

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of  
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council  
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	<b>0 members present at the Public Open Session</b>	
<b>1758</b>	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b> Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr R Adams Cllr A Turner Cllr D Chick Cllr R Hassall Cllr D Adams</p> <p><b>Also in Attendance</b> Mr Piers Brown (Cranborne Chase Councillor) Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Cllr C Taylor Cllr I Mereweather Cllr S McLean</p>	
<b>1759</b>	<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 – Pentridge 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>	
<b>1760</b>	<p><b>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown.</b></p> <p>Dorset Council’s decision to sell off sites that are no longer needed including County Farms continues. A new 10-year plan Farm Strategy includes investment for repairs and modernisation focussing on tenancy opportunities has finally been signed off.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Brown registered his opposition to the selling off of county farms and recommended the farms to be retained to provide the crucial gateway for new farmers, to boost the rural economy and promote sustainability. Also, opposition to the 50MW Solar Farm at Chickerell. The plans are seen as the county's most significant renewable projects to date.</p> <p><b>Positive News</b></p> <p>Dorset Council have plans to buy locally to boost economy. The new Government Procurement framework will make it easier to buy locally and strengthen the Dorset economy. The Council is actively moving towards integrating Dorset sourced products into its operations, with the canteen being a key area for these changes to take effect.</p> <p>Dorset Council has deferred some road maintenance work until Spring/Summer while they focus on critical repairs and a new long term strategy.</p> <p>Through its Aspire Adoption Services DC is participating in the National Awareness during November.</p> <p>The Wessex Partnership was initially on the priority list for English devolution but not in the first wave announced in February. Wessex partners are pushing to be included in the next phase urging the Government to allow then to hold Mayoral elections in 2027.</p> <p><b>Outstanding matters:</b> Minchington Hedges remain a highway obstruction. Reports of vehicles damaging wing mirrors, follow up with DC Highways Portfolio Holder Jon Andrews.</p> <p>The Frogmore Meadows Development's hedge that was conditionally removed needs to be reinstated.</p>	<p><b>PB</b></p> <p><b>Clerk/IM</b></p>
<b>1761</b>	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 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>	
<b>1762</b>	<p><b>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025.</b></p> <p>The community Christmas tree will be planted and decorated by the children from the First School on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Councillors are invited to attend the turning on of lights.</p>	<b>All</b>
<b>1763</b>	<p><b>To confirm the minutes of the Finance &amp; General Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 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>	
<b>1764</b>	<p><b>To confirm the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 21<sup>st</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> <p>Clerk to contact Planning Enforcement to report occupants of the mobile home situated in the grounds of The Cashmoor Inn.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>1765</b>	<p><b>DAPTC Matters</b></p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	

1766	<p><b>Allotment Association Matters</b></p> <p>Cllr (DA) presented the Parish Council with a breakdown of costs for the supply of individual water meters at Common Road Allotments.</p> <p>The supply of materials £1209.67 members resolved unanimously to provide £1000.00 contribution towards the installation.</p> <p>Brushy Bush Allotments have been overcharged for their water usage over a 10-year period. Based on water charges, it is estimated that overpayment totals £589.24. Members resolved unanimously to credit Brushy Bush for this amount.</p> <p>Clerk to send copies of future bills to the Association in order to calculate Adlem Funerals' water usage.</p>	Clerk
1767	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <p>The County's supplier of Speed Indicator Devices has gone into Administration. The Parish Councils' faulty SID is under warranty and will be returned to Germany - awaiting confirmation.</p> <p>The Community Speed Watch Team welcomed a new volunteer member.</p> <p>The Keats Meadow drains have been unblocked by the Highways Team.</p> <p>The grips and gullies along Deanland &amp; Dean Lane have been cleared.</p> <p>Public Notice received from Highways Traffic Team regarding a proposal for the road closure along Back Lane between 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February 26. Feedback to be sent to the Traffic Team by 8<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>Clerk to consult with Highways regarding the installation of a safety mirror for the blind spot at the Village Hall exit.</p> <p>The PC are unable to progress the installation of a permissive footpath along land that runs adjacent to the B3081 without land owner support.</p>	
1768	<p><b>Rights of Ways</b></p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	
1769	<p><b>Community Land Trust</b></p> <p>The application for planning permission has been accepted by Dorset Council and is in the consultation phase until 8 Dec. It has received strong support from the key elements of Dorset Council namely the Housing Enabling Team and the Economic and Tourism development team. There has also been good support from neighbours and other consultees.</p>	

	<p>It is anticipated that the application will be sent to the Northern Area Planning Committee early next year</p> <p>The portal can be accessed individually by Councillors to add their support to this project before 8 December.</p>	<b>All</b>
<b>1770</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> <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>	
<b>1771</b>	<b>Information to Report</b> <p>The DC Assets &amp; Property Team have produced a list of all DC ownership/part ownership assets with potential to discuss transfers. Clerk to forward list to Cllr Taylor for further discussion.</p> <p>The annual Santa on Steam parade supporting the Stars Appeal will be held on 17/12/26 at the Village Hall along with carols being led by St Mary's Church Choir. Members unanimously agreed to support the event by providing sweets for the children.</p> <p>The Cranborne Chase Landscape Annual Forum will be held on 27/1/26.</p> <p>The Playground Contractor to commence refurbishment works on week commencing 8/12/25.</p>	<b>Clerk/CT</b>
<b>1772</b>	<b>Approve Parish Council Communication Report.</b> <p>The community Christmas Tree decorations have been produced by the children from the First School.</p> <p>Promote the CLT Planning Link &amp; how to register on the Housing Register.</p> <p>The Santa on Steam Parade 17/12/25 supporting the Stars Appeal.</p>	

Meeting Closed 8.50pm

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

Signed;..... 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025.