



Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Handforth Parish Council Planning and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 22nd September 2020 at 7:00pm, the meeting was held using Zoom video technology

Present: Susan Moore (Vice-Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee and chair for the meeting), Cynthia Samson & John Smith.

Eight members of the public.

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson Parish Clerk.

20/10/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Brewerton, citing the illegality of the meeting.

Apologies received from Cllr Burkhill, citing the illegality of the meeting.

Apologies received from Cllr Tolver requesting that the meeting be postponed, citing the illegality of the meeting.

Cllr Smith asked for it to be minuted and noted the reasons for citing illegality was because the clerk had not summoned Jean Thompson to the meeting following a council decision to resolve there was no vacancy on the Parish Council. However a response from the head of Cheshire East democratic Services dated 01st September 2020 was read out by Cllr Smith the content of which follows:

“Thanks for your email, the contents of which I note.

The Returning Officer received formal Notice of Vacancy, which led to the election being called by the requisite number of electors.

I am aware of no legal power which can be relied upon to halt the election process. The Parish Council cannot simply resolve that there is no vacancy. The election process has been triggered.

Therefore, in the absence of any further information, the election will take place as soon as is permitted (May 2021 unless legislation changes things in the light of the Coronavirus emergency).”

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith to not accept the reasons given for apologies.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/10/2 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.

20/10/3 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 had concerns about item 20/10/6 and would have appreciated all councillors to be present at the meeting.

A resident asked the parish council to consider two other planning applications: 20/2211M and 20/1942M to be considered at a future meeting.

A resident asked in a similar vein to above that application 20/3142M be considered at a future meeting.

20/10/4 To approve the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting of the 10th March 2020.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve and sign the minutes of the Planning and Environment committee meeting of 10th March 2020.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/10/5 To consider planning application 20/3596M, Replacement front facing porch. 2 Christleton Way, Handforth.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/10/6 To consider planning application 20/3562M, Erection of 26 dwellings of which 13 affordable with improvement to existing access. Site of former Knowle House, Sagars Road, Handforth.

Councillors noted the following: There were a number of complaints and objections from neighbours regarding this application, some of these objections also cited the current new build off Hampson Crescent. The site is brownfield and currently derelict, overgrown and an eyesore. The developer is proposing a 50% affordable homes allocation from 26 dwellings. The site transport plan and site access is almost the same as a previous 2013 version.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application, but will reserve the right to make further comment. The Parish Council would ask the case officer to ensure that the applicant adhere to the 50% affordable housing under all circumstances and that the applicant make attempt to ensure that they are truly affordable home as opposed the current CE strategic housing guidelines. That the applicant work with local housing associations to take on the affordable element and offer them for social rent, help to buy or on shared ownership or terms suitable for those trying to get onto the housing ladder. The case officer should work with the applicant to ensure that younger people and those with local connections be prioritised for housing at this site. The Parish Council also require that should the applicant remove or fell any mature trees, these be replaced on a like for like basis and be subject to an ongoing management plan. Finally the Parish Council require that any CIL or S106 arrangement be discussed fully with the Parish Council and be invested locally.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/10/7 To consider planning application 20/3568M, Two storey side extension with single storey rear extension. 41 Marlow Drive, Handforth.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/10/8 To consider planning application 20/3397M, Single storey extension to rear of the property and addition of dormer (gable end) to second floor loft room. 5 Irwin Drive, Handforth.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/10/9 To consider planning application 20/3656M, Change of use of commercial A2 at first and second floor to C3 residential Ground floor to remain A1, A2, A3 commercial Replacement windows and doors. 59A Wilmslow Road, Handforth.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/10/10 To consider planning application 20/3900M, Ground floor front and rear extensions & internal alterations to dwelling. 37 School Road, Handforth.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application, subject to any issues raised by Cadent gas being resolved.

CLlr Samson proposed, seconded by CLlr Smith.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/10/11 To consider planning application 20/3991M, Side extension and proposed rear garden single floor office space for personal use. 19 Willow Drive, Handforth.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application.

CLlr Smith proposed, seconded by CLlr Samson.

Resolved: Unanimously.

The meeting closed at 7:54pm.