

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of  
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council  
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	<p><b>1-member present at the Public Open Session</b></p> <p>Resident Simon Marsh; a local tradesman presented a festive and community based idea to the PC. Whilst remaining anonymous, his business would like to sponsor a larger than usual community Christmas Tree.</p> <p>In partnership with the First School, the festive idea includes engaging with school children who will be decorating their own baubles to hang throughout the season.</p> <p>Simon felt that the introduction of a more secure tree with battery powered lights along with local engagement of young people might discourage anti-social behaviour we have experienced in previous years.</p> <p>The proposal includes expenditure for the Christmas Tree, lights, decorations and extra security.</p> <p><b>Parish Council Comment:</b> The members present were appreciative of this generous and community focussed initiative and fully supported the proposal with thanks.</p>	
1732	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr C Taylor Cllr I Mereweather Cllr R Hassall Cllr D Adams Cllr S McLean</p> <p><b>Also in Attendance</b></p> <p>Mr Piers Brown (Cranborne Chase Councillor) Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr R Adams Cllr A Turner Cllr D Chick</p> <p><b>In the absence of Chairman Cllr Reed and Vice Chairman Cllr Meaden, Cllr Taylor was proposed and seconded by RH, SM and carried by all to Chair the meeting.</b></p>	

1733	<p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Grants for Dispensation</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>The following members declare non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to:</b></p> <p>Cllr Colin Taylor – Penridge Village Hall &amp; SH Village Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Woodcutt Scouts/CCIO  Cllr James Reed – Community Land Trust &amp; Community Speed-watch  Cllr Andy Turner – Community Land Trust/Skate-park Fundraising Group/Sustainable Handley.  Cllr David Adams – Sixpenny Handley Sports Facilities/ Allotment Association  Cllr Rosalie Adams – Sixpenny Handley Village Hall / CCIO  Cllr Simon Meaden – 1<sup>st</sup> Woodcutt Scouts/Allotment Association.  Cllr Ian Mereweather – Community Land Trust</p>	
1734	<p><b>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown</b></p> <p>No report this month.</p>	
1735	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct and was signed by the Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i></p>	
1736	<p><b>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025.</b></p> <p>No matters arising.</p>	
1737	<p><b>To confirm the minutes of the Finance &amp; General Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct and were signed by the Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i></p>	
1738	<p><b>To confirm the minutes of the Finance &amp; General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025.</b></p> <p>The approval of these minutes to be carried over to next month's FPC.</p>	Clerk
1739	<p><b>Recreation Ground Matters – Playground Renovations Continued.</b></p> <p>Climbing Frame design presentation delivered by Cllr McLean included illustrations for all 5 options from x3 different suppliers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Playground Specialist x2 Clamberstack Options</li> <li>• Creative Play x2 Jigsaw Tower Options</li> <li>• Redlynch Leisure Lapset x1 Climbing Frame Option</li> </ul> <p>Members of the PC had previously agreed that it was an appropriate time to replace the large climbing frame for equipment with longevity and of low maintenance. The designs were colourful, exciting and different.</p>	

	<p>Members resolved unanimously to approve Creative Play as the supplier of the Jigsaw Tower (4 Corner) climbing frame. Clerk to include the approval of expenditure at next F&amp;GP.</p> <p>Clerk to meet with a select group of representatives from the Parents &amp; Friends Association to endorse the decision.</p> <p>Cllr McLean provided estimated costs for total refurbishment of the existing equipment and local tradesman have been contacted to supply quotes for the completion of maintenance work. Clerk to carry forward the item to F&amp;GP.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
1740	<p><b>Allotment Association Matters</b></p> <p>The AA held an Extraordinary Committee Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 the Tenancy Agreement between Tenants &amp; the Association were amended with minor changes focussed on the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>Members of the AA are concerned about the fair division of the water bills between tenants. Since the introduction of poly tunnels, greenhouses, half plots v full plots finding a fair equation is proving difficult. As a potential solution, a suggestion to install individual meters on each plot ensuring plot holders only pay for the water they use.</p> <p>DA estimated the costs of installation would be approximately £1600.00.</p> <p>Members were concerned about cost benefit? Item to be carried forward to F&amp;GP to establish financial feasibility.</p> <p>Members acknowledged the Local Plan Consultation identified the Brushy Bush allotments land as potential housing development. Clerk to check covenants and details of the current Parish Council / Rushmoor Estate Lease Agreement.</p>	DA/Clerk Clerk
1741	<p><b>DAPTC Matters</b></p> <p>Cllr Taylor &amp; Clerk will be attending DAPTC Fresh Start Event – Devolving Dorset on 30<sup>th</sup> October 25.</p>	
1742	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <p><b>Speed Indicator Device</b></p> <p>A fault remains on the new SID – awaiting further technical instruction from Morelock.</p> <p>20 is Plenty – The application to extend the existing 20mph within the village is awaiting the results of the speed surveys along Common Road and Dean Lane.</p> <p><b>Improving safety of pedestrians on circular walk</b></p> <p>Dorset Council Ranger (Greenspaces East) Will Holland offered his experience and support to progress the installation of a permissive footpath along land that runs adjacent to the</p>	

