

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

| Item | | Action By |
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| | 0 members present at the public open session | |
| 1749 | 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 Stuart McLean Cllr Dave Adams Also in Attendance Ciona Nicholson (Clerk) Apologies None | |
| 1750 | 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 | |
| 1751 | Matters arising from the last F&GP Parish Council Meeting held 2nd October 2025. None | |
| 1752 | 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. A replacement controller and power supply has been ordered to repair the damaged one in the memorial clock. Clerk to meet with local maintenance contractor on 7/11/25 to get a further quote for refurbishment of play area equipment. | |

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| 1753 | <p>Sports Facilities Matters & Recreation Ground</p> <p>Cllr Hassall presented the findings of the meeting held on the 14/10/25 at the Sports Pavilion for the purpose of checking the general fabric of the building.</p> <p>External</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guttering (cricket side) 1 bracket lose and requires additional brackets. • Downpipe (cricket side) needs replacing. • Hard standing required for storage area to house barrels and waste bins. • Installation of metal fencing for security. • Tennis noticeboard needs refurbishing. • Debris on the roof to be retrieved. <p>Internally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joining floor strips are loose creating a trip hazard x2. • Electricity wires and plug socket near the darts board needs conduit cover. (Penny Tap) • Area left of the darts board is not protected and the wall is marked. (Penny Tap) <p>Local maintenance contractor to visit the site on 7/11/25 in order to supply quotes.</p> <p>Fire Alarm System Fault</p> <p>Several reports of false alarms with no indication from sensors as to where the problem lies. Clerk to contact electrician to check/ re-wire from the power to the system before contacting CSG Fire & Security.</p> <p>Bowls Club</p> <p>As a result of the test and electrical inspection at the Bowls Club. Members approved a quote for £420.00 from S Wallworth Electrical Services to carry out the urgent remedial works.</p> <p>Village Hall / Laurelbank Boundary Trees</p> <p>The boundary line of trees falls between Laurelbank Property and Parish Council owned land. Most of which are the property of Laurelbank but the large sycamore is predominately on the VH side.</p> <p>Since the installation of solar panels on the Village Hall roof in 2023 it's important to maximise efficiency of the panels by making sure the height of the boundary vegetation isn't too high.</p> <p>A letter received from the residents of Pantiles also reported the height of the boundary trees was impacting negatively, reducing light and overshadowing the rear of the property.</p> <p>Cllrs SM, JR, RH will attend a meeting on Wednesday 12th November @ 10.00am to assess the situation, confirm ownership and responsibility before approaching Laurelbank residents.</p> | PT |
| | | Clerk |
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| | <p>The resident of Common Road has recently advertised via social media a daily Spa experience. Members are concerned about unpermitted access across Parish Council recreation land and regular parking at the Village Hall. Clerk to write to resident for clarity.</p> | Clerk |
| 1754 | <p>Sports Association Matters</p> <p>Handley Football The grant funded football posts have been delivered to the recreation ground.</p> <p>A new under 7 football team is being introduced to Sixpenny Handley and arrangement are underway with training and matches expected to commence in January 2026.</p> <p>Bowls Club Winter Bowls has attracted 58 new players from other local clubs and is busy most days. The extra funding and support helps with the depleted summer members where numbers are a low 14.</p> | |
| 1755 | <p>Village Hall & Sports Pavilion Export Energy Update</p> <p>Sports Pavilion Octopus Panel Power application sent 3/10/25 is waiting for acceptance.</p> <p>Village Hall – Clerk to contact F&S Energy to confirm feasibility and confirm export tariff.</p> | Clerk |
| 1756 | <p>Preferred Contractors List</p> <p>Members updated the Preferred Contractors list for 2025-26.</p> | |
| 1757 | <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 unanimously resolved to approve £20,045.00 expenditure to replace the large climbing frame in the Play Area.</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously the expenditure of £700.00 to replace Parish Laptop.</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously expenditure of £524.00 to replace the PC projector for a View Sonic PA700S VGA Projector including cabling and trunking.</p> <p>Members deferred budget preparations for 2026/27 until FPC in December.</p> <p>Clerk to administrate payments, Scrutineer Cllr S McLean 2nd Cllr C Taylor & 3rd Cllr Hassall to authorise payments.</p> | |

Meeting Closed 8.35pm

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

Signed;..... 25th November 2025

Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council

Payments – 6th November 2025

| Date | Description | Receipts Payment |
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| 06/11/2025 | Dorset Council Rent | SO 484.00 |
| 06/11/2025 | C Nicholson (October Salary Payment) | On-line 1,094.69 |
| 06/11/2025 | Nest Pension Payment | DD 82.48 |
| 06/11/2025 | As Time Goes By (Replacement Controller Memorial Clock) | On-line 300.00 |
| 06/11/2025 | Mr C Taylor (Expenses Claim - Fresh Start DAPTC) | On-line 35.55 |
| 06/11/2025 | Mr D Adams (Reimbursement Diesel Mower Strimmer) | On-line 34.53 |
| 06/11/2025 | Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club (sundries for repairs) | On-line 311.68 |
| 06/11/2025 | Source For Business (New Barn Allotments Dec 24 - June 25) | On-line 173.81 |
| 06/11/2025 | Marc Hayward (x4 Litter bins) | On-line 22.50 |
| 06/11/2025 | L J Tuckey (x4 Parish Office cleans) | On-line 30.00 |
| 06/11/2025 | Mr I Mereweather (Reimbursement HPWebcam) | On-line 41.99 |
| 06/11/2025 | Mr I Mereweather (Reimbursement Poppy Wreaths) | On-line 28.50 |
| 06/11/2025 | Elite Playground Inspections (Quarterly) | On-line 90.00 |
| 06/11/2025 | Dorset Council (Dumpy bag of grit 2024) | On-line 130.20 |
| 06/11/2025 | S Wallworth Electrical Services Ltd (Test & Inspection Bowls Club) | On-line 237.60 |
| 02/11/2025 | Kinetico Watersoftener Service | DD 8.75 |
| 02/11/2025 | Vodafone Broadband | DD 38.09 |
| 02/11/2025 | Wessex Internet | DD 1.20 |
| | November Total | - 3,145.57 |

To be submitted by the Clerk on Friday 6th November 2025.

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

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