



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Town Council held on
Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 7:30pm, held at Handforth Youth Centre,
Old Road, Handforth.**

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

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

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

22/19/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Sullivan.

22/19/2 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.

22/19/3 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 HTC get involved with transport issues,
especially buses. The Chairman noted that CE had a scheme running which

allowed Town and Parish Councils to contribute towards the running of the local bus service and this was budgeted for.

A resident noted correspondence he had received which referred to an orienteering course in Meriton Road Park, apparently this had been set up by a former councillor, but had now been removed from the orienteering guidebook. It was suggested the resident approach Friends of Meriton Road Park to discuss. Noted HTC could consider the costs to produce a map for orienteering at this location.

22/19/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council Environment Committee meeting of 14th June 2022.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Nisa to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council Environment Committee meeting of 14th June 2022.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/19/5 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 14th June 2022.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 14th June 2022.

Motion Carried: Six in Favour with One abstention.

22/19/6 To receive a report from the PCSO.

The PCSO was present and gave the following report:

- 2 Burglary
- 4 reports of Criminal Damage – not linked.
- 14 ASB incidents (various natures) some of which will be dealt with next week during our ASB week of Action. – Includes parking.
- 22 reports of “concern For Safety” involving Mental Health or Alcohol. This again is higher than usual & due to 3 regulars struggling at the moment. This has created a lot of demand & has been very time consuming for Matthew & Myself.
No further update of note re, A34 & A555. Operation Top Notch, re: Midlands police force response as discussed at the previous meeting.

22/19/7 To approve and sign the order of payments for July & August 2022.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve, and sign the order of payments for July and August totalling £9,619.89.

22/19/8 To receive a report from Ward Councillor Julie Smith.

Cllr Julie Smith provided the following report:

We held another successful litter pick in the village which was attended by over 30 residents, and we collected 23 bags of litter. I am hoping to arrange another one for early August.

Onward housing association funded a community skip day which I helped manage on Spath Lane Estate which again was very successful and resulted in a full skip of unwanted items. The feedback from residents was extremely positive and I'd like to continue providing skips around the village every few months to cut down on fly tipping in the area.

I have been involved in a project to provide prom outfits to those members of our community who may have found themselves excluded from these events due to financial reasons. We asked for donations of dresses and suits which we were able to loan out. A total of 50 dresses and 10 suits were donated by our generous community and we hope to make this an annual thing so that no student needs to be excluded for reasons of cost.

I am helping Time Out Group to organise a Paddock Fun Day which will take place on Saturday 6th August to which any community group, charity organisation or residents are invited to have a stall. I will ask Ashley to put the contact details on the Town Council website.

Last Monday I attended a Highways event in Crewe where I had the opportunity to speak with the different departments about issues concerning our village. We should find out about the Handforth to Wilmslow cycle lane at the beginning of October apparently. I have asked for an update on what work is planned for Meriton Road which is in an ongoing state of disrepair due to construction works taking place on the Fairways. A few weeks ago, I requested that the zebra crossing at the junction of Station Road and Hall Road be changed to a pelican crossing to make it safer for residents crossing. We collected data from the SID over a 2-week period in both directions and I submitted this to the Road safety officer who analysed it and deemed the crossing safe. I also asked for an inspection of the approach to the mini roundabout at the junction of Welland Road and Finsbury Way to ensure that people were made adequately aware of it. I have also suggested that it should maybe have something placed on it to ensure it is treated as a roundabout and to prevent motorists driving straight across it.

An update on the SLOW road markings to the East and West of the station. As it would be a costly exercise to just carry out this work I have been asked to provide details of other work that could be carried out simultaneously. I have

asked that the parking bays outside Tesco Express be repainted as when speaking with parking enforcement officers, they have advised me that its sometimes difficult to enforce restrictions due to the bays being inadequately marked and this is being looked into.

Cheshire East will commence weed spraying on 1st August.

Last month I reported that the long-awaited parking project on Spath Lane was being done. Unfortunately, following the meeting I was contacted by a resident who objected to the work and myself and the design engineer met with her the following morning to listen to the concerns. As a result of the objections, it was decided to call a public meeting in order to gauge the level of support for the project and I will update council regarding this at the next meeting.

For the past 2 Saturdays and this coming Saturday I will be in the library from 10-12 and have invited any residents who need help claiming the £150.00 energy rebate to come along and I will help them to complete the online form.

22/19/9

MOTION: To receive recommendation from the HTC Finance Committee following receipt of a grant application from 1st Handforth Scouts towards the costs of the installation of a new electrical distribution board. Grant requested £500.00.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to receive recommendation from the HTC finance committee to award the grant to 1st Handforth Scouts for the full amount of £500.00.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/19/10

MOTION: To agree support for St Benedict's School in providing uniform for those struggling families who have been unable to afford the uniform costs during the current cost of living crisis, up to a maximum value of £1,000.00.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to agree support for St Benedict's School in providing uniform for those struggling families who have been unable to afford the uniform costs during the current cost of living crisis, to the value of £1,000.00.

Councillors also noted that St Benedict's School should be approached to seek a similar grant from Wilmslow Town Council and a grant from the Wilmslow Aid Trust. Cllr Samson agreed to assist the school with this.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/19/11 MOTION: Following the receipt of a £5,874.00 grant from Onward Homes and a £4,126.00 grant from the Cheshire PCC to agree the project management of the installation of new floodlights at Handforth Youth Centre football pitch.

Noted that the grant amounts received were based upon a quotation from HTC's Preferred Christmas Lights supplier who have an architectural lighting arm and that the quote provided was for £10,000.00.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith that HTC project manage the floodlight installation following receipt of the grant money.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/19/12 MOTION to agree spend of up to £824.00 plus VAT on 3 X additional new litter bins for various locations in Handforth.

Noted that one bin was to replace the stolen one from Brooke Avenue and that one was required on the Willow Bank House side of the station footbridge.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore agree spend of up to £824.00 plus VAT on 3 X additional new litter bins for various locations in Handforth.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/19/13 Following receipt of leaflets from Hope Central suggesting pressures on their foodbank reserves; to discuss any assistance HTC might wish to consider giving to Hope Central in the future.

Councillors gave the subject considerable and weighty debate on the subject and how to specifically reach Handforth residents, which might prove a logistical challenge to Hope Central. It was agreed without a vote, that both councillors Samson and Moore approach Hope Central to discuss in further detail and bring a more solid proposal back to the next meeting.

22/19/14 To receive notices and correspondence.

Cllr Moore noted that both she and Cllr Nisa had attended recent ChALC training sessions and both councillors agreed the value in these. Information from the meeting has been subsequently circulated to all councillors. Cllr Moore also noted that both the Environment and Website working groups had received interest from the public and one councillor for

membership and would continue to give council full updates on actions from the groups.

22/19/15 It was agreed without a vote that the next HTC meeting to be held on 13th September 2022.

The meeting closed at 8:18pm.

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