

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of  
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council  
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	<p><b>Public Open Session</b> No members of the public were present.</p>	
500	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b> Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr D Adams Cllr R Adams Cllr David Chick Cllr M New Cllr G Salvia Cllr C Taylor Cllr A Turner</p> <p><b>Also in Attendance</b> Cllr Piers Brown (Dorset Council Cranborne Chase) Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr S McLean</p>	
501	<p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Grants for Dispensation</b></p> <p>Cllr Taylor &amp; Cllr Adams requested a dispensation to participate in the meeting on Village Hall Matters – Granted.</p> <p><b>The following members declare non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to:</b></p> <p>Cllr Colin Taylor – Pentridge Village Hall Cllr James Reed – Community Land Trust Cllr David Adams – Community Land Trust/Sixpenny Handley Sports Facilities Cllr Rosalie Adams – Sixpenny Handley Village Hall/ Allotment Association Cllr Andy Turner – Community Land Trust Cllr Maureen New – Neighbouring Sixpenny Handley VH TPO trees</p>	
502	<p><b>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown.</b></p> <p><u>Dorset Council Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Councils’ £98,000 campaign to upgrade the 700 rented properties across the county that currently don’t meet EPC energy rating standards is underway. Low income households could potentially save £180.00 per year on energy bills.</li> <li>• Dorset Council has secured £37.5m for the next 5 years to help provide all of Dorset’s children and young people with Special Educational Needs through the creation of a Centre of Excellence former St Mary’s School along with expansion at Beaucroft School in Wimborne.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of 11-week Library Consultation to seek the views of library users and non - users. More information can be found at <a href="http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/lets-talk-libraries">www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/lets-talk-libraries</a></li> <li>• DC are promoting 'eat your Halloween pumpkin' rather than let it disintegrate on your doorstep encourage families to avoid the waste.</li> </ul> <p><u>Members questions</u></p> <p>A request for an update on the unoccupied Town Farm Workshops.</p> <p>Members discussed the latest bid to Central Government to fund Bus Back to Better campaign. Members aired their frustration that the loss of rural services in general requiring residents to travel out using non-existent or at best limited travel services.</p>	
<b>503</b>	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct (all but a minor amendment item 482) and was signed by the Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i></p>	
<b>504</b>	<p><b>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.</b></p> <p>Some members of the Council have experienced difficulties completing the new on line Register of Interests. Clerk to resend for those who have not received an invitation &amp; contact Dorset Council to report the difficulties.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>505</b>	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the Finance &amp; General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct was signed by the Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i></p>	
<b>506</b>	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct was signed by the Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i></p>	
<b>507</b>	<p><b>Recreation Ground Maintenance Work</b></p> <p>During the planning and preparation for the Recreation Ground's boundary hedge works the Council received two similar price indications and confirmation of appropriate hourly rates for this type of job (which was reassuring for the members – as on this occasion the Council were unable to source 3 separate quotes). Due to restricted scheduling dates for this type of work the Council agreed to proceed with a local contractor.</p> <p>Members <b>resolved unanimously</b> to approve £1500.00 expenditure to commence coppicing of the boundary hedge between the football pitch and the land owned by Mr Judd. Further works will be required and it is anticipated a further £1500.00 expenditure to complete the works.</p> <p>Slightly ahead of schedule the works commenced which bought a significant level of concern and interest from local residents. Members of the Council and the Clerk received letters, emails and verbal communication expressing the shock of seeing a long standing hedgerow in part being removed.</p>	

	<p>Members of the Council acknowledged local concern, Cllr Turner followed up quickly by publishing an explanation as to why the coppicing works were underway reassuring everyone that measures were in place to plant saplings to fill the gaps.</p> <p>Permission to gain access to the hedge from the adjacent land was sought prior to the work commencing however there was a misunderstanding as to the extent of work required which required further communication with the land owner.</p> <p>The Council reflected on the necessity to regularly and consistently communicate locally and are currently preparing a Communication Strategy to support that ideal.</p> <p><b><u>Further development of the area &amp; Village Hall entrance pond</u></b></p> <p>The recent start to the coppicing of the large hedgerow has revealed significant gaping which members felt required the installation of soft visually pleasing fence. To be situated behind the hedging in order to stop access across the part open boundary. Cllrs (SM, JR,) to request quotes from local fencing specialist. Clerk to contact a third local contractor for a quote. It is hoped that with the planting of grass and flower seeds and new saplings the area will eventually create an easier hedgerow to maintain in the future.</p> <p>Members have also recently discussed reducing of overgrown vegetation at the pond at the Village Hall driveway entrance. It has become a health and safety issue as the visual splay for vehicles leaving the facilities do not have a good line of sight because of the trees and vegetation. Members were mindful that further removal of trees at this stage without prior notification would not be appropriate. Cllrs (SM &amp; JR) to carry out a site visit to establish how much is intended to be removed and bring findings back to the Council.</p>	<p><b>AT/All</b></p> <p><b>SM, JR, Clerk</b></p> <p><b>SM, JR</b></p>
<p><b>508</b></p>	<p><b>DAPTC Matters</b></p> <p>Daptc E-news circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr McLean (SM) sent his apologies for the FPC meeting as he was attending the Eastern Area DAPTC meeting 28/10/21.</p> <p>DAPTC AGM to be held virtually on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – delegates to register before the 13<sup>th</sup> with only one vote per Council.</p>	
<p><b>509</b></p>	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <p>A letter of complaint received from local resident in The Orchard regarding the excessive unhelpful use of orange traffic cones outside No 17.</p> <p>Dorset Highways recently removed permanent traffic bollards from this location. Temporary orange cones were erected and to replaced them.</p> <p>Members agreed to contact Resident of number 17 to request they are no longer used.</p> <p>Clerk to report the blocked culverts and long verges around the villages in preparation for the winter months.</p> <p>Report reference 1181047 40mph sign at New Barn Farm rusted and broken.</p> <p>Clerk has arranged to meet with Community Highways Officer on the 15<sup>th</sup> November to discuss Sheasby Close fencing, street lighting and Keats Meadow street lighting issues.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

