



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on
Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 7:15pm, held at Handforth Youth
Centre, Old Road, Handforth.**

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

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Parish Clerk

Eight members of the public.

Plus, circa 10 members of the public and press livestreamed on YouTube.

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

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

Part A

21/20/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Tolver.

A vote was taken to accept these apologies. However, no reason was given.

Apologies not accepted: Three against and one in favour.

21/20/2 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.

21/20/3 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 enquired as to why proceedings were being held under a part B. It was explained that some personal details of candidates may be discussed, and it was, therefore, not appropriate to be held in public.

A member of the public noted that the vacancy in the south ward had arisen because of a councillor resignation and that there was an ongoing investigation into certain matters. The Monitoring Officer at CE had informed him that numerous complaints had been received following the December 10th meeting. However, he had yet to hear of any meaningful feedback on the matter and that it had been dragging on for a long time and reputations were at stake. The member of the public asked if the council could give any feedback on the matter.

The Chair explained that information had been received back from CE, but was not at liberty to disclose the information at the present time until CE deemed that it could be made public.

Part B

Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960. Exclusion of press and public due to the business of the meeting being of a confidential and personal nature.

21/20/4 MOTION: To receive completed Co-option forms from interested residents and to vote on a new co-opted member to represent the Vacant South ward seat of Handforth Parish Council.

Two forms had been received from prospective candidates and councillors debated the matter in private.

Cllr John Smith nominated K. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Samson to be recommended to the full public vote under item 21/21/5.

Motion carried: Three in favour with one abstention.

The meeting closed at 7:40pm.

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