



Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 7:45pm, 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 Brian Tolver

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Parish Clerk

Thirteen members of the public.

One PCSO.

Plus, circa 80 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>

21/13/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

21/13/2 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.

21/13/3 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 noted their support for item 21/13/11 and would like HPC to support the project as it is in line with HPC's climate change objectives; was good for biodiversity and would benefit everyone in Handforth.

An email was received following the same line of support.

A resident enquired as to whether there would be a presentation on item 21/13/11.

A resident commented that HPC have got an overall holistic approach to climate change and woodland.

A resident enquired as to whether the Parish Council would be announcing a “queens’ speech” of programmes and projects for the year rather than simply argue about governance issues.

21/13/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 20th April 2021.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council meeting of 20th April 2021.

Motion Carried: Four in favour with one abstention.

21/13/5 To approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for May 2021.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver to approve, and sign the order of payments for May 2021 totalling £5777.37.

Motion Carried: Four in favour with one abstention.

21/13/6 MOTION: To sign section 1 - the annual governance statement 2020/21 of the year end 31st March 2021 Annual return.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to sign section 1 - the annual governance statement 2020/21 of the year end 31st March 2021 Annual return.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/13/7 MOTION: To sign section 2 – the accounting statements 2020/21 of the year end 31st March 2021 Annual return.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver to sign section 2 – the accounting statements 2020/21 of the year end 31st March 2021 Annual return.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/13/8 MOTION: To receive and discuss the tenders and quotations for Handyman Services and to agree a new Service Level Agreement for three years beginning July 2021. – Up to budgeted amount of £17,500.00 per year.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore following review of the tender quotations received from various suppliers to accept a three-year quotation from Home Assist and agreed to sign the Service Level Agreement provided.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/13/9 MOTION: To receive and discuss the tenders and quotations for Village Planting Services and to agree a new Service Level Agreement beginning July 2021. – Up to budgeted amount of £9,000.00 per year.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith following review of the tender quotations received from various supplies to accept a two-year quotation from Oak Nurseries and agreed to sign the Service Level Agreement provided.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/13/10 MOTION: To receive and discuss the tenders and quotations for Christmas Lighting Services and to agree a new Service Level Agreement for three years beginning July 2021. – Up to budgeted amount of £19,000.00 per year.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith following review of the tender quotations received from various suppliers to accept a three-year quotation from L.I.T.E. and agreed to sign the Service Level Agreement provided.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/13/11 MOTION: To receive a project submission from Rotary Cheadle Royal Group - Friends of Meriton Park Group & Handforth Woodland Group for consideration by the Council, estimated funding balance required £5,148.80.

Cllr Moore noted that HPC have engaged a Woodland specialist following the last meeting who was progressing a woodland management plan which encompassed the whole of Handforth's open spaces.

Also noted was that ANSA had included the idea for this in their "Masterplan" for Meriton Road Park which is shortly due to go to public consultation.

There was considerable prolonged debate on this item following a presentation from a member of the Cheadle Royal Rotary Club.

Cllr Tolver proposed the motion, however the motion failed to receive a seconder. A vote was still taken and recorded thus:

Motion Failed: One in favour, One against with Three Abstentions.

21/13/12 MOTION: To abolish the current Terms of Reference for the following:

- Greener Handforth Advisory Group
- Finance Committee
- Planning and Environment Committee
- Strategic Planning Group

NALC Model Standing Orders to be used in the interim until any new Term of Reference are adopted by HPC.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to abolish the above terms of reference.

Motion Carried: Four in favour and one against.

21/13/13 MOTION: To receive any reports from Handforth Ward Councillors.

Cllr Julie Smith reported the following:

CE applied for a travel grant from the government and received £580K, the first tranche of which was used for temporary projects including cycle lanes and walking routes during the Covid-19 pandemic. The second tranche went to public consultation and the Handforth/Wilmslow cycle lane was successful in receiving funding.

Noted that the CE Highways have a new initiative where each ward councillor will have the say over a pot of £4,200.00 per year to be used on highways issues that they feel require priority attention, e.g., blocked gullies.

Cllr Smith also noted that her biggest job at the moment was establishing how to access the circa £900,000.00 of S106 funds allocated to Handforth, some of which have been sitting unused for fifteen years or more.

21/13/14 MOTION: To confirm the date of the next Handforth Parish Council meeting.

The date of the next Handforth Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 15th June 2021.

Also confirmed was the date of the Annual Parish meeting and this was confirmed as 01st June 2021.

The meeting closed at 8:44pm.

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