



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7:30pm, The meeting was held  
virtually using Zoom video technology.**

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

Sixty Six members of the public and press on Zoom.

Plus circa 176 members of the public and press livestreamed on YouTube.

Cllrs Brewerton & Burkhill were absent.

The video can be watched on YouTube by following this link:

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

21/11/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

21/11/2 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.

21/11/3 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 whether the chair had heard from either Cllr Burkhill or Brewerton or had they resigned. The resident also noted under item 21/11/8 that it seemed premature to make any representations before the consultation stage.

A resident noted under item 21/11/8 that they had attended the CE Constitution Committee meeting and that an amendment to the proposal had been carried at that meeting which stated that “Where there is a proposal to change a parish name or alter the parish boundary, CEC will conduct a (postal) referendum reflecting the request of the town or parish council and, where electors vote for no change, will abide by that result.”

The same resident also noted that as well as Handforth PC, both Chorley PC and Wilmslow TC had voted against the proposals.

A resident noted that in 2010/11 they had visited numerous households over three nights and collected 700 signatures in favour of Handforth remaining under a separate council to Wilmslow.

A member of the public enquired as to the chairs position on the subject.

21/11/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

21/11/5 To approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for April 2021.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith to approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for April 2021 totalling £7,404.09.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

21/11/6 MOTION: To receive recommendation from the HPC finance committee with respect to the grant application received from the Friends of Handforth Station for the sum of £700.00 towards the artistic improvements of station infrastructure.

It was felt by Councillors that at this stage they would like to see some inclusion of improvements to the general station frontage included in the application and asked if the FoHS would be able to include this in an application to be resubmitted to HPC.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

21/11/7 MOTION: To receive recommendation from the HPC finance committee with respect to the grant application received from the Bare Necessities toiletry bank for the sum of £500.00 for the purchasing of dental toiletries to supplement items donated for their dental hygiene campaign, 'Give a Smile'.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore that the full grant amount of £500.00 be awarded to the Bare Necessities toiletry bank with the stipulation that the money is spent on residents living within Handforth.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

21/11/8 MOTION: To discuss the Cheshire East Community Governance Review which seeks to merge Handforth Parish Council with Wilmslow Town Council following on from Handforth Parish Council Motion 21/08/7 and the result of the CE Constitution Committee meeting held on 06<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

It was agreed without a vote that this item would be left in abeyance until the CE Constitution Committee brought forward their revised draft proposals for formal consultation.

21/11/9 MOTION: To discontinue the Greener Handforth Website(s) provided by 1&1IONOS and move any selected content over to a dedicated page on the HPC Website.

Following discussion it was agreed amongst Councillors at Councillor Tolver's suggestion that the contract for and cost liability for the 1&1IONOS websites be taken over personally and transferred out of Handforth Parish Councils name.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson.

**Motion Carried: Three in Favour with one abstention.**

21/11/10 MOTION: Following on from item 21/08/9 To agree a spend of up to £1,000.00 for a simplified woodland management plan, from a National Trust woodland specialist for one of the green spaces in the Handforth neighbourhood plan – Exact woodland area to be decided.

Cllr Smith Proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to agree a spend of up to £1,000.00 for a simplified woodland management plan, from a National Trust woodland specialist for one of the green spaces in the Handforth neighbourhood plan.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

21/11/11 MOTION: To allow a 15 minute discussion forum for items not pertaining to the Agenda.

A member of the public enquired about the opening of a new Spar Shop on Church Lane.

A resident enquired as to whether trees from the NCGV could be planted on Wadsworth Trust land.

A member of the public enquired whether the chair supported the merger of Handforth and Wilmslow Councils.

A member of the public enquired as to whether the Parish Council would be making any form of representation against the proposed European Football Super League.

21/11/12 MOTION: To discuss the update from MHCLG and noting that virtual meetings will no longer be lawful from May 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 and to confirm the date of the next Handforth Parish Council meeting.

It was understood that government legislation had not renewed the option for Parish councils to meet remotely and that the next meeting would be held in-person on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 – agreed without a vote.

Cllr Tolver informed all Councillors present and the clerk that he was resigning as Chair of HPC – an exact date would be confirmed to the clerk ASAP.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

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