

HANDLEY AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2021
IN THE BARBOUR INSTITUTE, TATTENHALL

OPEN FORUM

Before the official business of the Council commences there will a period of approximately 10 minutes for members of the public to have the opportunity to comment, and raise questions, on matters affecting the parish.

PRESENT

Cllrs. Nigel Johnson, David Mamwell, Karen Mamwell, Rory Lea, Jon Moseley.
The Clerk. No members of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Hilary Wells, Rosemary Thomas.

Resolved:- The Council agreed that Cllr Lea chair the meeting in the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Wells.

Proposed by Cllr K Mamwell and seconded by Cllr Mosley.

Currently, there is no provision for formal meetings to be held online. The Parish Council must meet in person in order to meet statutory obligations.

The 'six month rule' is still in effect. This requires a councillor to attend a meeting in person, within a six month period, unless the parish council grants an extension to specified councillors.

Resolved:- In order to avoid forfeiture of office for failure to attend meetings for six consecutive months under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, it was agreed that the Council approve an extension to the six month rule for non-attendance of Councillors Wells and Thomas due to the cancellation of meetings scheduled between May 2021 – November 2021 due to Councillors concerns attending face to face meetings.

Proposed by Cllr D Mamwell and seconded by Cllr Lea.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Disclosable Interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting.

None were declared.

3. MINUTES

Resolved:- The Council agreed to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2021.

Proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr K Mamwell.

The Council noted the minutes of the Parish Council Working Group Meeting held on 23rd September 2021

4. VICE CHAIRMAN

The election of a vice chairman for the year 2021 – 2022 was deferred.

5. CASUAL VACANCY

Cllrs are to speak to residents to see if they are interested in being co-opted onto the Council.

6. MATTERS ARISING

The Council thanked Cllr Johnson for putting up the poppies in the parish.

7. HIGHWAYS

To receive general update / progress of all highways issues including:-

7.1 Handley Village proposed reduction in speed limit to 30 mph (Currently 40mph):-

The Clerk has followed up the request with CWaC.

Safety concerns for pedestrians were raised due the speed of vehicles driving on Aldersey Lane. It is currently the national speed limit. The Clerk is to make enquiries with CWaC about having the speed limit reduced.

7.2 Verges in Milton Green:-

Nothing to report.

7.3 A41:-

The Council has not yet received the feedback on the Average Speed Survey taking place along the A41. CWaC have advised that this will take several weeks before the information is ready.

7.4 Golborne Bridge:-

CWaC have reported the faulty road surface surrounding the BT grid to BT with the request repairs are carried out as soon as ever possible.

CWaC confirm the road resurfacing work as already marked out and repair work to the Bridge will be coordinated so as to cause as little disruption to residents and commuters. CWaC confirmed the depression in the road opposite Chapel Lane in Milton Green is scheduled for repairs before the end of October. Should this not happen the Clerk will follow up with Highways.

It is clear that Highway repairs are taking much longer to deal with, Covid continues to have a massive impact on logistics.

8. FORMER CCP DEPOT

There is no further update regarding the planning application.

9. FINANCE

9.1 To approve accounts and bank reconciliation:-

The Council received the accounts to date.

Reconciled balance at current bank account at 30th September 2021:- £ 14,157.04.

Reconciled balance at business reserve bank account at 30th September 2021:- £5,504.05.

9.2 To accept and approve the following payments:-

Payee	Amount
Running Costs	£40.25
HMRC (Oct-Dec)	£81.00
ICO (paid by direct debit)	£35.00
Barbour Institute	£ 8.50

Resolved:- That the Council agree to approve the above payments.

Proposed by Cllr D Mamwell and seconded by Cllr K Mamwell.

9.3 Budget to Date:-

The Council received the budget to date as at 30th September 2021 and the forecast figures to 31st March 2022.

10. VILLAGE APPEARANCE

Litter Bins:-

Cllr Johnson and the Clerk have met with CWaC regarding the request for litter bins in Chapel Lane, Handley and Tickeridge House Layby. The report was circulated previously to the Council.

The Clerk is to request that the sign at Tickeridge House layby is replaced.

The Council is to collate evidence to submit a request for a litter bin in Handley.

11. PLANNING

11.1 Planning Applications Received:-

Planning Register circulated.

11.2 Planning Updates:-

There were no planning updates.

12. MEMBERSHIP

Resolved:- The Council agreed to pay for membership of Cheshire Community Action at £20.00 p.a.

Proposed by Cllr Lea and seconded by Cllr K Mamwell.

13. COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS

Fault Reporting

The Council are actively engaging with CWAC regarding the Reports and others residents have made in the last few weeks.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence received has been distributed to councillors.

PART 2

1. PRESS AND PUBLIC

There was no consideration of this item.

2. CLERK'S SALARY AND APPRAISAL

This item was deferred.

Date of next meeting:- TBC