

**Minutes of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held 4th June 2026 at 7:30pm @ Parish Office, 6 Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley.**

Item		Action By
	0 members present at the public open session	
	Attendance & Apologies Cllr James Reed (Chairman of the Parish Council) Cllr Dave Adams Cllr Robert Hassall Cllr Colin Taylor Cllr Helen Lawes Cllr David Chick Also in Attendance Ciona Nicholson (Clerk) Apologies Cllr Simon Meaden (Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee) Cllr Ros Adams	
	Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation Cllr Lawes declared an interest in Item 7 - Occasional Access Agreement. Under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 – Clerk allowed dispensation to contribute to the discussion. 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	
	Matters arising from the last F&GP Parish Council Meeting held 7th May 2026. The abandoned car at the Village Hall car park has been removed.	
	Play Area Matters & Reports The weekly on-sight inspections by the Creative Hub reported several missing palings from the perimeter fence. The monthly inspection reported the same broken fencing and large post and fence at the entrance of the cricket pitch was very unstable. Clerk to appoint local contractor to replace the palings and unstable fencing at the cricket pitch entrance. Clerk to arrange repair of the zip wire approved at F&GP 5/5/26 before the next quarterly inspection is due.	Clerk Clerk

	Sports Facilities Matters & Recreation Ground Replacement Water Softener Southern Counties Water Softeners installation on Friday 22nd May. Cllr Adams has deflected the overflow to the outside the building. During installation a fault with the power socket was repaired by local electrical contractor. It was noted that at the time of repair the boiler room contained items that should be kept either in the office store or loft space or disposed of. The Clerk to contact the Penny Tap Team. Pitch Maintenance The Lawn Consultant (TLC) completed the pitch maintenance. Storage Facility Clerk met with local contractor A Hancock and confirmed groundwork preparation will commence shortly ready for the installation of the metal stud framework for the bins. Pavilion Guttering Repairs Following heavy rainfall in February the Contractor will re-evaluate the amount of maintenance required to fix the guttering and assess the fascia boards /timbers. VH Generator During weekly testing the generator failed to start – Cllr Adams to attend on 5/6/26 and report findings to DES. The path between tennis courts & bowls club have been in poor condition through the winter months and the PC have received requests to apply a surface that drains. Clerk to contact Nick Lawrie for a quote. Cricket Pitch Boundary Fence In May 2025 the PC/SA approved match funding of £750.00 towards the cost of installing a 4ft high black metal fence to prevent balls running into the overgrowth. The cost of the fencing in May 2025 was £1500.00. The local Forge confirmed that the costs have escalated to £3000.00 +vat. The Forge has kindly offered to contribute £500.00 towards the costs plus free installation. Division of Funding £750.00 Cricket Club £750.00 Sports Association £500.00 Rich Jesse plus install and concrete Members unanimously resolved expenditure to fund the deficit of approximately £1600.00 (net £1000.00) needed to complete this project.	Clerk/PT Clerk Clerk

	The Penny Tap – request to extend opening hours on Sundays. Further clarification on proposed opening hours and whether it's a permanent arrangement.	
	Occasional Access Agreement Review Members remain committed to improving security for the properties along Common Road whose properties back on to the Recreation Ground. A footpath was installed in 2024 to aid pedestrians walking through the Recreation Ground and were mindful of the occasional access for Common Road residents and ensured that the footpath for these occasions would be wide enough to move caravans and campervans easily whilst preserving the Recreation Ground. Members unanimously agreed the following action: Update original agreement between Parish Council & Residents. The PC to purchase a new padlock and 17 keys that cannot be replicated (x3 extra keys for contractors) Clerk to write to 1-14 Common Road residents confirming the new key arrangements, date of implementation. Each household will be provided with a new key and asked to sign a copy of the updated agreement & collect them from the Parish Office. There will only be a charge for lost keys.	Clerk
	Correspondence The PC received reports from Deanland residents who have serious concerns for the safety of young people lighting fires, building camps and excavating bike tracks in the Stone Down area in recent months. Major concerns were for the large amount of litter left behind which has subsequently been collected by residents. Members confirmed positive identities of some of the young people involved and agreed to approach parents to nip the problem in the bud and educate the dangers of fires and the unacceptable practice of leaving litter. Dorset Waste Partnership Deanland residents repeatedly missed collections in May, missing 3 of 4 collections. The matter has been reported to the Shaftesbury Depot. UPS Delivery Service UPS have failed to deliver the repaired Speed Indicator Device again and continue to charge the PC rather than address their inadequate service. Members agreed to pursue a financial loss claim. Public Notice – Temporary Closure of High Street 4/5/26 @ 19.00 – 06.00.	DC/SM/HL RH/Clerk Clerk

	Clerk to feedback to Dorset Councils' Road Traffic Team insufficient notification to households affected in the area regarding the road closure.	
	Financial Matters & Expenditure The RFO circulated to members prior to the meeting a report on finances to 4th June 2026. Bank Reconciliation for signing; List of Receipts & Payments for scrutiny. Clerk & Councillor Taylor completed Business Card applications to Lloyds / Unity Trust for a Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council credit card. Confirming maximum monthly spends of £2000.00 & maximum £500.00 item spend in accordance with Standing Orders. Members unanimously agreed to submit the application completing the application with a third signatory. Clerk to administrate payments, Scrutineer Cllr J Reed 2nd Cllr C Taylor & 3rd Cllr Hassall to authorise payments.	

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

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

Signed;..... 25th June 2026

Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council

Payments – 4th June 2026

Date	Description	Payments		
04/06/2026	Dorset Council Rent	SO		484.00
04/06/2026	C Nicholson (May Salary Payment)	On-line		1,094.89
04/06/2026	Nest Pension Payment	DD		82.48
04/06/2026	Marc Hayward (x2 Litter bins)	On-line		15.00
04/06/2026	L J Tuckey (x2Parish Office cleans)	On-line		15.00
04/06/2026	Alfie Burt Countryside Services (General Maintenance – 1 st Quarter)	On-line		950.00
04/06/2026	Alfie Burt Countryside Services (Grass Cutting Services – 1 st Quarter)	On-line		1,000.00
04/06/2026	S Wallworth Electricals (Boiler room socket repair)	On-line		60.00
04/06/2026	R Hassall (Reimbursement Office IT)	On-line		167.57
04/06/2026	C Nicholson (Reimbursement Salt Tablets)	On-line		32.47
04/06/2026	Southern Counties Water Softener Services	On-line		1,124.40
04/06/2026	The Lawn Consultant (Pitch Treatment)	On-line		1,585.00
04/06/2026	Recreation Ground Bench (Tennis Club) PC to be receive a contribution.	On-line		435.00
04/06/2026	Lily Ann Jesse Carpet Cleaning Industrial Cleaning Pavilion	On-line		160.00
04/06/2026	Martha Nicholson (PC support & Pavilion Cleaning)	On-line		67.80
04/06/2026	Citizens Advice Bureau Donation	On-line		500.00
26/05/2026	Vodafone Broadband	DD		38.00
26/05/2026	Wessex Internet	DD		1.50
	June Total		-	7,812.90

To be submitted by the Clerk on Friday 5th June 2026.

Scrutineer – Cllr J Reed 1st On-line authorisation Cllr Taylor 2nd On-line authorisation Cllr Hassall

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