<p>510</p>	<p><b>Rights of Ways</b></p> <p>The ROW adjacent to Back Lane remains overgrown at many times during the year which makes access along this popular route difficult. Clerk to contact land owner to seek permission to gain access via the Stile on a regular basis with the ROW ride on mower.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p>511</p>	<p><b>Village Hall Matters</b></p> <p>A letter received from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee in response to last month's decision to monitor the soakaway situation rather than reinstate them.</p> <p>The VH Committee sought advice from Building Control which recommended that the existing soakaways are emptied and reinstated to provide the building with sufficient drainage rather than redirect overflow downpipes into the ground.</p> <p>VH Committee members were happy to use the funds remaining from the recent VH refurbishment project.</p> <p>As the proposal would potentially require lifting the existing patio area in order to reinstate the soakaways members agreed to attain 3 quotes.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p>512</p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Dorset Council Update circulated prior to FPC Dorset Business News circulated prior to FPC DAPTC E-news circulated prior to the FPC</p> <p>Citizen Advice East Dorset &amp; Purbeck – Reminder to all that the if you are on the Dorset Council waiting list for social housing you have until the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 deadline to join the new housing register. Poster to be displayed on the PC Website and noticeboard.</p> <p>The Council received 7 letter of complaint regarding the maintenance of the boundary hedge – Clerk to forward to Cllr Turner to consider responses.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk/SM</b></p>
<p>513</p>	<p><b>Information to report only</b></p> <p>Cllrs Meaden, Reed &amp; Taylor (SM, JR, CT) attended a meeting at the site of the potential asset transfer in Keats Meadow/Town Farm Place. This was followed by a further meeting with a Rushmore Agent to discuss potential access to the parcel of land at Town Farm Place.</p> <p>Members were keen to progress the transfer of assets (play area and extended area behind) but less keen to purchase the parcel of land behind Town Farm Place.</p> <p>Dorset Council would be entitled to a 50% uplift for a period of 80 Years should land be sold on.</p> <p>Overall members were keen to pursue the land acquisition mindful that there are many aspects still to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TPO Mulberry tree no longer exists although indicated on plans that it still exists.</li> <li>• Ownership of walls at Town Farm Place</li> <li>• Arranging a long lease on access.</li> </ul> <p>Members were more than happy to pursue the land acquisition using the skills and expertise within the Parish Council with Cllr Taylor taking the lead rather than further unnecessary expense of a Solicitors at this particular stage.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>CT</b></p>

<p>Cllr Reed attended a recent meeting of the Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club held on 19<sup>th</sup> October @ Sports Pavilion. Notes of the meeting were taken and will be circulated to members after the FPC meeting.</p> <p>Overall it was a positive meeting attended by several local cricketers along with the current Chairman Mr David Cross.</p> <p>Members discussed the condition of the cricket square roller which has been out of action for a little while. Clerk to ask local contractor to assess the costs of cleaning and repairs.</p> <p>Members also acknowledged the difficulties the Cricket Club have experienced during recent seasons unable to hold any matches and therefore attract income from subs or hire charges.</p> <p>Members <b>unanimously resolved</b> to waiver this years' annual fees.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor updated members on the current banking problems. Cllr Taylor &amp; Turner who are current signatories and personal account holders with the Nat West Bank. Unfortunately, due to mistakes at source both members found themselves in the position where they could access all three accounts. In view of this error Cllr Turner &amp; Taylor requested a resolution to remove them from the account.</p> <p>Members <b>unanimously resolved</b> to be removed as signatories until further notice, with Cllrs New and Meaden being added to replace them.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor circulated Unity Bank that specialise in community groups, subject to the appropriate due diligence the Council hope to open a new account.</p>	
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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;..... 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021