	<p>B3081 in order to improve public safety and improve access to Common Road Allotments. <b>Priority is to engage with land owner.</b></p> <p>Clerk to meet next week with Cllrs IM/DA to walk the area and establish a proposal/discussion point with land owner. Cllr IM to clarify how Community Infrastructure Levy income can be spent on fencing and improving accessibility.</p> <p>Clerk to follow up on Sheasby Close boundary wall safety issues with Highways. There is a large amount of vegetation and 'trees' growing through the wall which is impeding pedestrians and vehicles along Frogmore Road. The matter was identified on a walkabout with Cllr Piers Brown and the Community Highway Team several months ago.</p>	<p><b>Clerk/IM/ DA</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
1743	<p><b>Rights of Ways</b></p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	
1744	<p><b>Remembrance Day</b></p> <p>Cllr Mereweather has organised this year's Poppy Appeal and has a Team of volunteers engaged. Along with the usual collection tins there is this year RBL has adopted the use of a "Smartphone app" called TOUCAN which allows you to use your own smartphone as a cashless payment terminal so that you can take contributions in a convenient way.</p> <p>The Community Speed Watch Team are available under Colin Chambers lead to organise the physical road closure of the High Street on Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Reed will represent the PC on the day.</p>	
1745	<p><b>Community Christmas Tree Proposal</b></p> <p>Members appreciated and approved with thanks local residents' request to sponsor this year's community Christmas Tree.</p>	
1746	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Council Update circulated.</li> <li>• Dorset Business News circulated.</li> <li>• DAPTC E-news circulated.</li> </ul>	
1747	<p><b>Matters to Report</b></p> <p>Members agreed to progress the replacement of the office laptop and a permanent projector installation to improve presentations. RH to make recommendations to F&amp;GP committee.</p> <p><b>EV Charging Point – Village Hall</b></p> <p>Dorset Council's Project Team Leader for EV Charging Ahead Scheme contacted the PC following the submission of our signed licence. The partner company MER have unexpectedly taken the strategic decision to withdraw from the fast AC charging market to focus on rapid charging. Therefore, the license has not been counter signed. The project has been on hold. A new partner Joju has been identified and are currently working on the finer details.</p>	<p><b>RH</b></p>

	<p><b>Bonfire Extravaganza</b> will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025 – Organisers request the use of the CLT land opposite the Recreation Ground. Cllr Meaden agreed to stirm in readiness for extra car parking.</p> <p><b><u>Sixpenny Handley &amp; Pentridge Response to the Local Plan Consultation was submitted to Dorset Council on 13/10/25.</u></b></p> <p>LA/SIXP/001 Up to 70 houses on back lane opposite the ongoing new development</p> <p><b>Transport.</b> Back Lane is a narrow road bounded by hedgerows with passing places. It already sees excessive levels of through traffic for its capacity and presents challenges for pedestrian use. Previous Local Plans dating back to the 1990's have recognised and conditioned (but not enforced) that further residential development would require upgrading to a "proper" 2 lane road from the junction of Red Lane with the B3081 on the approach to the village from Handley Cross roundabout up to where back land re-joins the B3081 opposite the school. The addition of 70 or so properties along Back Lane on this identified site will bring a significant increase in pedestrian use which presents an unacceptable risk without extensive works to improve safety and amenity issues for residents. Road widening, pavements and potentially a pedestrian crossing site will be required.</p> <p><b>Flood Risk.</b> The village is subject to increasingly well documented groundwater flood risks. Recent additional developments will further increase surface water run-off into the lower part of Back Lane, Red Lane, Frogmore Lane. The addition of a further 70 properties will again increase surface water run-off in to this lower area. Any proposed development of the scale in this site must be informed by a detailed Flood Risk Assessment for both Groundwater and Surface Water.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure</b></p> <p>A development of 70 properties on this site (up to 100 if LA/SIXP/001 is included) will add a significant additional burden to the foul water drain and treatment system. The village has a foul water system which is viewed by many residents as being at the limit of safe capacity. The Frogmore Lane and Dean Lane drainage systems have in the past been over faced by Groundwater flows and there is significant local concern that the village foul water systems will be compromised by future groundwater and surface water flows if significant additional numbers of residential properties are built. A detailed assessment of the village's foul water capability and capacity will be required for this site</p> <p><b>Essential Services, Amenity, Health and Education</b></p> <p>Currently the village suffers from a poor choice of bus routes and an infrequent service. An increase of the village population on the scale that the 2 sites brings would need an improved public transport service, particularly on the existing routes to Salisbury.</p> <p>The village surgery would probably need to increase capacity from current levels</p> <p><b>LA/SIXP/003 This is the site for up to 33 houses on Common Road including the and the CLT have applied to build 11 affordable homes</b></p>	SM
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1748	<p><b>Approve Parish Council Communication Report.</b></p> <p>Remembrance Day &amp; Poppy Appeal.</p>	AT

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;..... 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025.