



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7:30pm, The Youth Centre,  
Old Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Aled Brewerton, 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  
Eleven members of the public.  
One PCSO.

19/25/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Burkhill.

19/25/2 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).

None.

19/25/3 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 enquired about item 19/25/10 and asked whether the Parish Council were considering new PA equipment as well.

A resident enquired about item 19/25/8 and asked would the new forms be available immediately.

19/25/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 06<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

Cllr Brewerton proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 06<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**Motion: Carried.**

19/25/5 To approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for September 2019.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for September 2019 totalling £11,911.81.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/25/6 Chairs report on crime trends in Handforth: In brief: Crime incidents continue to increase - 20% up compared to 2018, virtually double the 2016 rate. Relative to neighbouring areas, Handforth crime is now much higher - nearly two-thirds higher. The clear-up (conviction) rate has slumped dramatically - now only 1.6%. The chair has written again to the Police Commissioner requesting action.

The PCSO noted the Handforth crime statistics which differed from the chairs (above), it was agreed that the two were drawing on different base data sets. It was agreed that the chair would continue working with a representative of the police and continue to monitor the figures.

19/25/7 MOTION: To agree amendments to the HPC Standing Orders.

Councillors agreed to defer the motion and at the October meeting consider whether to join ChALC, giving HPC access to NALC and to either potentially adopt the NALC model Standing Orders or discuss fuller amendments to the current HPC ones.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/25/8 MOTION: To agree amendments to the HPC grant application forms and procedures, and to select member(s) to discuss grant applications with applicants.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver to ratify the new HPC grant award checklist and policy.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/25/9 MOTION: To elect two members to act as grant award liaison for HPC.

Cllr Thompson proposed Cllr Brewerton, seconded by Cllr Samson.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

Cllr Smith proposed Cllr Samson, seconded by Cllr Brewerton.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/25/10 MOTION: To approve and sign the licence between HPC and Emerson Management services for the use of Garage no.9 at the Paddock at £1040.00 per annum.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve and sign the licence between HPC and Emerson Management services for the use of Garage no.9 at the Paddock.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/25/11 MOTION: To approve the use of up to a maximum of £500.00 to provide children's activities at the Christmas lights 2019 switch on event.

These items comprise: Bouncy Castle and Santa's grotto, Children's Christmas presents and Gift vouchers for the children's poster competition and Santa. Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson to approve the use of up to £500.00 for this purpose subject to receipts.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/25/12 MOTION: To investigate the upgrade of the current HPC website

Cllr Samson provided a number of hosting services and passed them to the clerk.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith that the clerk would provide costings back to the council at the next meeting.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/25/13 MOTION: To upgrade, where necessary, any office equipment and computer software.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Brewerton to agree to the purchase of new filing cabinets and a shredder.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/25/13A Under SO 5(A) 17 Cllr Moore circulated an email from the Chairman of Transition Wilmslow requesting a donation of £100.00 towards the setup and running costs of a new repair café to be held at St Chad's Church.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver to agree to the £100.00 donation, subject to receiving all receipts.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

19/25/14 MOTION: To confirm the date of the next Handforth Parish Council meeting as 08<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 08<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Close of meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

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