

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 22nd August 2024 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	0 member of the public open session present.	
1360	<p>Attendance & Apologies Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr C Taylor Cllr A Turner Cllr R Hassall Cllr S McLean Cllr I Mereweather Cllr R Adams Cllr D Chick</p> <p>Also in Attendance Mr Piers Brown (Chase Councillor) Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr D Adams</p>	
1361	<p>Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation</p> <p>SM declared a declaration of interest but did not apply for dispensation and excluded himself from item 1365. SM left the meeting room during this item.</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 / CCIO Cllr Simon Meaden – 1st Woodcutt Scouts/Allotment Association.</p>	
1362	<p>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown – Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six Family Hubs have been set up as a one stop shop offering advice and support to families which are co-locating with the voluntary/ NHS sector & partnered also by Citizens Advice. The closest Hubs currently are Wimborne & Ferndown with hopes that Blandford will become a further option. • Central Government funding grant to Dorset Council’s leadership courses offering support to small businesses. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Big Conversation – Councillors are invited to join ‘A Big Conversation’ with Dorset Council to discuss four main areas for a new Council plan; growing our economy, providing high quality housing, responding to climate crisis and supporting communities for all. To be held on Friday 6th September 2024 in Blandford. <p>Local Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frogmore Development has been confirmed as an item on DC Planning Committee agenda to be held on 3rd September 2024 @ Sturminster Newton. <p>Members comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks was expressed to Cllr Brown for his clarity on Dorset Councils’ Ragwort Policy’. With this year’s growing conditions, ragwort has been allowed to grow excessively on many verges and hedges across the county and is out of hand. The quality of the annual verge cutting is poor and insufficient for rural needs – a detrimental miscalculation of the service that is required. Cllr Brown is working to highlight the problem and aims to achieve better quality and move to x2 cut per annum schedule. <p>It was noted that at least 3 accidents had occurred at the Thickthorne crossroads over a period of 2 weeks. The need for road infrastructure change or traffic calming measures installed to help reduce the number of accidents is essential.</p>	
<p>1363</p>	<p>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 25th July 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>1364</p>	<p>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 25th July 2024.</p> <p>Police crime reference numbers for recent anti-social and criminal damage last month:</p> <p>DP=38813-24-5555-03 – Graffiti damage at the Recreation Ground DP-38822-24-5555-03 – Bus shelter glass window smashed.</p> <p>A further incident occurred with reports of glass in the skate-park and broken bottle near the football pitch. Report of an accident with glass near to the skate-park. Parish Council to monitor the situation.</p>	

