

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 25th July 2024 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	<p style="text-align: center;">1 member of the public open session present.</p> <p>The following concerns were raised by a local resident who expressed that he was representing the strength of local feeling on both matters.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number 12 Common Road is currently operating an Airbnb in a property separate from the main house. It is believed to be operating without planning permission and approved building regulations. Neighbouring residents have concerns about the lawfulness of the business. A request for a member of the PC to visit Dorset Council’s Dorchester office to give weight to proceedings. 2. It had been noted that the late cutting of verges specifically around junction splays has resulted in dangerously overgrown visibility splays. <p style="text-align: center;">Parish Council comment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The PC confirmed that it had reported the Airbnb site to Dorset’s Planning Enforcement on 10th May 2024 – disclosing the Airbnb status and concerns that suitable planning and building regulations had not been sought. In the first instance the Parish Clerk will request a response from the Enforcement Department and in the event of an unsatisfactory outcome, the PC will consider further action and involvement from Chase Councillor Piers Brown. 2. Members agreed that Dorset Council’s verge cutting schedule had missed the optimum time for cutting resulting in dangerously overgrown junction splays. As road classification meant one cut per year the actual cut should be of better quality, using a reliable proven contractor where the emphasis was on sharper flails resulting a better cut and finish. Members discussed an earlier Dorset Council concept (working together programme) where local Councils could do their own verge cutting and charge back to the County. Unanimously, members agreed priority should be on highway safety rather than bio-diversity. 	
<p>1343</p>	<p>Attendance & Apologies Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr C Taylor Cllr A Turner Cllr R Hassall Cllr S McLean</p> <p>Also in Attendance Mr Piers Brown (Chase Councillor) Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr I Mereweather Cllr D Adams Cllr R Adams Cllr D Chick</p>	

<p>1344</p>	<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 Cllr James Reed – Community Land Trust & 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 / CClO Cllr Simon Meaden – 1st Woodcutt Scouts/Allotment Association.</p>	
<p>1345</p>	<p>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown - Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Council’s Executive Director for Children’s Services Theresa Levy has left the business. An inspiring leader who has helped transform the lives of families and young people across the county. • Short stay permits can now be used in most Dorset Council car parks for up to three hours a day, increasing from the previous two-hour limit. The extra hour has been added to give residents more time to get things done and offer more value for money. • Ten locations across the Dorset Council area have been awarded Green Flag Awards. • BCP Council are to employ a contractor to develop a network of 750 sites paid for mostly with a £2.5m government grant. • Cllr Brown continues work towards road safety highlighting the pinch points on the C2 (Horton Inn to Gussage All Saints) 	
<p>1346</p>	<p>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 27th June 2024.</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>	
<p>1347</p>	<p>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 27th June 2024.</p> <p>Common Road Access Track Update / Feedback</p> <p>NJ Lawrie completed the public access track in readiness for the Big Session and by the grant deadline of 13th July 2024.</p> <p>The Contractor confirmed that he would return to roll the short diagonal section of the footpath and behind the basketball court. An extra 20 tons of top stone had been ordered to finish had left him with a further 2 tons which (with the PC consent) will be kept at the yard for a further year and will be used for any repairs should it be needed. The areas on either side of the path need to settle and will be levelled in time.</p>	

	<p>Members confirmed that the majority of local residents had positively commented on the path and acknowledged the Church path was much improved.</p> <p>The project had been financially supported by the DC Shared Prosperity Fund who had granted £15,000.00 towards the overall cost. The PC also allocated funds received via Community Infrastructure Levy payment and additionally would be able to reclaim the VAT.</p> <p>Clerk to complete the UKSPF paperwork and continue to monitor and evaluate the longer term benefits.</p> <p>Allotment Association Matters</p> <p>In response to enquiry to Dorset Council Legal Team 12/6/24 – it was confirmed that an allotment tenant has the right to keep chickens on their allotment and the contract that they sign cannot prevent them doing so.</p> <p>Section 12 of the Allotment Act 1950 abolishes contractual restrictions on keeping hens and rabbits</p> <p><i>“Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any lease or tenancy or in any covenant, contract or undertaking relating to the use to be made of any land, it shall be lawful for the occupier of any land to keep, otherwise than by way of trade or business, hens or rabbits in any place on the land and to erect or place and maintain such buildings or structures on the land as reasonably necessary for that purpose:</i></p> <p><i>Provided that nothing in this subsection shall authorise any hens or rabbits to be kept in such a place or in such a manner as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance or affect the operation of any enactment.”</i></p> <p>In summary a local agreement or contract issued cannot override the Allotment Act 1950.</p> <p>The Clerk to liaise with AA Chairman & Committee and ensure the following:</p> <p>The chickens must be used only for private use; the chickens cannot be used for trade or business purposes.</p> <p>The tenant must be vigilant and ensure that the chickens do not cause nuisance or in such a manner as to be prejudicial to health (attraction of rodents, foxes or damaging neighbouring allotments/land).</p> <p>The tenant may erect or place and maintain buildings that are reasonably necessary for the purpose of looking after the chickens.</p> <p>Village Hall Matters</p> <p>X2 manhole covers & frames need to be replaced with heavy duty lids that will withstand heavy vehicles. Clerk to liaise with Cllr (DA).</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/DA</p> <p>Clerk/DA</p>
<p>1348</p>	<p>Sports Pavilion Working Party</p> <p>Following the PCs commitment to create a ‘Sports Pavilion Working Party’ at the end of the last term of Council. Cllrs (RH, DA, JR) agreed to set a date at next month’s F&GP for their first meeting.</p> <p>The working party will agree their overall objective which will focus on the fabric and energy efficiency of the Sports Pavilion.</p>	

