



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Town Council held on  
Tuesday 17th January 2023 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  
Three members of the public

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

23/03/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

23/03/2 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.

23/03/3 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.

23/03/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

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

**Motion Carried: Five in favour with two abstentions.**

23/03/5 To receive a report from the PCSO.

The PCSO provided the following written report to councillors:

- We have had two attempted burglaries in January, the surrounding areas of Handforth where badly effected by burglaries in December, but extra targeted patrolling in historically effected areas in Handforth seems to have deterred any incidents.
- Regarding the youth committing ASB in the Village all of those involved that we have dealt with have had parents notified about what has been happening. We have had most of the ring leaders in for Anti-Social Behaviour discussion, this is the beginning of the process for Criminal Behaviour Orders – these orders have replaced ASBO’s.
- We still have no update on when and what speed calming measures will be implemented on the A555 & A34 (but as soon as I know you’ll know).
- On the whole our “season crime” was very low, shoplifting, burglaries & public order offences linked to night-time economy.

PC Rowbotham & myself are currently developing several pieces of information we have been given recently & I hope to be able to report back on positive action we have taken on this at the next meeting.

23/03/6 To approve and sign the order of payments for January 2023.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve and sign the order of payments for January 2023 totalling £25,101.34.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

23/03/7 MOTION: To agree to host another pantomime production as per earlier years in November / December 2023 (up to two performances of Cinderella) up to a maximum value of £2,500.00.

Councillors noted that although a large number of tickets had sold to the last performance, there were still a number of no-shows from members of the public. It was felt that because of the current cost of living crisis, that it would

be unfair to increase the current ticket prices. Councillors agreed to print a serial number on the tickets this year and have a prize of up to £25.00 to be won which would hopefully ensure peoples attendance.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

23/03/8 To receive notices and correspondence.

Cllr John Smith read out correspondence from the organisers of NAAFI break which assists ex veterans. They are hoping to hold a summer fair at the youth centre in August and seek assistance from HTC. It was agreed that the clerk speak to the organisers and request that they complete a grant application form.

Cllr Moore reported that the S106 funding for the new path through South Hall Woods had been released and that this project will be completed in the coming months. There was also some residual S106 money left from the project to involve local schools in the placing of bird boxes within the woods. Cllr Moore also reported that she has been investigating other Town/Parish Council websites as the current site was difficult to navigate, was high end price and has very little information about the village itself on the site. Her opinion was that the site should say who we are, what we do, have information about the village and should be presented in an easy to navigate manner. She would continue to progress this and bring costings back to the next HTC meeting.

Cllr Samson asked that all councillors try to promote the HTC King's coronation awards as the closing date was 31<sup>st</sup> March and that she wanted as many groups as possible to be involved.

23/03/9 To agree the date of the next HTC meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

The date of the next HTC meeting was agreed without a vote as 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

The meeting closed at 7:55pm.

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