

**HANDLEY AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**HELD AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**  
**AT THE BARBOUR INSTITUTE , TATTENHALL**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs Nigel Johnson (Chairman), Karen Mamwell, David Mamwell, Jon Moseley.  
The Clerk. Ward Cllr Mike Jones. One member of the public attended.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Rory Lea (Vice Chairman).

**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. OPEN FORUM**

Members of the public have the opportunity to comment and raise questions on matters affecting the parish.

**4. CASUAL VACANCIES**

There was no update regarding the two vacancies on the Council.

**5. MINUTES**

**Resolved:-** The Council agreed to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (  
Proposed by Cllr Mosley and seconded by Cllr D Mamwell.  
(n.b. the meeting in November 2022 did not take place as the meeting was not quorate).

**6. POLICE**

The report was previously circulated.

**7. MATTERS ARISING**

To Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> September and not covered by the Agenda.

7.1 Overhanging Tree:- The Clerk has reported the issue to Highways.

**8. HIGHWAYS**

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

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

CWaC has provided an update on the proposed Whitchurch Road speed limit, the results of the informal consultation have now been collated.

A total of 16 responses were received from directly affected residents:

Yes = 81 (%)

No = 19 (%)

For information, within some of the responses, both yes' and no's, comments were that they would like to see the 30 extended through the whole village. As presented within the speed limit assessment, the recommendations are based on criteria in Section 7 'Rural Speed Management' of the DfT Circular 01/2013 Setting Local Speed Limits.

Consequently, any further changes would not be supported. Other responses state that as mean speeds are currently compliant with the proposals the introduction of speed reductions are not worthwhile and the funding should be used on other issues in the area. Based on the majority support for implementation of the speed limits, CWaC's recommendation is take the proposal to delegated decision to formally advertise. CWaC has previously advised that a rough cost for the scheme is £2,000.00. With upturns in costs this is now more likely to be approximately £3,000.00 with contingency rate include. Therefore the Council would be liable to provide approximately £1,500.00 plus VAT.

**Resolved:-** The Council agreed to the following:-

- To proceed with the recommended 30mph speed limit through Handley village.
- To agree to pay £1,500.00 plus VAT for the cost to implement the scheme.

Proposed by Cllr Moseley and seconded by Cllr Johnson.

**8.2 Aldersey Lane proposed reduction in speed limit to 30 mph (currently national speed limit):-**

The Council received the Speed Limit Assessment for Aldersey Lane.

CWaC advised that the recommended speed limit is 50mph and a request to reduce the speed limit to 30mph would not be supported.

The Council is to confirm the actual stretch of road and whether it crosses into the neighbouring parish.

**8.3 Solar Flashing Sign at Milton Green:-**

Cllr Johnson is to confirm whether this has been repaired.

**8.4 Missing sign:-**

Handley:- the 40mph sign is missing on the left-hand side when approaching the village from the Milton Green end of the village has been reported to Highways who advised they have raised a job to have the post and sign replaced. The sign has not been replaced.

The Clerk is to follow this up with Highways.

**8.5 Request for Slow Markings on Platts Lane:-**

The Clerk has contacted Highways regarding the request. Highways has responded to advise they will investigate the speed data and collision history of the area to determine if any improvements are considered necessary.

**9. FORMER CCP DEPOT**

No further update.

**10. FINANCE**

**10.1 To approve accounts and bank reconciliation:-**

Receipts:-

Reconciled balance at current bank account at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023:- £14,770.67

Reconciled balance at business reserve bank account at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023:- £5,516.17

**10.2 Budget to Date:-**

The Council noted the budget to date figures as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

**10.3 To accept and approve the following payments:-**

Chq No	Payee	Stat Power	Amount
595	Running Costs (Oct-Nov)	s.111	£ 12.67
596	R Shackleton Backdated pay	s.111	£ 70.00
597	HMRC PAYE (Oct - Dec 2022)		£ 86.60
598	Barbour Institute (room hire)	s.111	£ 5.50
599	Running Costs (Dec-Jan)	s.111	£ 19.28
600	Barbour Institute (room hire)	s.111	£ 11.00

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

Proposed by Cllr D Mamwell and seconded by Cllr Johnson.

## **11. PRECEPT**

### **11.1 To approve the budget for 2023 – 2024 financial year:-**

The Council considered the figures for the budget for the 2023 – 2024 financial year (see attachment for details).

**Resolved:-** The Council agreed to approve the budget for the 2023 – 2024 financial year. Proposed by Cllr D Mamwell and seconded by Cllr K Mamwell.

### **11.2 To set the precept for 2023 – 2024 financial year:-**

**Resolved:-** The Council agreed to set the budget for the 2023 – 2024 financial year at £3,752.00 (this is the same amount as 2022 – 2023).

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

## **12. VILLAGE APPEARANCE**

### **Pavement Damage:-**

In Handley, the pavement is impassable at corner leading off high street to Aldersey Lane due to an overhanging weeping willow. There are also overgrown weeds on the pavement and further up the village. The issue has been reported to CWaC but no action taken.

## **13. VILLAGE SIGN**

The Clerk has contacted CWaC regarding the previous request for a village boundary sign for Golborne. The Council received a copy of extracts from the Domesday Book which mentions villagers living in Golborne; this was sent to CWaC and a request made again for to have a village boundary sign installed.

CWaC has investigated and advised there isn't enough evidence either way to make an accurate determination, however they are happy to accept the findings and permit their introduction.

Before they proceed with designs etc. they have requested the following information:

- A plan showing the boundaries of Golborne David and ideally preferred locations for the signs
- An indication to the type of sign the PC wish to install (example options supplied)
- Confirmation that the PC are happy to fully fund (a nearby scheme for two signs including traffic management was quoted in 2021 at £2,245.00 plus VAT)

The Council deferred the item due to time.

## **14. PLANNING**

### **14.1 Planning Applications Received:-**

No new planning applications have been received.

### **14.2 Planning Updates:-**

There are no updates.

## **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

## **PART 2**

### **1. CLERK'S SALARY AND APPRAISAL**

This item was deferred.

**Date of next meeting:-** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023