



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Town Council held on  
Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7:30pm, held at Handforth Youth  
Centre, Old Road, Handforth.**

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

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

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

22/24/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Nisa and Sullivan.

22/24/2 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.

22/24/3 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 commented on item 22/24/9 and noted that they felt that the draft Town Centre Vitality Plan was wishy washy and had no real substance.

A resident commented on item 22/24/10 and indicated that there were a variety of open spaces as listed in the neighbourhood plan which included all the parks in Handforth, Incidental open spaces and greenbelt land.

22/24/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Milward to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

22/24/5 To receive a report from the PCSO.

The PCSO sent the following report:

Since the last meeting we have had a spate of “theft of pedal cycles” from the Handforth Dean area.

We have had no Burglaries or vehicle crime.

We are gearing up for Halloween & Bonfire Night – Op Treacle will be running from the middle of this month which will focus on:

1. Increased patrols around area’s we have previously had issues.
2. Estate inspection with Fire service (& hopefully housing) if the usual bonfire is created & is done so with inappropriate/ dangerous material Cheshire fire have agreed to bring an engine down and soak it before evening.
3. All the schools will be visited & all Key Stage 2 children spoken to regarding acceptable behaviour & consequences.
4. Local shop swill be visited in the build up with regards to selling eggs & flour to young people.

22/24/6 To approve and sign the order of payments for October 2022.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve, and sign the order of payments for October 2022 totalling £7,487.80.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

22/24/7 MOTION: To receive recommendation from the HTC finance committee and to agree the 23-24 financial year budget.

The finance committee recommended that the 23-24 financial year budget be agreed subject to a different layout in the personnel cost’s lines.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to approve the 23-24 financial year subject to the above.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

22/24/8 MOTION: To receive recommendation from the HTC finance committee and agree to set the 23-24 financial year precept.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve the recommendation of the finance committee, and set the 23-24 financial year precept at £110,000.00.

**Resolved: unanimously.**

22/24/9 MOTION: To agree the HTC response to the CE Town Centre Vitality Plan for Handforth and to submit the response to the current CE survey.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to defer submitting a response from HTC until the public consultation period is over and any final amendments made.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

22/24/10 MOTION: To agree a spend up to £500.00 to conduct an open space survey in Handforth.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Milward to agree a spend up to £500.00 to conduct an open space survey in Handforth.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

22/24/11 To receive notices and correspondence.

Cllr Moore noted that she had received correspondence regarding the completion of the path in South Hall Woods which has now been halted due to problems relating to the release of S106 monies for the project. Cllr John Smith has been invited to the Middlewich Mayors afternoon tea on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

22/24/12 To agree the date of the next HTC meeting to be held on 08<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The date of the next HTC meeting was agreed, without a vote, to be held on 08<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The meeting closed at 8:33pm.

Chair.....

Date.....