



Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 7:30pm, The meeting was held virtually using Zoom video technology.

The meeting commenced at 7:58pm

Present: Cllr Susan Moore, Cllr Cynthia Samson, Cllr John Smith & Cllr Brian Tolver (Chair of Handforth Parish Council)

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Parish Clerk
Ninety Six members of the public and press on Zoom.
Plus circa 3,000 members of the public and press livestreamed on YouTube.

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvOOP3STGZILUSuTHdRtF-A>

21/05/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Burkhill was absent from the meeting, the Chair indicated Cllr Burkhill had contacted him to note he had sent all day in a Cheshire East Council meeting.
Cllr Brewerton was absent from the meeting.

21/05/2 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.

21/05/3 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 asked for a minor change to be made to the January minutes noting that there were no order of priorities covering CIL project expenditure currently in the neighbourhood plan.

A resident noted under item 21/05/8 that the 130 Bus had never been commercially viable and had always required subsidy.

A resident enquired about the minutes from the meeting dated 12th January 2021, but these had not been made available.

There were numerous other interjections from members of the public relating to a meeting held on 10th December 2020.

21/05/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council Extra Ordinary meeting of 21st January 2021.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council Extra Ordinary meeting of the 21st January 2021.

**Motion Carried: Three in favour and one against.
(Cllr Tolver voted against, all other councillors present voted in favour).**

At this point in the meeting the clerk requested a vote for members of the public to be placed on mute.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/05/5 To approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for February 2021.

Cllr Moore Proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith to approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for February 2021 totalling £34,450.44.

Motion Carried: Three in favour with one abstention.

21/05/6 MOTION: To retrospectively agree the secondment of officers for Handforth Parish Council for the purposes of its functions under LGA 1972 s113(1) and LGA 1972 s113(2). Specifically for meetings held on 25th and 27th August 2020 and also 10th December 2020 and 21st January 2021.

Following extensive debate it was agreed to defer this item to a later date.
Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/05/7 MOTION: To consider some minor revision of the 21/22 budget headings.

It was noted that this was simply to rationalise some budget headings, it was not to alter any figures.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to defer this item to the next finance committee meeting.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/05/8 MOTION: To consider the proposal from the Deputy Leader of Cheshire East Council in that Handforth Parish Council works alongside neighbouring Parish Councils in financial subsidy support of the 130 Bus service. Handforth Parish Council share being approximately £10,000.00 per annum. N.B. This would run as a pilot scheme for 12 month initially.

There was considerable discussion regarding this item, including double taxation and economic viability of the service. It was noted that this was an incredibly time sensitive proposal and that agreement had been reached with a number of other parish and town councils along the 130 route.

It was felt that it was an important and vital service to residents and there was a strong case for agreeing the item.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith to provide funding up to £10,000.00 per annum towards the 130 bus service.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/05/9 MOTION: To allow a 15 minute discussion forum for items not pertaining to the Agenda.

A resident asked whether the Chairman would be calling the Annual Parish meeting in April, before the election. He hoped that there would be a report from the Parish Council on what has been achieved along with standard reports from ward Councillors and other community groups.

A resident commented on the latest information received from the rail industry, and namely the rail recovery taskforce. He noted major changes to the South Manchester network rail times. Three options had been proposed, each one was detrimental in some way to Handforth station and onward travel both South to Crewe and North beyond Manchester Piccadilly. The resident agreed to circulate this to all councillors in the hope that either HPC or individual councillors would respond to this consultation.

21/05/10 MOTION: To confirm the date of the next Handforth Parish Council meeting.

It was agreed, without a vote, that the next meeting would be held on 16th March 2021.

The meeting closed at 10:02pm.

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