<p>1349</p>	<p>Skate-park Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landowner adjacent to the recreation ground, Mr Judd verbally agreed to support the project by allowing the temporary use of his field to accommodate the Constructors' cabin and storage facilities whilst on site and to aid general accessibility during construction. • Maverick are due to approach Dorset Planning and are hopeful that Skate-park plans will be accepted under 'Permitted Planning'. • A Crowdfunding target of £25,000.00 will be launched next month. Cllr AT has developed 'rewards' for donations including wristbands, mugs, sweatshirts, t-shirts and a milepost crafted by the local forge. • Plans to raise the profile of the project on social media platforms and apply for further funding from Sport England, Aviva and others to match fund. <p>Prior to the FPC meeting local feedback was presented by Cllr SM which included social & environmental concerns.</p> <p>AT responded by ensuring Mavericks' environmental story is told and a description on how poor the current concrete skate-park structure currently is. A further public session will be made available before planning is submitted.</p>	<p>AT</p>
<p>1350</p>	<p>DAPTC Matters</p> <p>A meeting of the Eastern Area Committee of the DAPTC due to be held in Wimborne at 7pm and will be attended by Cllr McLean.</p>	<p>SM</p>
<p>1351</p>	<p>Highways Matters</p> <p>A request has been made to Highways for the supply of a graffiti removal product – following a spate of vandalism.</p>	
<p>1352</p>	<p>Rights of Ways</p> <p>No matters to report – other than both Parish owned mowers have been out of action and are currently being repaired.</p>	
<p>1353</p>	<p>Emergency Plan Update</p> <p>Cllr RH has taken over responsibility of the Emergency Plan and is the main point of contact for the Parish Council. Cllr AT to complete the handover.</p>	<p>AT/RH</p>
<p>1354</p>	<p>EV Charging Point Offer – Dorset Council</p> <p>Proposal: The Charging Ahead scheme aims to encourage the uptake of electric vehicles particularly for households without access to off-street parking. It is an opportunity to get a public electric vehicle charge-point for the community, with the costs of installation, operation and maintenance being met by Dorset Council using Office for Zero Emission (OZEV) Local Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (LEVI) funding and private sector investment.</p>	

	<p>Dorset Council completed a feasibility study and checked land ownership and have offered a grant to the PC to install a scheme.</p> <p>The proposal consists of two type 2 A/C dual socket Alfen EVE 7kW unit which will convert 6 bays to 4 accessible EV charging bays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance reviews would be carried out annually – any connection problems are generally resolved by a remote system reset. • Any parts that need replacing would be replaced within 7 working days. • An experienced Team are currently responsible for Dorset & BCP charge points. • The location of the bays is based on accessibility, visibility and affordability. <p>Members comment:</p> <p>It was agreed that this was a good opportunity to have the service accessible to the community. The feasibility study has recommended that the ‘bays’ should be located on the far side of the car park adjacent to Saddlers rear fence (parking bays next to the telegraph pole and grass mound). The PC agreed to discuss the possibility of alternative locations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. X3 bays on the left hand side of the driveway or 2. X3 bays adjacent to Pantiles’ breeze block wall (which might also provide a barrier to prevent cars rolling down the bank) <p>Members unanimously agreed to proceed with the grant acceptance with a caveat on suitable location. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Turner, Cllr Reed, Dorset Council & VH</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>1355</p>	<p>Consider expenditure for the Provision of Vehicle Recognition/CCTV</p> <p>Members considered expenditure of £887.40 for the supply & installation of the local shop’s CCTV camera to view along the High Street. The facility would offer an opportunity for vehicle recognition which would assist the local police.</p> <p>Members considered and decided <u>not to approve</u> expenditure as the facility was expensive and it was felt subsidy should be given by Police Services.</p> <p>Cllr AT liaise with local shop Manager.</p> <p>Members considered expenditure to supply and install a CCTV system including training, remote viewing software & 12 months’ parts & labour guarantee & technical support.</p> <p>Before proceeding various matters need to be established: Is there a requirement for this facility? Would it reduce insurance? A public consultation would need to be carried out. The installation would need to be compliant.</p>	<p>AT</p> <p>AT</p>
<p>1356</p>	<p>Correspondence – Circulated to members prior to the meeting*.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enquiry from Woodcutts Explorers who are organising a fundraising scavenger hunt and café in August. Approved. • Enquiry from VH Committee who have been approached by a girl guide group wanting to have an overnight stay in the Village Hall. Hiscox Insurance status checked and approved. • Dorset Council Update circulated prior to FPC • Dorset Business News circulated prior to FPC • DAPTC E-news circulated prior to the FPC 	

