Minutes of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING of Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council Held 5th January 2023 at 7:30pm @ Parish Office, 6 Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley.

Item		Action By
	Public Open Session O Attendance	
	Attendance & Apologies Cllr Simon Meaden (Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee) Cllr James Reed (Chairman of the Parish Council) Cllr Andy Turner Cllr Stuart McLean Cllr Dave Adams Cllr Colin Taylor	
	Also in Attendance Ciona Nicholson (Clerk) Apologies None	
855	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 Cllr James Reed – Community Land Trust & Item Speed-watch Cllr Andy Turner – Community Land Trust & Skate-park Project Cllr Simon Meaden- 1st Woodcutt Scouts	
856	Matters arising from the last F&GP Parish Council Meeting held 1st December 2022. Members SM JR DC & DA agreed to meet at the Common Road Allotments prior to a Plot Holders meeting. Clerk to investigate the Government Defibrillator Scheme. Clerk to report blocked drains at Parsonage & Town Farm Place to Dorset Council.	SM JR DA DC Clerk
857	Play Area Matters & Quarterly Inspection Report	
	The Annual Playground Company have delayed the annual inspection of equipment due to staff shortages – date still to be confirmed.	
	The monthly on-sight inspections continue – all play equipment remains in good order with no major issues to report. The grass cutting is in good order, neat and tidy.	
858	Sports Association Matters	
	The green shed plans to reorganise remains unresolved, the sports clubs seem reluctant to reorganise, recycle or remove items that are no longer required. Clerk to contact Cricket Club to discuss the need for extra space to accommodate the community led equipment.	Clerk

859 Sports Facilities Matters & Recreation Ground

Damory Tree care submitted a quote for £800.00 to complete the approved tree works of the VH Poplar Tree. Clerk to attain a second quote for the same works.

Clerk

Energy Efficiency related matters.

Sports Pavilion lighting

Members discussed the merits of replacing the current fluorescent lighting installed throughout the Sports Pavilion. Although the initial outlay is quite expensive, members felt the move to LED lighting would be more energy efficient and the costs would eventually be recovered. Three quotes were attained from local contractors and members resolved unanimously to appoint S Wallworth Electrical Services and approved £2010.00 expenditure to upgrade.

Installation of Solar Panel System

Members discussed the long term renewable energy plan associated with the installation of solar panels. It was agreed to make the building as energy efficient as possible. Members are keen to review all aspects of energy efficiency including the ability to heat emersion with solar generated electricity along with the potential to store energy generated in batteries. Clerk to invite Renewable Energy Consultant to present at the next FPC meeting.

Existing boiler vs Heat Pump (air to air)

Local Contractor Mr Nick Daniel specialises in heat pump method as an alternative way of heating buildings and has submitted a quote to install products in both the Pavilion & the Parish Office. Members felt that it would be useful to invite Mr Daniel to our next F&GP meeting in order to gain a better understanding of how the system would work and be able to help calculate the recovery of costs.

DA

Cllr Adams (DA) to replace the current oil tank padlock with a larger coded padlock.

Clerk to set up a direct debit to purchase a data only WIFI via Smarty Sim Card.

Conserving the Landscape by Laying Our Hedges.

Clerk completed the Community Grant Award Agreement and returned to Cranborne Chase & Chalke Valley Partnership. Member resolved unanimously to spend the £2500.00 grant on the services of local contractors to carry out the hedge laying work.

Clerk

The deadline to complete the remaining 100m of recreation ground hedge is the middle of January. Quotes for the remainder of the work have been requested from local contractors Mr Nick Lawrie & Damory Tree Care although both are reluctant to complete the works. Clerk to contact a further contractor Mr Alfie Burt and Chettle House operatives. Local Craftsman Mr Anthony Brown would like to demonstrate and educate local residents and volunteers and school children by laying St Mary's Churchyard boundary hedge. Clerk to seek permission from the PCC to help manage the hedgerow.

860 Correspondence

Letter received from local resident regarding local chimney/party wall enquiry – Clerk advised gov.uk website for further details.

Platinum Jubilee Fund for Capital repairs in rural areas has been forwarded to both Sixpenny & Pentridge Village Halls.

Clerk

861 Financial Matters & Expenditure

The RFO circulated to members prior to the meeting a report on finances to 5th January 2023. Bank Reconciliation for signing; List of Receipts & Payments for scrutiny.

Members approved unanimously the RFO Receipts & Payments Report.

Members confirmed 3rd quarter Spend.

Cllr Taylor recommended applying for a limited debit card for the Clerk to make small purchases which would eliminate the need for reimbursement payments. The Standing Orders will need to reflect the changes to banking procedures.

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

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

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Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council Receipts & Payments – 5th January 2023.

Date Description Receipts payment

05/01/2023	Dorset Council Rent	so		484.00
05/01/2023	Bradley Kilshaw Grounds Maintenance	1568		400.00
05/01/2023	C Nicholson (December Salary Payment)	1569		948.96
05/01/2023	S Wallworth Elevctrical Services Ltd Replacement sensor	1570		222.00
05/01/2023	S Vane (Parish Office Cleansx 4)	3071		30.00
05/01/2023	D Macleod (Litter bin & Cleans x6)	3072		45.00
05/01/2023	L Read (Sports Club Diesel	3072		132.00
05/01/2023	Business Reserve Account	Credit	25.00	
05/01/2023	Office hire - Seated Exercise	Credit	40.00	
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05/01/2023	Business Reserve Account	Credit	44.13	
28/10/2022	Southern Electric (meter readings ingnored - actual readings)	DD		1,406.28
05/01/2023	BT Group (Final Payment before Vodafone contract)	DD		275.47
05/01/2023	Southern Electric (Aug 22 - Nov 22)	DD		118.88
05/01/2023	Southern Electric	DD		43.21
	January Total		149.13	4105.80

1 st Signature	2 nd Signature		
Scrutineer	Date		