

**Minutes of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held 2nd May 2024 at 7:30pm @ Parish Office, 6 Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley.**

Item		Action By
	Public Open Session 1 attendance	
1276	<p>Attendance & Apologies Cllr Simon Meaden (Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee) Cllr Colin Taylor Cllr Stuart McLean</p> <p>Also in Attendance Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr James Reed (Chairman of the Parish Council) Cllr Dave Adams Cllr Andy Turner</p>	
1277	<p>Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation</p> <p>None</p> <p>The following members declare non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to:</p> <p>Cllr Colin Taylor – Pentridge Village Hall & SH Village Hall 1st Woodcutt Scouts, CCIO Cllr James Reed – Community Land Trust & Item Speed-watch Cllr Andy Turner – Community Land Trust & Skate-park Project Cllr Simon Meaden- 1st Woodcutt Scouts</p>	
1278	<p>Matters arising from the last F&GP Parish Council Meeting held 4th April 2024.</p> <p>Allotment Association Following consultation with Cllr Adams & Cllr Reed the Clerk explained the proposal to delay the x5 plot clearance on Common Road until Autumn. There are currently many nesting birds in the overgrown plots and it would be detrimental to their habitat to commence clearance of the plots now. The plans to clear the vacant plots has been hindered by extremely wet weather and the delays have pushed into the growing season. By waiting until the end of the summer we can consider spraying off the plots before clearance commences.</p>	
1279	<p>Play Area Matters & Reports The monthly on-sight inspection in April confirmed that the equipment and surrounding area was in good condition. The on-sight weekly inspections will commence in May.</p>	

<p>1280</p>	<p>Village Hall Update</p> <p>Members noted the results of the Village Hall’s ‘maintenance day’. The general tidying and installation of flower troughs and general improvements around the building look great.</p>	
<p>1281</p>	<p>Sports Association Matters</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Nick Limb, Treasurer of the Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club who had accepted an invitation to attend the F&GP meeting. An update of the Club’s activities and summary of their struggling finances was given to the members who were present.</p> <p>The Club has 35 members, however a core group of 5 are solely responsible for all aspects of running and maintaining the Club. Cricket is unlike many other team sports as matches can only be played in dry conditions – last years’ poor weather hampered play and many matches were cancelled. This has an enormous impact on the Club’s financial viability.</p> <p>The Club has successfully hired out the facilities in the 2024 season to local club’s but unless the weather is dry, these matches/income is not guaranteed.</p> <p>With other associated costs; white lining, insurance, fuel to mow it is doubtful the Club will survive another season. A proposal to reduce seasonal hire charges from £500.00 to £250.00 in the 2024 season was requested by the Club.</p> <p>F&GP Committee response</p> <p>Members acknowledged the Club’s drive to re-establish the Village Cricket Team. After recent investment into the outfield and artificial strip, it was pleasing to see cricket matches returning to the Sixpenny Handley Recreation Ground. Several members present also attended the Club’s end of season BBQ which was well attended – appreciating that it wasn’t as lucrative as it could have been. It was strongly felt that raising the Club’s profile by hosting other fund raising events would bolster funds. However, the difficulty in finding volunteers to support was acknowledged.</p> <p>The Parish Council is very keen to support the Cricket Club however reducing the standard seasonal fee to £250.00 was not viable and would create inconsistencies with the other sports clubs.</p> <p>F&GP Committee recommendation.</p> <p>Members unanimously resolved to recommend to the Full Parish Council ‘a supportive £500.00 grant’ be paid in order to financially assist the Club in the forthcoming season. In return, the Club will be expected to be pro-active with fund raising events and explore external grant funding opportunities.</p> <p>Members expressed their thanks to Nick for approaching the PC and encouraged the Club to maintain the link.</p>	

	<p>Sports Association Matters</p> <p>Members noted the Sports Association Accounts acknowledging the Cricket Club’s outstanding seasonal fees of £250.00 from 2023-24. It was also noted that had been a rise in the number of private function bookings at the Pavilion.</p>	
<p>1282</p>	<p>Sports Facilities Matters & Recreation Ground</p> <p>Cllr McLean completed the Annual Health, Fire & Safety Assessment of the Sports Pavilion.</p> <p>Members noted the oil tank is ¼ full and anticipate ordering 500 litres shortly ahead of less favourable changes predicted in the market.</p> <p>The Clerk is waiting for confirmation of the installation of the replacement heat detector in the cellar by our Local Electrical Contractor.</p> <p>Sports Pavilion Cleaning Vacancy position – 2 hours work weekly, to be advertised on the First School on-line news page. Clerk to contact the School office.</p> <p>Quote received from Alfie Burt Countryside for the removal and replacement of post and rail around the village pond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1250.00 Members resolved unanimously to approve expenditure. <p>PC received confirmation of the repairs to the football boundary fence would cost £570.00 (under the £1,000.00 previously approved). Clerk to ask for specification of the proposed replacement timbers.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>1283</p>	<p>Matters to Report & Correspondence</p> <p>Wessex Internet cleared the blocked duct issue in the Town Farm Workshops’ car park and was able to install the full fibre.</p>	
<p>1284</p>	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <p>The RFO circulated to members prior to the meeting a report on finances to 5th May 2024. Bank Reconciliation for signing; List of Receipts & Payments for scrutiny.</p> <p>Clerk to administrate payments, 1st Scrutineer Cllr S McLean 1st Cllr C Taylor & 2nd Cllr S Meaden to authorise payments.</p>	

Meeting Closed 8.30 pm

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

Signed;..... 23rd May 2024

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Payments – 2nd May 2024

Date Description Payment

02/05/2024	Dorset Council Rent	SO		484.00
02/05/2024	C Nicholson (April Salary Payment)	On-line		1,055.73
02/05/2024	Nest Pension Payment	On-line		78.54
02/05/2024	C Nicholson Reimbursement monthly SIM pavilion	On-line		20.00
02/05/2024	Steven Day Elite Playground Quarterly Inspections	On-line		63.60
02/05/2024	DAPTC (On-line VAT training)	On-line		30.00
02/05/2024	L Tuckey (x5 Cleaning Parish Office)	On-line		37.50
02/05/2024	D Macleod (x4 Litter-picks)	On-line		30.00
02/05/2024	Data Protection Fee	DD		35.00
30/04/2024	1st part Annual Precept		34,225.00	
	May Total		34,225.00	1,834.37

To be submitted by the Clerk on Friday 3rd May 2024.

Scrutineer – Cllr S McLean

1st On-line authorisation Cllr Taylor 2nd On-line authorisation Cllr Meaden

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