<p>1365</p>	<p>Planning Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning Application Consultation - P/HOU/2024/03855 Myncen Farm <p>Members decision: To Support, a modest single storey-annexe development for an older family member is a sensible solution, sympathetic in terms of design and incorporating materials in keeping with its surroundings.</p> <p>P/VOC/2024/01076 Frogmore Lane Development Committee</p> <p>Cllr IM summarised the Parish Councils' view that the planning process has been deeply flawed, characterised by a lack of care, diligence and objectivity in relation to the potential impact of groundwater flooding on our community.</p> <p>Dorset Council have failed to properly consult the Environment Agency in respect of Nord Homes' plans for the lower part of the site and Nord Homes appear to have undertaken any additional detailed site specific hydro-geological assessment to determine what flooding impacts might arise from the variation sought. The report commissioned by the Parish Councils from an EA groundwater specialist clearly sets out the potential impacts that groundwork and related activity may cause,</p> <p>Dorset Council did not adhere to the National Planning Policy Framework and it is clear that the planned development fails to satisfy the sequential test (both in terms of a suitable alternative and no increase in flood risk).</p> <p>Disappointingly, Mr Garrity Head of Planning has consistently failed to engage with the Parish Council despite the provision of subsequent reports and letters of concern. Equally Nord Homes have not replied to our letter of 19th April 2024 raising concerns about the risks of increased groundwater flooding that work on the site might cause.</p> <p>The Northern Dorset Planning Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 @ 10.00am @ Sturminster Newton and the following members will attend and register to speak.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillor Mereweather will represent the Parish Council's views. Clerk to register.• Councillor McLean will represent his views as a member of the public and will register to speak independently.• Chase Councillor Brown will attend and speak to support the Parish Council.• Councillor Chick will also attend the meeting. <p>Each member will have 3 minutes to express opinions therefore all speakers will attune scripts in order to cover all salient points.</p> <p>Meeting with Nord Homes 30th August 2024</p> <p>Cllr DC & Clerk will meet with Nord Homes Director Duncan McCarthy on Friday 30th August as a follow up to a previous meeting held on 31st July – Mr McCarthy agreed to take away local groundwater information and compare to the findings of their own appointed flood expert.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>IM SM PB</p>
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	<p>Enforcement Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement enquiry 12 Common Road Sixpenny Handley – The reported use of an Airbnb without a Change of Use permit. <p>Enforcement response: No response to date despite enquiries raised in May and July. Cllr Brown will add his support to the enquiry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement enquiry The Cashmoor Inn – Does the mobile home located on the Cashmoor site have planning permission? <p>Enforcement response: Planning is only required if the property is occupied.</p> <p>The Clerk supplied the Enforcement Team with information on recent refurbishment/ the burning of the mobile home interior fittings but was unable to confirm occupancy status.</p> <p>Members requested a separate enforcement enquiry be made following the recent advertising of the Cashmore property on Rightmove. There appears to be no planning application for ‘change in use’ from public house to multi person occupancy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement enquiry: The Bakehouse – the conversion from a bakery to living accommodation. <p>Enforcement response: The PC has been asked to supply further information regarding timescales of development.</p> <p>Members agreed that when a significant change impacts on the use of local buildings due process should be followed. Clerk to provide further change of use information.</p> <p>Clerk to share information of enforcement enquiries with Cllr Brown.</p>	
<p>1366</p>	<p>Skate-park Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maverick completed a survey via drones to provide planning information and photos of the recreation ground and specifically the skate-park development area. The images were shared with members. Mr Judd has agreed to support the project by allowing the temporary use of his field to aid general accessibility during construction. The potential closure of the footpath for 12 weeks prompted a suggestion to utilise access via the church overflow land. By installing a gate directly through to the play area would potentially minimise disruption. Maverick are hopeful that Skate-park plans will be accepted under ‘Permitted Development’. A Crowdfunding target of £25,000.00 has been launched. AT is raising the profile of the project on all social media platforms whilst investigating further funding opportunities. <p>Member expressed their appreciation for the amount of work and dedication the project has demanded from Cllr Turner.</p>	<p>AT</p>
<p>1367</p>	<p>EV Charging Matters</p> <p>Cllr AT JR & Clerk to meet with Dorset Council’s EV-Charging Team to discuss alternative location for EV – Charging point.</p>	

<p>1367</p>	<p>DAPTC Matters</p> <p>Cllr McLean attended the Eastern Area Committee of the DAPTC on 7th August 2024 and circulated a report to members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerks Conference – 1/10/24 • DAPTC AGM – 23/11/24 	
<p>1368</p>	<p>Highways Matters</p> <p>Highways cleared the grips and gully’s along Dean Lane at the beginning of August. The drain from Oakley Lane (grass triangle) to t gully was reported as blocked and DC returned quickly to clear unfortunately the gullies have filled with silt again.</p> <p>Dorset Council do not supply graffiti removal products to Councils.</p> <p>The hedges and verges around the Minchington area remain overgrown and dangerous. Rushmoor Estate have helped by clearing areas to ease the risk of flooding. Cllr Brown to arrange a site visit with new Highways Community Officer Harry Bessant.</p> <p>There is a charging fault with the Speed Indicator Device – the SID team will attend on Wednesday 3rd September.</p>	<p>PB/SM</p>
<p>1369</p>	<p>Rights of Ways</p> <p>No ROW matters.</p>	
<p>1370</p>	<p>Allotment Association Matters</p> <p>An incident occurred at the Common Road allotments recently – the anti-social behaviour of one of the allotment tenants towards the Manager of Common Road. In response, the Manager of Common Road stepped away from the role.</p> <p>The AA with the support of the PC addressed the matter in writing confirming that their behaviour was unacceptable and apology was in order.</p> <p>The apology was given and the Manager agreed to remain in their position.</p> <p>The matter highlighted the need for clarity over day to day responsibility for managing the allotments – it became an opportunity to clarify the Parish Councils’ position.</p>	
<p>1371</p>	<p>Correspondence – Circulated to members prior to the meeting*.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Council Update circulated prior to FPC • Dorset Business News circulated prior to FPC • DAPTC E-news circulated prior to the FPC • Councillors are invited to join ‘A Big Conversation ‘with Dorset Council to discuss four main areas for a new Council plan; growing our economy, providing high quality housing, responding to climate crisis and supporting communities for all. Friday 6th September – Blandford 5.00-7.00pm. 	

