



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 08<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre,  
Old Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Aled Brewerton, Cllr Barry Burkhill, Cllr Susan Moore, Cllr Cynthia Samson, Cllr John Smith, Cllr Jean Thompson & Cllr Brian Tolver (Chair of Handforth Parish Council).

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

19/28/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

19/28/2 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 Moore declared a pecuniary interest in item 19/28/13 and would not take part in the vote and would withdraw from the debate.

19/28/3 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.

A resident questioned item 19/28/6 and enquired as to the financial health of HPC. The same resident also commented on item 19/28/7 and noted that they felt this was a good idea.

A resident commented on item 19/28/6 and welcomed the payment to the Pipe Band and inquired as to whether HPC were going to make this an ongoing arrangement.

A resident commented on item 19/28/13 and noted they felt there wasn't a great deal of ASB in the Paddock and the installation of CCTV would just

displace any problems elsewhere. The same resident enquired on item 19/28/14 and inquired how this would work.

19/28/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Cllr Thompson proposed, with a minor correction to item 19/25/11, seconded by Cllr Tolver to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**Motion carried: Six in favour with one abstention.**

19/28/5 To approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for October 2019.

Cllr Brewerton proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve and sign the order of payments for October 2019 totalling £4,868.05.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/28/6 Chairman's Statement re Annual Chair's Fund  
For many years, there has been a discretionary annual fund of £1,000 for the Chair to spend. This year, I intend to reduce that to £750 - of this, £600 will be spent on Remembrance Day "street poppies" and the Pipe Band, and the remaining £150 will be for donations to charities. Next year, I expect to reduce it considerably further. (Cllr Tolver).

19/28/7 MOTION: To have a full monthly report to be given by the ward councillors if they so wish as a way of keeping in touch with residents. Report to be submitted with agenda packs. (Cllr Moore).

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson.

**Motion failed: Three in favour with four against.**

19/28/8 MOTION: To join ChALC at a cost of £1,470.04 (full years capped membership) (Cllr Moore).

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson.

**Motion failed: Three in favour with four against.**

19/28/9 MOTION: To adopt NALC standing orders outright or to put together a further working group to update the current standing orders. (Cllr Moore).

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson.

**Motion failed: Three in favour with four against.**

19/28/10 MOTION: To adopt a chairman’s good practice note into the standing orders. (Cllr Moore).

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson to defer the item until any amended Standing Orders were agreed upon.

**Motion carried: Four in favour with three against.**

19/28/11 MOTION: To look at and investigate safeguarding issues for councillors and members of the public at public meetings. (Cllr Moore).

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver to do a risk assessment for the clerk and Handforth Youth Centre and produce a strategy moving forward.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/28/12 MOTION: To consider proactive ideas for interaction with parishioners. (Forum / surgeries). (Cllr Moore).

Ideas considered were publication of a newsletter and possible questionnaire, use of the room in the library or at other community venues in Handforth. Saturday mornings appeared ideal for surgeries. If any councillor wished to hold a surgery they could contact the clerk who would advertise for them.

19/28/13 MOTION: To fund a further CCTV camera to cover the paddock. Where there is lots of Anti-Social Behaviour. (Cllr Smith).

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson subject to agreement from Emerson Management Services to install a further CCTV camera fitted for £300.00.

**Motion carried: Six in favour with one abstention.**

19/28/14 MOTION: To consider undertaking DBS checks for all HPC members and officers who attend events involving young persons. (Cllr Smith).

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson to defer this item for further investigation.

**Motion carried: Four in favour and three against.**

19/28/15 MOTION: To consider further use of the community clean grant funds including purchase of litter picking equipment and graffiti removal pressure washer device. (Cllr Moore).

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the clerk purchases up to three sets of litter picking equipment including Hi-Vis vests etc. As well as a suitable graffiti removal pressure washer device from the community clean grant funds.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/28/16 MOTION: To consider the installation of a defibrillator cabinet and associated electrical connection at the Waggon & Horses for previously granted defibrillator unit – costing a maximum of £750.00 plus VAT. (Cllr Tolver).

It was agreed without a vote that the clerk and Cllr Smith would liaise with the Waggon & Horses bowling club to identify what the up to date situation is.

19/28/16A Under SO 5(A) 17 Cllr Moore had received a request from the organisers of the Handforth Youth Club to purchase a camera for their photography club. Noted the club receives no funding.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the Parish Council purchase a digital camera up to a maximum value of £200.00 to be held by the clerk and used by the Handforth youth club.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/28/17 MOTION: To confirm the date of the next Handforth Parish Council meeting as 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

The date of the next Handforth Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Close of meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:24pm.

Chair..... Date.....