSH) is there a high level of vandalism at the station, would the new gate prevent said vandalism and was the gate plain in design. Mr Bishop responded stating that the vandalism was not as bad as in other areas, but that the new gate would, hopefully prevent further instances, as it was lockable and only accessible by railway staff. He also noted that a basic gate was very plain which is why FoSH wished to add the arches and design artwork. Cllr Smith proceeded to enquire whether young people would be involved with the project. Mr Bishop stated that the work would be done by a professional artist, but young people would be involved with the design. Cllr Clark noted that FoSH had raised £900.00 towards the project, and was concerned with access for less mobile individuals, Cllr Clark also enquired whether Network Rail had been approached for a donation. Mr Bishop responded by stating that network rail had offered £250.00 for the plain gate and that the application was for a more enhanced project as a "Gateway for Handforth" Mr Bishop noted that the access considerations were being discussed with a local developer, and agreement had been received in principle, regarding the northbound route.

Cllr Clark proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the grant for £1,000.00 be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

16/21/5 The HPC Extra Ordinary meeting of the 10th June 2016 is under review by Cheshire East Council.

16/21/6 To approve accounts for payment.

Cllr Thompson stated that prior to issuing grant payments, receipts should be obtained from the beneficiary organisation. Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the accounts for payment totalling £7,983.96 be approved.

Resolved: unanimously.

16/21/7 Report from the Clerk

The Clerks report was read out during the meeting and noted by councillors.

16/21/8 MOTION: To set up a working group to agree or amend Handforth Parish Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct, Planning and Environment Regulations and Grant Awarding Policy.

Councillors not present at the meeting will be invited to join the working group by the clerk. Cllr Smith Proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the working group be set up.

Resolved: unanimously.

16/21/9 MOTION: To consider Handforth Parish Council joining the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) – Membership fee: £1,071.73

Cllr Samson Proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that Handforth Parish Council join ChALC incurring the membership fee of £1,071.73

Motion carried: Three for and two abstentions.

16/21/10 MOTION: To amend the planning and environment committee terms of reference (paragraph 7) from:

“Presentations at meetings of the local authority's Strategic Planning Board or at appeals (e.g. public inquiries) will be drafted by the Planning & Environment Committee. The Planning & Environment Committee will select one of its members to deliver the presentation.”

To:

“Presentations at meetings of the local authority's Strategic Planning Board or at appeals (e.g. public inquiries) will be drafted by the Planning & Environment Committee. The Planning & Environment Committee will select one of its members; [or nominate any council member] to deliver the presentation.”

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith to amend paragraph 7 of the Planning & Environment committees' terms of reference as stated.

Resolved: unanimously.

16/21/12 To fund the youth activities "Holiday Club 7 – 12" to take place across three dates at the Handforth Youth Centre, up to the sum of £570.00 as agreed in the HPC 16/17 budget.

Cllr Thompson asked how do we financially quantify what HPC give to the youth service. Cllr Clark enquired does CEC pay the youth service staff. Cllr Sullivan noted that CEC provide both the staffing and the building; and that this activity is a holiday club open to all children in Handforth. The amount requested is in respect to refreshments and art and craft activities. There had been an upsurge in the number of children requesting attendance since the activities held over Easter.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson that the youth activities holiday club be funded up to the sum of £570.00.

Motion carried: Three for and two abstentions.

16/21/13 To consider planning application 16/2614M, Cypress House, South Acre Drive, Handforth.

The Parish Council recommends refusal of this application on the grounds that they consider this an overdevelopment of the site; and one that is not in keeping with the area. There is a lack of parking provision in this area and the development will only serve to exacerbate the problem.

Resolved: unanimously.

16/21/14 Notices and Correspondence.

The Chair received an invitation to the Poynton civic service, to be held on the 17th July 2016

The Meeting closed at 8:25 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....