<p>1372</p>	<p>Information to Report</p> <p>AGAR 2023-24 has been completed by external auditors – no matters to report. The notice of completion has been published on the website.</p> <p>Commemorative Bench for Mr Kevin New has been purchased by the family and is due to be delivered. Clerk has requested installation from a local contractor.</p> <p>Shared Prosperity fund administration accepted the grant claim and has deposited £15,000.00 into the bank account.</p> <p>Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Dorset Council. Circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>We Out There festival created traffic delays for locals that could have been avoided – SM to feedback.</p> <p>N Bowes – Cricket Team have requested permission to cut back the bank adjacent to the pitch. Members granted permission.</p> <p>Dirty fuel is debilitating the smooth running of the recreation ground mowers – there is an opportunity to purchase a second hand cube to store diesel (440L) for £550.00. JR to establish more information and report back to F&GP.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>JR</p>
<p>1373</p>	<p>Approve Parish Council Communication Report.</p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	

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;..... 26th September 2024

Appendix A

DAPTC EASTERN AREA COMMITTEE MEETING 7AUG24

1. The DAPTC CEO, Neil Wedge, updated the meeting on what DAPTC had been doing since the last meeting of the Eastern Area Committee which included:
 - Training new Councillors since the election
 - Creating a video of DAPTC activities
 - Post-election support to Towns and Councils
 - Preparing for the DAPTC AGM in November
 - Commissioning a survey of larger Parish and Town Councils
2. The CEO of DAPTC updated the meeting on what DAPTC does which included:
 - Providing advice and support to councils
 - Regional and national unison
 - Communication and engagement
 - Developing new services
 - Training provision
 - Forward thinking and modernisation
 - Fostering better relationships with unitary councils (DC& BCP)
 - Raising the profile of local councils
3. The CEO informed the meeting of the post-election support that DAPTC had been providing to Town and Parish Councils including:
 - Training new councillors
 - Preparing for 2025/26 budgets
 - There are changes to the legal status of executive committee members for which a video is being prepared
 - Establishing an HR committee to establish a staffing committee
4. There is to be a Clerks Conference to be held on the 1st October 2024 to cover such topics as:
 - A tomorrow's world special to outline IT technical solutions for improved efficiency, communications and productivity.
 - Changes to area committees and appointments to area committees
5. There is to be a networking special meeting on the 4th March 2025 aimed at Clerks and Councillors where the day is to be spent on planning and local plans including the formulation of neighbourhood plans.
6. The DAPTC AGM is to be held on Saturday 23rd November 2024 (which is a change from the original date of the 16th November 2024.) DAPTC will consult on the format of the AGM. Speakers will include Nick Ireland, who is Leader of Dorset Council followed by a Q&A. The Leader of BPC, Millie Earl, is also invited. The number of motions from councils will be limited to ensure that there is sufficient time for such matters to be concluded satisfactorily.
7. Finally, the CEO said that DAPTC had commissioned an academic led survey of 25 of the larger Town and Parish Councils in Dorset, the aim of which was to provide a framework that can improve working relationships between Town and Parish Councils and Dorset Council that relates to individual council aspirations, capabilities and capacity. A draft report of this survey will be promulgated in late September 2024 and a final report by the end of the year. The most compelling aspect of the discussion was the production by the CEO of the attached document, which outlines the comparative data of the 25 larger Town and Parish councils that were included in the survey, which councillors may find of interest.

