



Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Parish Council
Finance Committee held on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at
6:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

Present: Cllr Aled Brewerton (Chair of the Finance Committee)

Cllr Barry Burkhill

Cllr Susan Moore

Cllr Cynthia Samson

Cllr Jean Thompson

Cllr Brian Tolver

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson - Parish Clerk.

Five members of the public.

19/29/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

19/29/2 To note Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss, or discuss and vote on a matter in which a Member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (DPI).

Cllr Tolver declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 19/29/10 and would not vote on the matter.

19/29/3 Open Forum- Comment and questions concerning items on this agenda may be put to the Council by the public during this period. Matters which, in the Chairman's view require debate and/or a discussion will be referred to the next Committee/Council meeting, as appropriate. The Public Forum is restricted to 15 minutes, unless the Chairman allows otherwise.

The representative from the Scout Group asked that item 19/29/10 be moved up the agenda. The chair granted this request.

19/29/4 To elect a vice chairman to the finance committee.

Cllr Brewerton proposed Cllr Tolver, seconded by Cllr Thompson.

Motion Carried: Four in Favour, one against with one abstention.

Cllr Moore voted against and Cllr Samson Abstained.

Cllr Tolver was duly elected as vice chairman to the finance committee.

19/29/5 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council Finance committee meeting held on 08th October 2019.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Brewerton to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council finance meeting held on 08th October 2019.

Resolved: Unanimously.

19/29/6 Recommendations for expenditure:

a) To retrospectively approve the following items:

None.

b) To consider any other recommendations/requests:

- For the purchase, supply and install of the Handforth Village Christmas Tree. Plus subsequent removal and recycling. Up to a maximum of £800.00 plus VAT.
- To support the Handforth Youth Club Christmas crafts and activities requested by the Youth Leader totalling: £106.71.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve the above recommendations/ requests.

Resolved: Unanimously.

19/29/7 To receive a copy of the Interim audit report.

The Interim audit was received by all councillors present.

Cllr Samson noted that the internal auditor had recommended that once CIL begins to be paid to HPC the council should move from a receipts and payments accounts system to an income and expenditure based system. Councillors felt that this switch should be made starting in the new financial year.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore.

Resolved: Unanimously.

19/29/8 To make recommendation to full council with regards setting the financial year 20/21 budget.

Cllr Samson requested that the ring-fenced reserves be broken down into revenue and capital reserves.

Cllr Brewerton proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson to recommend the 20/21 budget proposal to full council for approval with this alteration.

Motion carried: Five in favour with one abstention.

19/29/9 To make recommendation to full council with regards setting the precept for financial year 20/21.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver to recommend to the full council that the precept remain the same for financial year 20/21 at £85,000.00.

Resolved: Unanimously.

19/29/10 To consider a grant application received from the 1st Handforth Scout Group totalling £500.00 towards refurbishment of the main hall lighting system, and make recommendations to full council.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Burkhill to recommend approval of the grant application for the requested sum of £500.00 to the full council.

Motion carried: Five in favour with one abstention.

The meeting closed at 6:53pm.

Cllr Aled Brewerton
Chair of Handforth Parish Council Finance committee
12th November 2019