

**Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Handforth Parish Council  
Planning and Environment Committee held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
2020 at 7:00pm, the meeting was held using Zoom video technology**

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Tolver (Chair of Handforth Parish Council); Susan Moore (Vice-Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee); Aled Brewerton; Barry Burkhill; Cynthia Samson; and John Smith.

**Also Present:** Mrs Jackie Weaver (Clerk to the meeting) and seven members of the public.

***This meeting was duly called by two councillors following the refusal of the Council Chairman to call such a meeting.***

***As the Chairman of the Council (Cllr Tolver) was present he was invited to take the Chair.***

***Cllr Tolver refused to recognise the legitimacy of the meeting and proceeded to disrupt the proceedings.***

***He was again asked to proceed with the meeting but continued to act in a disruptive and aggressive manner and was therefore removed from the meeting and put into the virtual waiting room.***

***Cllrs Brewerton and Burkhill behaved in a similar manner and were also removed to the waiting room.***

***In the waiting room they were advised that they would be welcome to re-join the meeting if they ceased their disruptive behaviour. There was no response.***

***The meeting then proceeded with Cllr Susan Moore (Vice-Chair of the Committee) in the Chair.***

***The recording of the meeting can be found here:***

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**20/15/1** To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies.

**20/15/2** 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).

There were none.

**20/15/3**

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 member of the public gave further information with regard to item 20/15/8 and indicated that he wished to record that he had no objections to this application. Also with regard to item 20/15/11 he invited members to note that this would be permissible development under policy H1 of the Local Plan.

There was also reference to the Handforth Travel Plan where a member of the public stressed the importance of the Council’s involvement in the consultation.

Cllr Samson thanked the public for their contributions and in particular praised the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Group and asked that they be kept on board as their expertise in these matters was extremely valuable.

A member of the public expressed concerns about the costs of a potential legal challenge with regard to the current position of the Parish Clerk and asked if Councillors shared his concerns.

Cllr Smith assured members of the public that every effort was being made to ensure that Handforth Parish Council conducted its business in a proper and appropriate manner and that the members present took the situation very seriously and would continue to assist the Monitoring Officer and any other statutory body fully.

**20/15/4**

To approve the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith to approve and sign the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**Resolved: Unanimously**

**20/15/5**

To consider planning application 20/4739M, Lawful Development Certificate for proposed removal of existing single storey extension and rebuild single storey extension to the rear. 12 Hope Avenue, Handforth.

The parish council have no objection to the application.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson.

**Resolved: Unanimously**

- 20/15/6** To consider planning application 20/4834M, Proposed new front porch to house. 7 Stretton Way, Handforth.
- The parish council have no objection to the application.
- Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore
- Resolved: Unanimously**
- 20/15/7** To consider planning application 20/4977M, Single storey front extension to form entrance porch, cloaks, & workshop/store – Garage Conversion. 17 Coniston Drive, Handforth.
- The parish council wished to support this application on the basis that it is in keeping with the existing development.
- Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson
- Resolved: Unanimously**
- 20/15/8** To consider planning application 20/5073M. Proposed removal of existing garage roof and extension and conversion of the existing garage to form an ancillary garden pavilion. Handforth Hall, Hall Road, Handforth.
- The parish council wished to support this application.
- Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith
- Resolved: Unanimously**
- 20/15/9** To consider planning application 20/5074M. Listed Building Consent for proposed removal of existing garage roof and extension and conversion of the existing garage to form an ancillary garden pavilion. Handforth Hall, Hall Road, Handforth.
- The parish council wished to support this application.
- Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson
- Resolved: Unanimously**
- 20/15/10** To consider planning application 20/5117M. Prior notification of change of use from commercial 3 storey office to 6 residential apartments. Willow Bank House, Old Road, Handforth.
- The parish council wished to support this application but wanted to record their concerns with regard to parking and access.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson

**Resolved: Unanimously**

**20/15/11**

To consider planning application 20/4461M. Demolition of existing vicarage and erection of 4no dwellings and replacement vicarage, St Chad's Vicarage, 36 Sagars Road, Handforth.

The parish council wished to express the following concerns with regard to this application. There appear to be issues of ensuring privacy for existing residents; the station access is poor; there is not adequate transport and the application seems to rely upon out of date information about Handforth generally – this should be addressed.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith

**Resolved: Unanimously**

The meeting closed at 19.35