



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Town Council held on  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 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  
Six members of the public  
One PCSO  
One Handforth Beat Sergeant

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

23/10/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

23/10/2 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.

23/10/3 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 noted that there were investigation reports still on the Town Council website home page, he felt that councillors should agree to archive these documents as the Town Council was moving into a new phase.

A resident noted that the Friends of Handforth Station were in the process of spending their Coronation Award received from HTC and that they had purchased some Coronation roundels which were on display and that they will be receiving a life sized cut out of the King and Queen to display in the ticket office. The Friends of Handforth Station were also writing to the King to enquire as to whether he would visit the station again at a future date.

A resident noted that they had watched the installation of the new path through the Hall Woods and noted they felt it was a great improvement, the path was akin to that used by the Woodland Trust on their properties and looked forward to its completion.

23/10/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

23/10/5 To receive a report from the PCSO.

Paul Brunton introduced himself as the new Community Beat Sergeant for Wilmslow and that he was also responsible for the Handforth Area; he noted an extensive career in frontline policing and community policing; he provided the following statistics for Handforth:

ASB over the last 10 weeks there had been 10 reported incidents with no repeat offenders.

Drug & Alcohol related incidents: 4 incidents reported with no repeat offenders, the PCSO has been working on developing further intelligence around these matters and for drugs warrants to be issued.

Domestic Abuse, 20 reported incidents and 2 repeat locations, victim support was being given to the individuals involved.

Sexual Offences, 2 reports received which is a drop of 50% - noted as minor incidents.

Hate crimes, 0 reports.

He noted that they were continuing with County Lines investigations along with working alongside trading standards. He also noted that following a

bomb threat at the Best Western Hotel they were performing a community impact assessment (CIA); however, they felt any threat was minimal.

23/10/6 To approve and sign the order of payments for April 2023.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to approve, and sign the order of payments for April 2023 totalling £21,974.54.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

23/10/7 To receive notices and correspondence.

Cllr John Smith took the opportunity to thank all the councillors who have served on HTC and especially during the period of immense stress of the investigation into code of conduct complaints by CE which had affected councillors, their partners, the clerk, and some residents.

23/10/8 To agree the date of the next HTC meeting (AGM & Full Council) to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

The date of the AGM & next Full council meeting was agreed as 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 without a vote.

The meeting closed at 7:54pm.

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