



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on
Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 7:30pm, 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) & Cllr Kerry Sullivan (Following item 21/21/5)

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Parish Clerk

Ten members of the public.

Plus, circa 14 members of the public and press livestreamed on YouTube.

The meeting commenced at 7:45pm.

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

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

21/21/1 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.

21/21/2 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).

Cllr Moore declared a personal / pecuniary interest in item 21/21/6 and would not take part in the debate or vote on the matter.

21/21/3 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 questioned item 21/21/7 and enquired as to whether Handforth could be considered a Town as it was described by CE as a local service centre and Wilmslow was a principal Town, noting that once the Handforth Garden Village was completed, it certainly would be.

Cllr Julie Smith noted that a lot of residents felt the Parish council was connected to the parochial church.

A resident indicated that they thought it was a good idea with the opportunity of rebranding and giving the council a fresh start.

A resident enquired as to whether the consultation leaflet produced by the parish council regarding the community governance review (CGR) had been circulated yet.

Noted that CE had not begun the CGR consultation.

A resident enquired as to why street name plates needed to be paid for by the parish council.

Noted that CE highways have an extremely limited budget and street name plates are at the bottom of their list. It is a small amount of money to make a big improvement.

21/21/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 15th June 2021.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 15th June 2021.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/21/5 MOTION: To vote on recommendations of council motion 21/20/4 and vote in the new co-opted member to represent the Vacant South ward seat of Handforth Parish Council. – The new member to sign the declaration of acceptance of office and fill in a DPI form.

Two forms had been received from prospective candidates and councillors debated had debated the matter in private under item 21/20/4.

Cllr John Smith nominated K. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Samson to be voted onto HPC as the new co-opted member for the South Ward of Handforth.

Motion carried: Three in favour with one abstention.

- 21/21/6 To approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for July and August 2021.
- Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve, and sign the order of payment of accounts for July and August 2021 totalling £16,761.16.
- Motion carried: Three in favour with two abstentions.**
- 21/21/7 MOTION: To resolve that effective from 31st July 2021 that Handforth Parish Council will now be renamed Handforth Town Council, and will adopt the style of Town Council.
- Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to resolve that effective from 31st July 2021 that Handforth Parish Council will now be renamed Handforth Town Council, and will adopt the style of Town Council.
- Resolved: Unanimously.**
- 21/21/8 MOTION: Following on from Motion 21/11/8 to determine any further action which can be taken in opposing any proposed merger with Wilmslow Town Council and Chorley Parish Council and agree any further funding requirements up to an additional maximum amount of £15,000.00 from General Reserves. This to include organising engagement events, media publicity and potential request of informal referendum (no longer to be paid for by CEC).
- Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore.
- Resolved: Unanimously.**
- 21/21/9 MOTION: To agree the purchase of two additional noticeboards for Handforth up to a maximum value of £1,250.00 plus VAT.
- Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to agree the purchase of two additional noticeboards for Handforth up to a maximum value of £1,250.00 plus VAT.
- Resolved: Unanimously.**
- 21/21/10 MOTION: To agree the purchase of up to 10 replacement street name plate signs as identified missing or beyond repair in Handforth up to a maximum value of £400.00.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to agree the purchase of up to 10 replacement street name plate signs as identified missing or beyond repair in Handforth up to a maximum value of £400.00.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/21/11 To receive an update from the appointed woodland specialist in relation to the Handforth Woodland Plan.

The Parish Council’s appointed woodland strategy consultant addressed the meeting and outlined his vision of the Handforth “Green Lung” and how woodland could be managed for the benefit of all residents. He noted that CE owned approximately 50% of the land upon which there was existing woodland, which he felt was a great start for the parish council to be able to engage with landowners for the improvement and management of the existing woodland.

Councillors voted to adopt the draft woodland strategy produced by the consultant.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/21/12 To receive an update from councillor Moore following meeting(s) with ANSA.

Cllr Moore reported that after receiving the S106 list from CE and some further information on contributions made by a local building firm that a woodland improvement plan was being mooted for the Hall Road South Woods. Cllr Moore further attended a meeting with ANSA and discussed this improvement plan on site. It was hoped that the project would begin later this year and that it would be chased on a regular basis with ANSA.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

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