

HANDLEY AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 18TH MARCH 2025
OUTSIDE THE BARBOUR INSTITUTE, TATTENHALL

PRESENT

Cllrs Nigel Johnson (Chairman), Wendy Lawton, Jon Moseley,
Rosemary Thomas, Karen Worthington.
The Clerk. One member of the public.

The meeting was held outside the Barbour Institute as access was not possible.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr David Mamwell. Ward Cllr Mike Jones.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was no consideration of this item.

3. OPEN FORUM

There was no consideration of this item.

4. CASUAL VACANCIES

There are two vacancies that the Council can co-opt to fill. The Council has received an expression of interest to join the Council.

This was deferred to the next meeting.

5. MINUTES

This was deferred to the next meeting.

6. POLICE

The report was previously circulated.

7. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

8. HIGHWAYS

8.1 Handley Village proposed reduction in speed limit :-

There is no further update on the speed limit which is due to be implemented after 1st April 2025.

8.2 Speed Limit on the A41:-

The Clerk has contacted Highways to enquire about extending the current 40 mph speed limit on the A41 (Milton Green to Chester direction) to past the cottages.

CWaC has sent the following response:-

“Our Road Safety officer has investigated if the section you have identified was previously assessed. There was a Route Study in 2021 for the Average Speed Cameras which included this area within a Speed Limit Assessment (SLA), shown within section 4 of the attached document. The recommendation was no change from the existing speed limit.

Speed data that we hold for the A41 near to the cottages, and carried out in 2022, shows the mean speed was 55.4 MPH. With little change in the network, we would not anticipate speeds have been reduced.

We have carried out a 3-year personal injury collision search up to 13/08/2024 and there have been none in the national speed limit section from the 40 mph speed limit past the cottages.

In conclusion, we consider it unlikely that a revised assessment would recommend a reduction to 40 MPH as requested.”

8.3 Golborne Bridge:-

The Clerk has reported concerns regarding the narrowing of the bridge to Highways.

9. FINANCE

9.1 To approve accounts and bank reconciliation:-

Receipts:- none received.

Reconciled balance at current bank account at 31st January 2025:- £ 14,111.60

Reconciled balance at business reserve bank account at 31st January 2025:- £5,675.65

9.2 To accept and approve the following payments:-

Chq No	Payee	Stat Power	Amount
649	Running Costs	s.111	£ 23.03
651	HMRC PAYE (Jan - Mar 2025)		£ 101.60

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

Proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Worthington.

10. INTERNAL AUDIT

Resolved:- The Council agreed to instruct Jake Gurr to carry out the internal audit at a cost of £125.00 plus VAT.

Proposed by Cllr Worthington and seconded by Cllr Moseley.

11. BANK SIGNATORY

Resolved:- The Council agreed to appoint Cllr Worthington as a new bank signatory.

Proposed by Cllr Moseley and seconded by Cllr Johnson.

12. FORMER CCP DEPOT

CWaC has written to the Council to advise that the land is due to be placed on the open market for sale by informal tender.

The Council agreed to resubmit the previous requests that were made regarding the requests for planning gains.

13. PLANNING

13.1 Planning Applications Received:-

The Planning Register was circulated. No observations were made in respect of planning applications.

13.2 Planning Updates:-

There are no updates.

13.3 Meeting with Bolesworth Estate:-

There is a meeting due to be held later this month.

14. COMMEMORATIVE BENCH

CWaC has sent a photo of the bench; CWaC has advised that the cost to supply and install the bench on flags would be £660.00.

Resolved:- The Council agreed To agree the following:-

- To be sited in the layby at Handley.
- To approve spending £660.00 to purchase and install the bench.
- To apply to CWaC for a s115e licence.

Proposed by Cllr Moseley and seconded by Cllr Johnson.

15. STREET LIGHTS IN HANDLEY

Concerns were raised regarding the state of the street lights in Handley as several are in a poor state of repair due to peeling deterioration / rusting.

The Clerk is to report the concerns to CWaC and enquire about having a conservation / preservation order to protect the street lights,.

16. DEFIBRILLATOR

This was deferred to the next meeting.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence received has been distributed to councillors.

Date of next meeting:- Tuesday 20th May 2025