



Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Parish Council
Finance Committee held on Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 6:30pm
Held at the Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

Present: Cllr Susan Moore, Cllr Cynthia Samson (Chair of the Finance Committee), Cllr Julie Smith & Cllr John Smith.

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson - Parish Clerk.

Seven members of the public.

Nine members of the public via Live Stream.

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

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

21/15/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Tolver.

21/15/2 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).

None.

21/15/3 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 commented on items 21/15/9 & 21/15/10 and noted that neither of these groups were Handforth based, also that cycling grants were available online.

A representative from Cycle Wilmslow noted that the map for printing covered Alderley Edge, Wilmslow and Handforth and all the Town / Parish councils had been approached for equal funding.

A representative from the Oakenclough Children's Centre noted that the centre was accessed by a number of residents of Handforth and currently had 271 children registered with a Handforth postcode. They had also applied to Wilmslow Town Council.

A resident enquired as to whether the parish council could foot the bill for a postal / referendum in its current budget.

Cllr Julie Smith noted that it was on the CE full council agenda for next week, see pages 267 onwards of their agenda pack. Cllr Julie Smith also noted that the cost of any referendum would be borne by CEC.

21/15/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council Finance committee meeting held on 20th April 2021.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council Finance committee held on 20th April 2021.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/15/5 Recommendations for expenditure:
a) To retrospectively approve the following items:
None.

b) To consider any other recommendations/requests:
None.

21/15/6 To review the current budget position.

The current budget position was circulated to all councillors and approved without a vote. Cllr Samson noted she would spend some time with the clerk in early July to review the first quarter figures.

21/15/7 To review the income and expenditure for April and May 2021.

The current income and expenditure for April and May 2021 was circulated to all councillors and approved without a vote. Cllr Samson thanked the clerk and requested a trial balance was produced in future.

21/15/8 To receive a copy of the latest bank reconciliation month ends May 2021.

The latest bank reconciliation, month ends May 2021 was circulated to all councillors and approved without a vote.

21/15/9 To discuss and make recommendations to Full Council regarding a grant application received from the Oakenclough Children’s centre for the sum of £405.60 towards the new community café at Oakenclough Children’s Centre.

Cllr Samson noted that this was a detailed application and thanked the applicant for spending time on the application.

Cllr Julie Smith noted that she had visited the centre and seen the community garden and enquired as to how the kitchen and community garden worked in conjunction.

The applicant indicated that the 60 volunteers would be able to get refreshments from the centre’s cafe which was using ingredients produced in the community garden.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to recommend approval of the grant application for £405.60p to full council.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/15/10 To discuss and make recommendations to Full Council regarding a grant application received from Cycle Wilmslow for the sum of £250.00 for the printing of a map indicating safe cycling routes in the area.

Cllr John Smith enquired as to how many maps would be produced, would they be sold and where would they be distributed.

The applicant noted that they were looking to print 2000 maps and they would be free to anyone who wanted one and would be available from most public buildings, plus the Scout Hut and library in Handforth.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr John Smith to recommend approval of the grant application for £250.00 to full council.

Resolved: Unanimously.

The meeting closed at 6:50pm

Cllr Cynthia Samson
(Chair of the Finance Committee)
15th June 2021