

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 26th October 2023 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	0 Public Open Session	
1090	<p>Attendance & Apologies Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr A Turner Cllr David Chick Cllr S McLean Cllr C Taylor Cllr D Adams Cllr I Mereweather</p> <p>Also in Attendance Cllr Piers Brown (Dorset Council Cranborne Chase) Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr R Adams</p>	
1091	<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 / 1st Woodcutt Scouts Cllr Simon Meaden – 1st Woodcutt Scouts/Allotment Association.</p>	
1092	<p>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown</p> <p><u>Dorset Council Update</u></p> <p>DC Climate Action Plan – successfully installed 13000 solar panels in 1500 homes across the County. DC have made a £350,000.00 investment into 5G test bed project – to retain expertise built over recent years, for a Team to work with and assist external internet providers to get better coverage across the county.</p> <p>Smart Tech – Investment in smart socks to monitor changes in normal behaviour (GPS tracking).</p>	

	<p><u>Local Update</u></p> <p>Cllr Brown supported the Clerk and Cllr Turner at a meeting held with Asters Housing Associations' Ground Maintenance Team. It was a positive meeting and concentrated on the maintenance of trees & shrubs in the Sheasby and Dean Lane bungalows areas. It was agreed for the Aster Team to forward an action plan (within an approximate 4-week timeframe).</p> <p>Cllr Brown offers on-going support for the Frogmore Lane flood risk issues by escalating members concerns over; ditch clearance, clearance of the silted sump and ensuring the planning discharge conditions are met.</p> <p>Handley Park residents have been given support with tracking new owners details.</p> <p>As a stakeholder Cllr Brown is closely examining the progression of filling the County Farm vacancy along Common Road.</p>	
<p>1093</p>	<p>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 28th September 2023.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct and was signed by the Vice-Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i></p>	
<p>1094</p>	<p>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 28th September 2023.</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>1095</p>	<p>To confirm the minutes of the Finance & General Meeting held on 4th October 2023.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct and were was signed by the Vice-Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i></p>	
<p>1096</p>	<p>Village Hall Lease</p> <p>Cllr Taylor updated members on the on-going preparations for the VH lease. An initial draft has been shared with the VH Committee members which identified areas requiring further work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the Village Hall's Custodian for Charity (complying with lawful instruction of the Charity Trustees and demonstrating the new terms are on par with the previous lease). • Agreeing length of lease expected to be 25 years. • Building Insurance to transfer back to the Parish Council. (proposal to commence before 30th December 2023). <p>Members agreed to arrange a meeting with VH Committee to discuss the newly fitted Solar Panel System and understanding the impact on the day to day billing & exporting of energy back to the National Grid.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange an on-site meeting with DES to understand the system capabilities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk/AT</p>

