

**Minutes of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held 2nd October 2025 at 7:30pm @ Parish Office, 6 Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley.**

Item		Action By
	0 members present at the public open session	
1701	Attendance & Apologies Cllr Simon Meaden (Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee) Cllr James Reed (Chairman of the Parish Council) Cllr Colin Taylor Cllr Robert Hassall Cllr Rosalie Adams Also in Attendance Ciona Nicholson (Clerk) Apologies Cllr Stuart McLean Cllr Dave Adams	
1702	Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation None The following members declare non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to: Cllr Colin Taylor – Pentridge Village Hall & SH Village Hall 1 st Woodcutt Scouts, CCIO Cllr James Reed – Community Land Trust & Item Speed-watch Cllr Andy Turner – Community Land Trust & Skate-park Project Cllr Simon Meaden- 1 st Woodcutt Scouts	
1703	Matters arising from the last F&GP Parish Council Meeting held 4th September 2025. None	
1704	Play Area Matters & Reports The on-sight weekly inspections were carried out by Cllr McLean who reported that the play area was in good order, grass cut, bins emptied, no litter or graffiti. Members noted under the new Insurance policy requirements – on-sight play inspections are required on a <u>weekly basis throughout the year</u> . Clerk to ask Cllr McLean to complete this task. Clerk to contact local contractors; Charlie Walker & Pete Boulton for quotes to complete the play equipment refurbishment.	Clerk Clerk

	<p>Replacement Equipment – Large Climbing Frame</p> <p>Cllr McLean & Clerk met with Creative Play Rep to discuss the replacement of the large climbing frame. Their in-house team of designers and estimators will work on a bespoke proposal that brings together the requirements, tailored exactly to our space, vision, and budget.</p> <p>Creative Play will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A fully costed proposal with detailed 3D visuals• A design that balances fun, safety, and accessibility• Recommendations based on years of experience and hundreds of successful projects <p>The outline of requirements: to provide all and more than we currently have, all age ranges including older children, no platform higher than the current 1.5m, wood in construction with steel feet, a slide, be colourful and provide shelter points to encourage interaction.</p> <p>Options suggested:</p> <p><u>Discovery Jigsaw Tower</u>, with metal post shoes, blue, red and yellow playtec.</p> <p><u>Mont Blanc Jigsaw Tower</u> with metal post shoes, blue, red and yellow playtec.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange a further meeting with a third provider, Lap Set Specialist Redlynch Leisure Fordingbridge.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
1705	<p>Sports Facilities Matters & Recreation Ground</p> <p>Cllrs Reed, Hassall & Adams agreed to meet quarterly on 14th October for the purpose of checking the general fabric of the building.</p> <p>PAT testing completed by S Wallworth Electricals Services in all 3 Parish Council locations, Unit 6, Pavilion and the Bowls Club.</p> <p>To comply with insurance requirements, a quote received to carry out a test and inspection of the electrical installation at the Bowls Club. Members unanimously resolved expenditure of £237.60 to carry out the works.</p> <p>Further Recreation Update</p> <p>The rear of the Pavilion (immediately outside the exit door) is to be made into a storage area for barrels and waste bins. Contractor Martin Hallett to clear the vegetation in preparation to lay concrete or slabs to provide a base – security fencing to be sourced.</p> <p>The memorial clock has been inspected by local electrician and the controller has been sent away for repairs.</p>	<p>JR RH DA</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Village Hall Matters</p> <p>Cllr Adams (& Clerk) to meet DES in order to resolve the generator's automatic switch over failing and investigate why the Solar system keeps tripping. Friday 3rd October @8.00 @ Village Hall.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
1706	<p>Sports Association Matters</p> <p>Henry Giles Secretary of Handley Sports confirmed their application to the Football Foundation has been successful and has secured £1440.00 which represents 66% of the funds needed to purchase new goal posts.</p> <p>The Sports Association previously approved funds to support the purchase making up the 34% shortfall of £715.50.</p> <p>The funding offer has been accepted and the Club waits for payment information to follow.</p> <p>The first Sports Association meeting took place on Wednesday 10th September @7.00pm Parish Office. The new members from each of the clubs attended. Cllr Taylor is updating the associations constitution and agreed to hold a fundraising event in the Village Hall early in 2026.</p>	
1707	<p>Inspection of Parish Council owned property</p> <p>Clerk to divide the list of assets and send to Councillors for inspection and contact Adam Batty regarding PC Office noticeboards</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
1708	<p>Matters to Report & Correspondence</p> <p>The Keats Meadow / Mulberry Court wall is in a far greater state of disrepair than ever. An area very close to children playing, the tiles on the top of the wall are broken, chipped or missing. The PC are unable to contact the Developer, members agreed to get quotes for its repair.</p> <p>Clerk to contact local contractors for a quote.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
1709	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <p>The RFO circulated to members prior to the meeting a report on finances to 2nd October. Bank Reconciliation for signing; List of Receipts & Payments for scrutiny.</p> <p>Members reviewed Half Year spend against budget and reserves and started budget preparations for 2026/27.</p> <p>Clerk to administrate payments, Scrutineer Cllr S McLean 2nd Cllr C Taylor & 3rd Cllr Hassall to authorise payments.</p>	

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

**These minutes are to be signed by the Chairman after approval
at the next Full meeting of the Parish Council.**

Signed;..... 23rd October 2025

Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council

Payments – 2nd October 2025

Date	Description	Receipts Payment
02/10/2025	Dorset Council Rent	SO 484.00
02/10/2025	C Nicholson (September Salary Payment)	On-line 1,098.89
02/10/2025	Nest Pension Payment	DD 82.48
02/10/2025	HMRC Tax & NI Aug Sep Oct	On-line 449.23
02/10/2025	Marc Hayward (x4 Litter bins)	On-line 30.00
02/10/2025	L J Tuckey (x4 Parish Office cleans)	On-line 30.00
02/10/2025	C Nicholson (Reimbursement HMRC)	On-line 100.00
02/10/2025	M Nicholson Pavilion Cleaning (29/9 17/9)	On-line 45.00
02/10/2025	S Wallworth Electrical Services Ltd (PAT testing in Unit 6, Bowls Club & Pavilion)	On-line 186.00
02/10/2025	Mr D Perrin Bowls Club (Main patio paving slabs repairs)	On-line 300.00
02/10/2025	NWF Fuels Ltd (Pavilion Oil)	On-line 334.11
02/10/2025	Clear Insurance Management Ltd (Annual Ins)	On-line 3,221.87
02/10/2025	Handley Ent (Reimbursement Downsman InDesign x4 months)	On-line 73.28
02/10/2025	Mr D Adams (Reimbursement materials for Brushy Bush water meter)	On-line 133.75
02/10/2025	N D Dibben Farms Ltd (Reimbursement Diesel & Black Plastic)	On-line 158.24
02/10/2025	Parish Mag Printers October Edition Downsman	On-line 635.00
02/10/2025	Kinetico Watersoftener Service	DD 8.75
02/10/2025	Vodafone Broadband	DD 38.09
02/10/2025	Wessex Internet	DD 1.20
30/09/2025	2nd Precept Payment	Credit 35,220.00 0.00
	October Total	 35,220.00 7409.89

To be submitted by the Clerk on Friday 3rd October 2025.

Scrutineer – Cllr S Mclean 1st On-line authorisation Cllr Taylor 2nd On-line authorisation Cllr Hassall

Scrutineer.....Date.....