



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Town Council held on
Tuesday 08th November 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

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

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

22/26/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Sullivan.

22/26/2 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.

22/26/3 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.

22/26/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 11th October 2022.

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

Motion Carried: Five in Favour with one Abstention.

22/26/5 To receive a report from the PCSO.

The PCSO gave the following report at the meeting:

- Firstly, good news in that there had been 0 reported burglaries in Handforth.
- Whilst he hoped that this would be a trend in patterns this would probably not be the case with the dark nights and the run up to Christmas.
- Cheshire Police were increasing staffing in areas with historically higher burglary rates at this time of the year utilising both plain clothes officers and marked vehicles.
- The police had now launched Op Jingle which will target retail crime over the Christmas period with increased presence both on the high street and at Handforth Dean retail park.
- Noted that the police have been running Op treacle over the Halloween / Bonfire period and this ran from 15/10/22 to 06/11/22. There have been no reports of eggings or flour incidents in Handforth.
- Currently the PCSO is covering both Handforth and Colshaw owing to loss of another PCSO to their HQ staff. Also noted that on occasion he will act as duty PCSO and will be used to cover a different area when required.
- Finally the PCSO noted that bike thefts have increased, not so much in Handforth itself, but certainly at Handforth Dean and Total Fitness.

22/26/6 To approve and sign the order of payments for November 2022.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to approve and sign the order of payments for November 2022 totalling £16,771.82.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/26/7 To receive a report from Ward Councillor Julie Smith.

Ward Councillor Julie Smith gave the following report:

Ward Councillors are currently given £4,200.00 per year to be spent on any highway related issues not identified under the normal program. These have not been used for the last two years and recently, I sent a list of works over

to highways which has been approved. The majority of the works identified are for refreshed road markings and parking bays. A large amount of these to be done at Tesco Express, the work will be carried out on a Sunday. Recently I met and went around Handforth with Andy Simpson from CE Highways and several issues were identified from damaged crossing signals at Lakeland to potholes, road markings and areas identified for additional weed spraying; along with this new 20Mph speed limit signs were discussed for Spath Lane, Meriton Road, Crossfield Road and Wallingford Road.

Noted that if you go onto the CEC website there is a cost of living link with the following information available:

- Financial Wellbeing
- Warm Spaces
- Energy Saving and Support Schemes
- Cheshire East Local support
- Information from National Government
- Information for businesses.

Noted that CE will be offering certain community groups winter warm grants if they can offer a room or warm space and provide hot drinks for those in need. Also Onward Homes are putting on a winter warm event for their tenants at Woodstock Court next Wednesday, if their tenants sign up to their nourish program, they can also receive a free slow cooker.

Onward Homes also held a skip day on Spath Lane on Monday 07th November which was successful once again and had to be collected an hour earlier because it was filled so quickly.

School Road Car Park will be closed next week for new lighting columns to be fitted.

Lastly following discussion with the agent responsible hopefully the derelict Mermaid Hotel site will be demolished before Christmas.

22/26/8 MOTION: To agree the proposed meeting dates for HTC for 2023.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to agree the proposed meeting dates for HTC for 2023.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/26/9 To receive notices and correspondence.

Noted that on Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2022, the Railway pub will be opening at 10am to serve tea and coffee to those taking part in the Remembrance Day parade, and will be open afterwards serving a buffet.

22/26/10 To agree the date of the next HTC meeting to be held on 13th December 2022.

The date of the next HTC meeting was unanimously agreed without a vote to be held on 13th December 2022.

The meeting closed at 8:06pm.

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