



Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7:30pm, The meeting was held virtually using Zoom video technology.

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Present: Cllr Susan Moore, Cllr Cynthia Samson, Cllr John Smith (Chair for the meeting following item 20/14/1A)

Also present
Nine members of the public.

20/14/1A Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to elect Cllr Smith to Chair the meeting.

Motion carried: Two in favour with one abstention.

20/14/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

20/14/2 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.

20/14/3 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.

Several residents expressed concern about the comments from the chairman in cancelling the meeting. There was concern about the position of the clerk of the council. Cllr Samson explained that the 3 councillors present supported the clerk wholeheartedly and that the council could not comment any further on the matter but hoped it would be resolved quickly. It was suggested that residents should write to the chairman, however it was pointed out that this has already been done with no response forthcoming.

20/14/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 13th October 2020.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 13th October 2020.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/14/5 To approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for November 2020.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for November 2020.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/14/6 MOTION: To approve the proposed 21/22 financial year budget.

As there had been no finance meeting and no input from the chair of finance or any other Cllrs it was resolved to defer this item to December's meeting to allow all councillors to have their input.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/14/7 MOTION: To approve proposals regarding the Parish Council precept for financial year 21/22.

For same reasons as 24/14/6 this item was deferred until December meeting. Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/14/8 MOTION: To discuss options for assisting the residents of Handforth during any further “Lockdowns” imposed by the Government including a possible emergency fund of up to £5,000.00 to be allocated only to local charitable groups or social agencies.

A representative from Hope central gave the council a breakdown of the work that they were currently doing and their plans for 2021. It was asked if £1000.00 of the money donated could be set aside for Handforth residents only and it was confirmed that this could be done. Christmas type hampers are being distributed at a cost of between £25 & £35 and the donation would help towards this. Hope central are also rolling out a new debt management scheme in 2021 and Cllr Samson expressed an interest in finding out more about this in the New Year.

Cllr Smith pointed out that there were several items in the current budget that could be used for this donation of £5000.00 and that the Christmas budget (£2000.00) and the Health & Wellbeing budget (£3000.00) could be utilised for this purpose.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson.

Resolved: Unanimously.

20/14/9 MOTION: To confirm the date of the next Handforth Parish Council meeting.

The next Handforth Parish Council meeting date was set as 08th December 2020.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

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