

HANDLEY AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 31ST MARCH 2022
AT THE CODDINGTON PARISH ROOM

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 (Vice Chairman), Rory Lea, Jon Moseley, Karen Mamwell, David Mamwell, Rosemary Thomas
The Clerk.

No members of the public attended.

APOLOGIES

1. Cllr Hilary Wells.

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 due to Councillors concerns attending face to face meetings.

Proposed by Cllr Lea and seconded by Cllr D Mamwell.

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 25th January 2022.

Proposed by Cllr Mosley and seconded by Cllr Lea.

4. **CASUAL VACANCY**

The notice for the casual vacancy is to be posted on the website and noticeboards.

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

To Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 25th January 2022 and not covered by the Agenda.

There were no matters arising.

6. **HIGHWAYS**

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

An email has been sent to CWaC to query why the 30 mph cannot be extended to cover all three sections; CWaC has replied to advise that the 30 mph speed limit cannot be

extended to cover all three sections. The information obtained as part of the assessment did not support the inclusion of the sections where no change is proposed and is based on the character of the section, property density and mean speed of vehicles.

The Clerk is to request an update regarding timescales.

The 40mph sign at the Milton Green end requires cleaning and there is another sign missing.

6.2 Verges in Milton Green:-

There was no consideration of this item.

6.3 A41:-

There was no consideration of this item.

6.4 Golborne Bridge:-

Repairs have been carried out to the grid. Cllr D Mamwell is to check whether the pothole has been repaired.

6.5 Aldersey Lane reduction in speed limit:-

A request has been sent to Highways, CWaC to formally submit a request for a 30 mph speed limit on Aldersey Lane from the junction with the old Whitchurch Road, Handley to the parish boundary and agree to part fund the charges.

Highways, CWaC has replied to confirm the request has been added the assessment to the programme.

The Clerk is to request an update regarding timescales.

7. FORMER CCP DEPOT

There is no further update from CWaC regarding the planning application.

8. FINANCE

8.1 To approve accounts and bank reconciliation:-

Receipts:-

Reconciled balance at current bank account at 28th February 2022:- £13,486.89.

Reconciled balance at business reserve bank account at 28th February 2022:- £5,504.28.

8.2 To accept and approve the following payments:-

Chq No	Payee	Statutory Power	Amount
581	Backdated Salary / Running Costs	s.111	£ 41.46
582	UK City Images	s.111	£ 300.00
58	Coddington Parish Room	s.111	£ 15.00

Resolved:- The Council agreed to approve the above payments.

Proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Lea.

9. INTERNAL AUDIT

Resolved:- The Council agreed to instruct Jake Gurr to carry out the internal audit.

Proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Lea.

10. VILLAGE APPEARANCE

10.1 Litter Bins:-

A request has been sent to CWaC to request for a litter bin at the Handley layby. CWaC has carried out site survey and advised that the location did not meet the criteria to install a bin as it was very tidy and there was not a lot of footfall.

10.2 Post Box in Handley:-

The Council has received two responses from Royal Mail regarding replacing the post box.

The first email stated that if a post box hasn't been installed within 25 weeks from today, it's likely that the current facilities in the area already meet our requirements and a new post box isn't warranted."

A further was received to which advised that there is already an existing request for these works where we are currently completing the compliance checks prior to the box being installed next to the Parish Noticeboard.

The Clerk is to contact Royal Mail to clarify the situation.

10.3 Signage at Tickeridge Layby:-

The Clerk is to follow up the request for a replacement sign with CWaC.

10.4 Dog Fouling Signage:-

The Council agreed to purchase signs for residents to place on their property to encourage dog owners to pick up and remove dog waste.

11. PLANNING

11.1 Planning Applications Received:-

No applications have been received.

11.2 Planning Updates:-

There are no updates.

12. REQUEST FROM NALC

The Council did not raise any issues of relevance they wish National Association of Local Councils (NALC) to address and the services they would like NALC to provide.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Correspondence:- The list of correspondence received has been distributed to councillors.

PART 2

1. PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Council resolved the exclude public and members of the public to discuss employment matters..

Date of next meeting:- Thursday 26th May 2022