



Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Town Council held on Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 7:30pm, held at Handforth Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

Present: Cllr Susan Moore, Cllr Ribia Nisa, Cllr Cynthia Samson, Cllr John Smith (Chair of Handforth Town Council) & Cllr Julie Smith

Also, present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Town Clerk
One member of the public

The video can be watched on YouTube by following this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmNIRoV6ujZq24I634xDmhQ/>

PART A

22/28/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Milward & Sullivan.

22/28/2 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).

Cllr Nisa declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 22/28/8 noting that she is already a member of the transition group.

22/28/3 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. Items not pertaining to the agenda may also be taken at this time at the Chairman's discretion. The Public Forum is restricted to 15 minutes and strictly 3 minutes per person unless the Chairman allows otherwise.

None.

22/28/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council finance committee meeting of 11th October 2022.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council finance committee meeting of 11th October 2022.

Motion Carried: Four in favour with One Abstention.

22/28/5 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 08th November 2022.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 08th November 2022.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/28/6 To receive a report from the PCSO.

The PCSO had to change his shift at short notice and was, therefore, unable to attend the meeting and had not sent a report in advance.

22/28/7 To approve and sign the order of payments for December 2022.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to approve and sign the order of payments for December 2022 totalling £22,579.91.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/28/8 MOTION: To agree to the attached information normalising a speed limit of 20MPH along urban roads in Handforth and to sign up to the scheme as laid out.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr John Smith to agree to the 20 is plenty scheme as laid out and approve that Handforth Town Council will advise both the 20 is plenty scheme and Cheshire East Council that HTC have passed a motion agreeing to 20MPH speed limit on residential roads in Handforth.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/28/9 MOTION: To agree the undertaking of DBS checks for all HTC members and officers as they serve public facing roles which may involve interaction with young (and vulnerable) persons.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to agree the undertaking of Enhanced DBS checks for all HTC members and officers as they serve public facing roles which may involve interaction with young (and vulnerable) persons.

Motion Carried: Four in favour with one against.

22/28/10 MOTION: To provide a sign for the wall to discourage parking in front of the defibrillator & perhaps a physical barrier of some kind so cars cannot park directly in front of it blocking access.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore that, subject to agreement with the landlord of the site, a physical barrier would be installed as suggested by the Town Handyman to be purchased from HTC's repairs/renewals budget.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/28/11 MOTION: To agree the attached awards guidance and application form for the King's Coronation celebrations. This will allow residents groups and community groups the opportunity to apply for up to a maximum of £300.00 (per group) towards the costs of holding a King's Coronation event in May 2023.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to agree the attached awards guidance and application form for the King's Coronation celebrations. This will allow residents groups and community groups the opportunity to apply for up to a maximum of £300.00 (per group) towards the costs of holding a King's Coronation event in May 2023.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/28/12 To receive notices and correspondence.

Cllr Julie Smith reported that following a number of complaints to the Town Council regarding the state of Meriton Road over the past week(s) she had spoken to Anwyl Homes, The Residents Group and Cheshire East Enforcement. She has been assured by Anwyl Homes that they are introducing a new road sweeping / maintenance contractor to ease the situation.

Cllr John Smith noted: The 3 largest events in HTC's calendar took place this year between 13th Nov, Remembrance Sunday. 25th Nov, HTC Pantomime and 26th Nov, HTC Xmas Market and Xmas Lights switch on. I'd like to thank

HTC Cllrs Moore, Samson, Smith, Sullivan and Milward for being involved in these events.

All 3 of these events require a great deal of organisation and the preparation starts a long time before the events take place themselves. Such as putting up the poppies and silhouettes throughout the village. Locating and booking a pipe band and securing road closures and traffic management.

All of these events would not run as well as they have, yet again, without the hard work and professionalism of Ashley our Town Clerk assisted by Paul the HTC Handyman.

On behalf of HTC, I thank Ashley and Paul for continuing to perform at such a high standard in organising these significant events in Handforth.

22/28/13 To agree the date of the next HTC meeting to be held on 17th January 2023.

The date of the next meeting was unanimously agreed without a vote as 17th January 2023.

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.

22/28/14 MOTION: To agree the additional remuneration of the clerk for the backdated 22/23 salary increase awarded by NALC following final agreement by NALC and the Union in November 2022 of and additional £1,925.00 (pro rata to all spinal column points), plus one additional day’s holiday. And to agree this new NJC position as per the clerk’s contract of employment.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to accept the final salary agreement from NALC to be implemented immediately.

Resolved: Unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8:13pm.

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