<p>1097</p>	<p>Frogmore Lane Development</p> <p>Cllr Mereweather confirmed a response letter from the PC was sent to Head of Planning Mr Mike Garrity on 19/10/23 and was accompanied by an Environmental Agency flood risk report on Frogmore Land.</p> <p>The PC does not accept that the DC Planning Committee fully explored, analysed or interrogated either of the issues detailed below during the Planning Committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NPPF Guidelines, (which the case officer, legal officer or flood engineer failed to fully or properly explain and reference in their advice at the meeting) which we contend would show that the sequential test was NOT satisfied.• Evidence that this area of land now drawn in to the variation for approval is, by virtue of the incidence of Groundwater Flooding, a “functional flood plain” and therefore residential development should not be permitted. <p>The Environment Agency report was explicit in confirming ‘any building development plans on Frogmore land will increase flood risk downstream’ which conflicts with the findings of Dorset Council Planning Department.</p> <p>More recently, despite pre commencement conditions (approval dated July 23) specifically condition 4 having not being met – work on site has ensued. The Case Officer in charge was notified and asked to comment on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surface water drainage strategy and whether written confirmation is available and published?• Whether Dorset Council or the Developers had sought advice from the EA or any other recognised experts. <p>A request made by members of the PC to meet both Developers and Dorset Council Planners was declined.</p> <p>Dorset Council have advised the Managing Director of Nord Homes to clear the ditch in Frogmore field. Cllr Mereweather to notify Nord Homes of their responsibility to clear the ditch along with the overgrown boundary hedges which are currently compromising highway safety.</p> <p>The sump located near to property 12 of The Paddock remains compromised due to a ‘cut out’ water diversion route made months ago allowing groundwater to run out onto the adjacent highway. This gap needs to be sealed off in order to allow the natural direction of water to resume through Frogmore field. The anonymous tampering has distorted the natural run of groundwater. Cllr Brown has escalated this outstanding problem with Dorset Highways/Flood Risk.</p> <p>Cllr Turner reminded Andy Probert (DC Flood Risk) of previous discussions around the issue of too few drains at the Crossroads and the compounding problem of silted up grips and gullies. There is an urgent requirement to prepare gullies down the chalk level in order to allow for winter conditions.</p>	<p>IM</p> <p>Clerk/IM/AT/PB</p>
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<p>1098</p>	<p>Emergency Web Page</p> <p>Following a previous commitment to develop a specific ‘Flood’ page on the Parish Councils’ website. Cllr Turner presented the development of the Emergency Web Page containing ‘what we know about flooding locally’. The drop down tabs have potential to include information regarding the Emergency Plan with links to the Village Hall and Scout Hut.</p> <p>Members agreed that a documented history of flooding locally would be helpful to locals and anyone considering moving to the village. The project is a work in progress and members responded with positive feedback.</p> <p>Clerk to chase up results of the recent Electrical Generator application submitted on 23 August made in view of the Village Hall’s status as our Emergency Hub.</p>	<p>AT</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>1099</p>	<p>Allotment Association Matters</p> <p>Clerk confirmed the steps that have been taken to re-establish the temporary management of the Common Road allotments in order to re-establish tenancy leases, making clear to plot holders the standards required and present firm time deadlines to meet these standards.</p> <p>The Clerk & Cllr Adams (DA) met with local Grass Contractor with a view to attaining a breakdown of quotes for the clearance of individual vacant plots in order to re-market the availability locally.</p> <p>The Contractor was asked to quote for the clearance of vacant plots – to be put back to original condition and re-seeded to grass. For all waste to be burnt on site and stone to be heaped in a pile at an agreed site location.</p> <p>Estimate 3-5 days to complete workload – maximum £516.80 (inclusive VAT) per plot. Clerk to propose expenditure on next F&GP meeting.</p> <p>Members remain focussed on marketing and promoting empty plots, maintaining vacant plots and close monitoring of leased remaining plots by introducing monthly inspections.</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously to increase the lease deposit from £15.00 to £85.00 in order to match the annual rent as a realistic incentive to maintain allotment tenancy objectives. Clerk to confirm tenancy lease changes.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>1100</p>	<p>DAPTC Matters</p> <p>DAPTC launched their new website. Next Area meeting scheduled for Thursday 2nd November. Cllr Taylor to attend.</p>	<p>CT</p>
<p>1101</p>	<p>Highways Matters</p> <p>Task number 1232015 - the grips & gullies throughout the village have been requested to be cleared via the Dorset Council portal.</p> <p>Task number 1231917 – Emergency obstruction – BT guy wire attached to a telegraph pole very close to the A354 carriage near Endless Pitt and Thorney-down Farm.</p>	

	<p>The Frogmore ditch at the end of the residences located at Paddock Close – deliberate cut out needs to be blocked up.</p> <p>A report received from a local resident that the brick archway between The Orchard and Sycamore Close has a significant crack near to the keystone of the arch. It appears to be widening daily. Clerk reported the matter to highways to determine ownership which will likely involve building control. Cllr Adams volunteered to inspect the arch to establish the level of urgency. The Clerk to obtain a quote from local contractor in the event it needs immediate repairation.</p>	Clerk/DA
1102	<p>Rights of Ways</p> <p>No matters to report – awaiting a response from Northern Area Rangers regarding Littlefield Lane and bus stop paving.</p>	
1103	<p>Correspondence – Circulated to members prior to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Council Update circulated prior to FPC 26/10/23 • Dorset Business News circulated prior to FPC 26/10/23 • DAPTC E-news circulated prior to the FPC 26/10/23 • Wessex Internet letter requesting access across the Recreation Ground to Common Road properties to avoid digging a trench along Common Road – in exchange for WiFi supplied to the Village Hall & Sports Pavilion. Members resolved unanimously to allow – Cllr Reed & Clerk to sign Deed of Access and return to Wessex Internet. • Village Hall Chairman requested access to the Solar App for information about electricity use age and generation. Clerk & Cllr Taylor liaise further. • Enquiry received from local resident regarding calculation of the Precept and proportion shown on the Council Tax invoice. 	Clerk/JR
1104	<p>Information for Report Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk printed flyers for the Repair Café & Café Hub to support these local events. • Cllr Turner distributed the results of the recently collated SID date which is a good base line. The solar powered SID has been in situ for 1 week and will remain there for a further 3 weeks. Results will be available shortly afterwards. • Cllr Mereweather confirmed his new role as local PAO to the British Legion. All wreaths have been arranged for all of our armed forces. Anyone wishing to volunteer to collect donations from the poppy appeal to contact Cllr Mereweather. Large poppy's to be affixed to lampposts through the High Street, Sports Pavilion and the Village Hall. Collection boxes to be placed at the Crossroads café and end of month Craft Fair. • Clerk to send letter of thanks to Mr Tony Gibb previous PAO whose long service was much appreciated. • Members noted the sad passing of previous Parish Clerk Mrs Gill Martin - Clerk to arrange an article in memory of her contribution locally. 	IM
1105	<p>Approve Parish Council Communication report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wessex Internet Information • SID stats to follow. 	

Meeting Closed 9.20pm

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

Signed;.....29th November 2023