<p>1357</p>	<p>Information to Report</p> <p>AT updated members on a meeting held between Nord Homes Director Duncan McCarthy and Cllrs IM AT & Clerk on Wednesday 24th July. It had been an opportunity to express concerns about the design variation and its impact on the increased risk of groundwater flooding directly with the Developer. Cllrs were able to stress the significant difference between surface water flooding and groundwater flooding in this specific area of the village. Attention was drawn to the Environment Agency’s report and concerns that specialist flood experts used by Nord Homes and Dorset Planning had not been sufficiently thorough.</p> <p>Mr McCarthy accepted the concerns that were presented and agreed to revisit their flood risk specialist and report back.</p> <p>A provisional Tree Preservation Order has been made at (TPO/2024/0044) 35 High Street Sixpenny Handley - an extension request was granted to comment after the 26th July 2024.</p> <p>Members agreed that a TPO on this particular tree in this location would not be appropriate.</p> <p>AT confirmed Wessex Internet at the Sports Pavilion has a guest Wi Fi – members discussed security/child protection and protect children by adding filters to prevent inappropriate content. AT to investigate further.</p> <p>Clerk to contact Sam Barnes at Sawmills to quote for a Pentridge Parish noticeboard.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>AT</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>1358</p>	<p>To Approve items for Payment & Finance Report</p> <p>The Clerk circulated a list of payments for scrutiny and approval - Cllr McLean appointed Scrutineer.</p> <p>Clerk to administrate payments & Cllr Taylor & Cllr Meaden to authorise payments.</p> <p>Members considered 1st Quarter spend against budget.</p> <p>Following recent transactional activity Unity Trust Bank identified the turnover of the current account needed reviewing. The tariff classification and has been adjusted from Current Account T1 to Current Account T2 increasing the transactional cost to 0.15p.</p>	
<p>1359</p>	<p>Approve Parish Council Communication Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeal for ragwort control volunteers • Recreation footpath promotion 	

Meeting Closed 9.30pm
 These minutes are to be signed by the Chairman after approval
 at the next Full meeting of the Parish Council.

Signed;..... 22nd August 2024

Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council

Payments – 25th July 2024

Date	Description	Payment	
25/07/2024	Dorset Council Rent	SO	484.00
25/07/2024	C Nicholson (July Salary Payment)	On-line	1,055.73
25/07/2024	Nest Pension Payment	On-line	78.54
25/07/2024	C Nicholson Reimbursement monthly SIM pavilion	On-line	20.00
25/07/2024	HMRC (June May 24)	On-line	136.58
25/07/2024	Water2waterbusiness (Sewerage Parish Office)	On-line	91.16
25/07/2024	N J Lawrie (Public Access Improvement works - Grant awarded)	On-line	29790.00
25/07/2024	Dorset Council (Replacement SID screen and protective screen)	On-line	372.00
25/07/2024	Bowls Club (Reimbursement materials for ridge repairs)	On-line	339.84
25/07/2024	D Adams (Reimbursement mower fuel)	On-line	19.18
25/07/2024	N D Dibben Farm Ltd (Red diesel for John Deere mower)	On-line	80.26
25/07/2024	Pennon Water Parish Office	On-line	93.23
25/07/2024	Pennon Water New Barn Allotments	On-line	77.52
25/07/2024	Marc Hayward x3 Litterpick & bins	On-line	22.50
25/07/2024	L J Tuckey x4 Parish Office cleans	On-line	30.00
25/07/2024	Quarterly Play Inspection	On-line	63.60
	August Total		32,754.14

To be submitted by the Clerk on Friday 25th July 2024.

Scrutineer – Cllr McLean

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

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