

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 23rd July 2026 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	0 members present at the Public Open Session	
1973	Attendance & Apologies Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Chick Cllr I Mereweather Cllr C Taylor Cllr R Adams Cllr Helen Lawes Also, in Attendance Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk) Apologies Mr Piers Brown Cllr A Turner Cllr R Hassall Cllr D Adams	
1974	Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation None The following members declare non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to: Cllr Colin Taylor – Pentridge Village Hall & SH Village Hall 1st Woodcutt Scouts/CCIO 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.	
1975	Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown No report this month.	

1976	Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 25th June 2026. The minutes of the meeting having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct and was signed by the Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i>	
1977	Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 25th June 2026. Anti-social behaviour at Stone Down Forest was nipped in the bud although a further report of vandalism at the Dean land Pond was received after meeting held on 25th June 26. Benches were damaged, a handrail dismantled and a pond liner damaged. Members are hopeful early intervention by parents has halted any further incidents. Clerk acknowledged Parish Councillors' Register of Interests had been successfully completed on Dorset Councils' new system.	
1978	To confirm the minutes of the Finance & General Meeting held on 2nd July 2026. The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct and was signed by the Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i>	
1979	DAPTC Matters No matters to report.	
1980	Highways Matters Dorset Council issued a public notice of temporary closure of High Street between 3rd August – 7th August 26 to enable Wessex Internet to complete safe fibre cabling works on the highway. Members discussed the disruption a complete road closure causes to businesses and residents along with safety risks likely without access for emergency vehicles. Cllr Mereweather to contact WI for further information as to the full extent of the disruption. Clerk to monitor verge cutting in Pentridge – 1st August 26 deadline. Aster Housing Association have left Harris Fencing in the First Schools' overflow carpark which is an inconvenience to parents, teachers and residents. Clerk to contact Aster Housing Association to request the fencing be removed.	IM Clerk Clerk/Aster
1981	Rights of Ways Update: Cllr Adams met with local resident to discuss historical footpaths, evidence gathering and potential footpath reinstatement.	

	Routes to explore: - Land south of B3081 opposite the school across to Burley Road Farm to connect to the existing footpath on the opposite side of the road which runs across the Common to the top of Deanland Drove. - Land adjacent to the B3081 (Village Hall entrance linking to Common Road Allotments) Proposal: Identify footpath options that will create a circular village walk, agree the benefits of having a circular walk and identify individuals and community groups that will benefit, meet landowners and consider funding and potential CIL contribution.	IM/Clerk
1982	EV Charging Point Update – Dorset Council Following Dorset Council’s approved Grant of £17330.39 towards the installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Point at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall, the Highway Projects Team confirmed that they have now secured an alternative charge point operator after MER’s withdrawal from the UK market. Dorset Council will continue working with Joju for the installation of the chargers, while Connected Kerb will now operate and maintain them. The offer remains unchanged, as Connected Kerb has agreed to adopt the same licence arrangement as previously outlined. Clerk to circulate the licence and offer agreement to members to refresh following a period of uncertainty of the charge point operator. Clerk to complete and return the grant application form (CA01) & complete the grant acceptance form (CA02)	Clerk
1983	Correspondence - Dorset Council Update to be circulated 23/7/2026 - Dorset Business News to be circulated - DAPTC E-news to be circulated.23/7/2026	
1984	Matters to Report A meeting to be held on Tuesday 28th July @ 9.00am between Cllrs AT/RH/Clerk and Principal Flood Risk Officer Paul Ambrose based in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council. The Flood Risk Officer has been brought in to assist colleagues in Dorset Council with the Flooding review and possibly secure funding for flood intervention measures. Local Plan Consultation Update – Since the consultation, the Government has introduced a new system for preparing local plans and is bringing forward further changes to national planning policy. DC is proposing to move to the new plan	

	making system. It is believed that transitioning to the new system now is the most effective way to secure a robust and up to date and deliverable Local Plan for Dorset. Cabinet will consider the proposal on 28th July. Dorset Council's Environmental Enforcement Team issued a warning of rogue 'waste collectors' driving around taking items left for collection and dumping items without value. A resident in a property adjacent to the Back Development raised concerns about the piles of debris left by the developers which is blowing dust onto neighbouring properties. Clerk to alert the Case Officer. Clerk reported the waste bins in Sixpenny Handley had not been collected. The problem was resolved by DWP the same day. Community Contact Point by local PCSO has been arranged for the 27th July @1pm at the Budgens – a visual point of contact. The Community Emergency Response Plans survey was submitted by Cllr Turner in May 2026 PSPO Public Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order consultation was designed for the purposes of addressing beach issues. The consultation was completed & submitted for the purpose of highlighting the lack of enforcement for dogs off leads near marked sports pitches. EVRI approached the Budgens regarding hosting an EVRI locker, but they have limited space. Q: Is there room at the Workshops? Estimated income £900.00 – passed over to Dorset Council's Assets Team. Members discussed recent power cuts, SSE updates issued and implication for internet phones for vulnerable residents. Cllr Turner previously completed work on this topic and members believe a further update would be beneficial. Clerk to seek clarity on Planning Application P/VOC/2026/02722 – the erection of 4 dwellings at Church Farm SP5 5ND.	Clerk Clerk Clerk/AT Clerk
1985	Approve Parish Council Communication Report. No matters to report this month.	

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;..... 27th August 2026