



Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Town Council held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7:30pm, held at Handforth Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

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

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

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

Cllr John Smith welcomed Cllr Ribia Nisa onto Handforth Town Council following her election to the recently vacated south ward seat.

22/02/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

22/02/2 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 Samson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 21/01/12.

Cllr Milward declared a pecuniary interest in item 21/01/12 and would not vote on the item.

Cllr Julie Smith declared a pecuniary interest in item 21/01/12 and would not vote on the item.

Cllr John Smith declared a pecuniary interest in item 21/01/12 and would not vote on the item.

22/02/3 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.

A resident enquired as to whether there was an update from the CE Audit and Governance committee meeting held on 17th January.

A resident enquired as to whether the council had had any updates regarding the Avensure invoice.

22/02/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 14th December 2021.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 14th December 2021.

Motion carried: Six in favour with one abstention.

22/02/5 To receive a report from the PCSO.

- After a significant increase in burglaries at the end of last year we have had one burglary in the last month, even though this is a vast improvement on recent months we are continuing with the ongoing operation which has seen more officers in effected locations during keys times.
- We have seen an increase in criminal damage, Anti-social behaviour & graffiti on Spath Lane estate & on all of our parks.
Some of these incidents have been reported to the police officially but a large number are STILL going unreported. Can I please encourage people to report any issues to Cheshire Police. The more reports I get the more I can ask for extra support in the area. We are working with youth services & Wilmslow High school to try & identify the young people believed to be responsible for some if not all of these incidents.
I have increased my patrolling in all of these areas & this will continue until the issues are resolved.
- Enquiries are currently ongoing regarding the recent spate of grid cover thefts; I will hopefully have a positive update for you by the next meeting.
- I would like to the opportunity to thank the Town council (and Moore Secure) again for the CCTV in the village centre. To my knowledge we have had need to use this on five separate occasions in the last month alone. Not only has it assisted with detecting crime, but by allowing us to rule out dead ends it saves us hours & hours of potentially wasted time.

22/02/6 To approve and sign the order of payments for January 2022.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve, and sign the order of payments for January 2022 totalling £4,651.48.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/02/7 To receive a report from Ward Councillor Julie Smith.

Cllr Julie Smith gave the following report:

On 2nd December I received an email informing me that the access dispute concerning the new Jones development at the end of Hall Road has now been resolved and access to the Sunfield Estate will be gained via Coppice Way and the planning application concerning proposed access from Hall Road is now expected to be withdrawn.

I have now received the key statistics report regarding the Community Governance review (CGR) which summarises the number of responses received by recommendation and area. Of the total 4608 responses received concerning boundary changes throughout Cheshire East 1128 were from Handforth. The next stage in the process will be member workshops to consider the consultation responses which will take place in February and March and informal views can be expressed to the CGR sub-committee. The corporate policy committee is then likely to hold a special meeting in April to make recommendations council and a special meeting of the council is expected to take place in or around late April to make final decisions following the review.

There will shortly be a public consultation on the CEC website for residents to comment on the revised details of the proposed cycle path from Handforth to Wilmslow. Please take the time to comment.

As Gareth referenced in his report, we are experiencing an increase in Anti-social Behaviour specifically in parks with equipment being damaged and graffitied. It's up to everyone in our community to report this so we can nip it in the bud and protect our open spaces for the community to enjoy. We are constantly trying to secure funding to make improvements and additions to our facilities and we don't need to be spending valuable resources on repairs. Any instances of ASB can be reported directly to PCSO Gareth Harding on 07989653022 or by calling 101.

The other current issue is the disappearance of grid covers in various locations around the village. These have been reported and I have spoken to The Grange School and St Benedict's School to make parents aware of the

potential hazard. Again, if anyone sees missing drain covers they can be reported on the CEC website, and anyone seen removing any can be reported to PCSO Harding or by calling 101. We can only resolve these issues if people get involved in reporting instances as they are happening.

22/02/8 MOTION: To review the HTC committee membership following the co-option and election of new members in respect of the Finance, Planning, Environment, and Personnel committees.

The Chairman noted that it was current practice that all serving councillors served on all council committees to ensure quorum.
Cllr Ribia Nisa indicated her wish to be a member of all council committees. It was unanimously agreed without a vote that Cllr Ribia Nisa be appointed to all the councils' committees.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/02/9 MOTION: To receive recommendation from the HTC finance committee in respect to a grant application received from St Benedict's primary school for the purchase of two "bug hotels" and associated equipment as part of an ongoing ecological project and make recommendation to full council. Grant requested £909.90.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to accept the recommendation from the HTC finance committee and agree the full grant amount requested of £909.90.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/02/10 MOTION: To receive recommendation from the HTC finance committee in respect to a grant application received from Handforth Hall Tennis Club to completely relay the top court for safety reasons and make recommendation to full council Grant requested £1,000.00.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Milward to accept the recommendation from the HTC finance committee and agree the full grant amount requested of £1,000.00.

Motion Carried: Six in favour with one abstention.

22/02/11 MOTION: To receive recommendation from the HTC finance committee in respect to a grant application received from Handforth Grange Primary School for Astrourfing of a ground area and a large swing for children with

ASD and complex needs and make recommendation to full council. Grant requested: £2,167.00.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to accept the recommendation from the HTC finance committee and agree the full grant amount requested of £2,167.00.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/02/12 MOTION: Following the success of the previous HTC community skip days, to agree to fund a further three community skip days up to a maximum of £800.00.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to agree to fund a further three community skip days up to a maximum of £800.00. It was hoped that these would be placed in similar locations to last time and hoped an additional day could be held on Hallwood Road.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/02/13 MOTION: To agree the attached awards guidance and application form for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations. This will allow residents groups and community groups the opportunity to apply for up to a maximum of £500.00 (per group) towards the costs of holding a Queens Platinum Jubilee event in June 2022.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith that subject to amendments in section 5 of the guidelines (remove need for applicant to prove own sufficient funds) (addition of caveat “subject to HTC’s discretion”) and amending closing date to 30th April to agree the attached awards guidance and application form for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations. This will allow residents groups and community groups the opportunity to apply for up to a maximum of £500.00 (per group) towards the costs of holding a Queens Platinum Jubilee event in June 2022.

Resolved: Unanimously

22/02/14 To receive notices and correspondence.

Cllr John Smith read out a letter he had received from the CEC Monitoring Officer and noted a change in the date of the Audit and Governance committee meeting which will now be held on March 10th, 2022. – A copy of this letter can be requested from the clerk.

Cllr Moore noted that a solicitor's letter has been sent to Avensure on behalf of the council – free of charge, and so far have had no response from Avensure.

22/02/15 To agree the date of the next HTC meeting to be held on 08th February 2022.

It was agreed without a vote that the date of the next HTC meeting will be on 08th February 2022

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

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