



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Town Council held on
Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7:30pm, held at Handforth
Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Sam Milward, Cllr Susan Moore, Cllr Cynthia Samson, Cllr Julie Smith, Cllr John Smith (Chair of Handforth Parish Council) & Cllr Kerry Sullivan

Also, present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Town Clerk
Six members of the public.

The video can be watched on YouTube by following this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmNIRoV6ujZg24I634xDmhQ/>

21/28/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Tolver (Dispensation granted until November 2021).

21/28/2 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.

21/28/3 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 in relation to item 21/28/9 would the council have insurance for the new tablets.

A resident enquired as to what would the council's response to the CE CGR consultation be based on.

A resident enquired under item 21/28/11 was this part of the ongoing CE investigation. – Noted, it was not.

21/28/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 14th September 2021.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie smith to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 14th September 2021.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/28/5 To receive a report from the PCSO.

The PCSO was unavailable to give a report.

21/28/6 To approve and sign the order of payments for October 2021.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve, and sign the order of payments for October 2021 totalling £11,087.26

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/28/7 MOTION: To receive recommendation from the HTC finance committee and to agree the 22-23 financial year budget.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to receive the recommendation from the HTC finance committee that subject to a number of agreed changes the 22-23 financial year budget be agreed.

Motion carried: Five in favour with one abstention.

21/28/8 MOTION: To receive recommendation from the HTC finance committee and agree to set the 22-23 financial year precept.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to receive recommendation from the HTC finance committee that the 22-23 financial year precept be set at £95,000.00.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/28/9 MOTION: To agree the purchase of several android tablet devices for councillor use. These to remain property of HTC at all times and to be returned once any councillor has left office. Purpose of the devices is to reduce the amount of HTC and personal printing required as a member of the

council in order to reduce paper waste. Purchase cost up to a maximum of £1,500.00.

The chairman noted that a local business had some second-hand tablets they were willing to donate to HTC to trial to see how they might work.

Councillors agreed to accept this donation.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to defer the item until councillors had trialled these second-hand devices.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/28/10 MOTION: To agree the HTC formal response to the CE Community Governance Review.

Councillors acknowledged the kind contribution from a number of sources in the creation of the formal response including Dr Small and Mr Murdoch of the Handforth Neighbourhood Plan Steering group.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to accept the document, and asked the clerk to submit as the HTC formal response to the CE Community Governance Review consultation.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/28/11 MOTION: To further discuss the recent correspondence from Avensure regarding a contract entered into by Cllr Tolver in January 2021. The receipt of NALC legal advice and a default notice from Avensure in respect to the sum of £8,082.18.

The chairman reiterated the council's current situation for clarity and noted that there was a further tranche of legal advice being awaited from NALC. For ease of understanding the full recording of the item can be heard following this meeting link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmNIRoV6ujZq24I634xDmhQ/>

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith that the clerk is authorised to satisfy the debt to the amount of £8,082.18 if subjected to a court order to pay this amount. HTC will continue to investigate other means to avoid having to burden taxpayers with this bill up to and including taking action against those who incurred it.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/28/12 MOTION: To agree to some minor changes to the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations appended to the agenda pack.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to agree the list of changes to both the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations which were required for clarification.

Motion Carried: Five in favour with one abstention.

21/28/13 MOTION: To allow a 15-minute discussion forum for items not pertaining to the agenda.

A resident enquired as to whether an area outside Tesco Express was the responsibility of the Town handyman. The area in question was outside of HTC's remit.

21/28/14 To receive notices and correspondence.

21/28/15 To agree the date of the next HTC meeting to be held on 09th November 2021.

Councillors agreed without a vote that the next HTC meeting would be held on 09th November 2021.

The meeting closed at 8:51pm.

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