

**Minutes of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held 5th December 2024 at 7:30pm @ Parish Office, 6 Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley.**

| Item | | Action By |
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| | 0 members present at the public open session | |
| 1461 | Attendance & Apologies Cllr Simon Meaden (Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee) Cllr Stuart McLean Cllr Colin Taylor Cllr Robert Hassall Cllr Dave Adams Also in Attendance Ciona Nicholson (Clerk) Apologies Cllr James Reed | |
| 1462 | 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 1 st Woodcutt Scouts, CCIO Cllr James Reed – Community Land Trust & Item Speed-watch Cllr Andy Turner – Community Land Trust & Skate-park Project Cllr Simon Meaden- 1 st Woodcutt Scouts | |
| 1463 | Matters arising from the last F&GP Parish Council Meeting held 7th November 2024. None. | |
| 1464 | Play Area Matters & Reports The monthly on-sight inspection in November confirmed that the equipment and surrounding area was in good condition. | |
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| <p>1465</p> | <p>Sports Facilities Matters & Recreation Ground</p> <p>Cllr Meaden met with local farmer to arrange the completion of hedge trimming in and around the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>Clerk confirmed that current Grass Cutting Contractor will submit a tender for next seasons contract and would be happy to take on any additional maintenance contracts.</p> <p>Members approved draft dog fouling warning signs for installation at the Recreation Ground. Increasing the size from A4 to A3 to be installed at all entrances of the Recreation Ground and at the end of Post Office Lane.</p> <p>Following the untimely removal of a skip from the rear of number 12 Common Road the new footpath and surrounding grassed area has been damaged. Clerk to issue a reminder of the occasional use and to only when weather conditions permit.</p> <p>Local Painter & Decorator Contractor Mr Bill Gent visited the Sports Pavilion in order to provide a quote for refurbishment of the rear of the premises. Clerk to source a second quote for the Pavilion refurbishment.</p> <p>Cllr Adams (DA) will complete the re-ducting of the existing ventilation in the pavilion's loft space from the changing rooms and referees room with the support of a local tradesman.</p> <p>The Penny Tap Team to remove items that are no longer required that currently impede the insulated part of the loft space. Local contractor Barry Mitchell has agreed to fill the holes left from the old ventilation system before refurbishment.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>DA</p> <p>Penny Tap/SM</p> |
| <p>1466</p> | <p>Sports Association Matters</p> <p>Members agreed that Sports Clubs need to find Dorset FA Grants to support next year's pitch maintenance costs rather than rely on Parish Council or Sports Association funds.</p> <p>Following a recent surge of electricity at the Pavilion Cllr Adams confirmed an increase in the amount of cleaning machinery used recently to remove excess moss from the playing surface.</p> <p>Rough Riders of Blandford have re-booked the Sports Pavilion for a Xmas Cycle Event on 28th December.</p> | |
| <p>1467</p> | <p>Allotment Association</p> <p>A quarterly allotment inspection to take place on Monday 16th December @ 8.00am. Cllrs Meaden & Hassall to be present along with Common Road Manager Dave Adams.</p> | <p>SM RH DA</p> |
| <p>1468</p> | <p>Matters to Report & Correspondence</p> <p>Nord Homes recently contacted the PC regarding the naming of the new Frogmore</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |

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| | <p>Development, their suggestion was ‘Sixpenny Lane’. Members unanimously didn’t think it was suitable as inevitably would cause postal confusion and lacked heritage. Members agreed to expand to local consultation. Clerk to contact Nord Homes to clarify deadline for submission.</p> <p>The Crossroads café customers politely requested additional seating to cater for their growing numbers. During 2023 a number of chairs had been disposed of as there were broken and the very worn out armchairs are too low down to be practical.</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously expenditure of £550.00 +vat to add x8 chairs x4 carvers.</p> <p>An enquiry received from local resident for the private use of the Sports Pavilion on 31st December for a New Year’s Eve Party. Members approved and accepted that there would be a later close down and lights off time of 1.00am. Clerk to notify local residents.</p> <p>The Estate Agent withdrew the Cashmoor Inn from the latest Property Auction.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>1469</p> | <p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <p>The RFO circulated to members prior to the meeting a report on finances to 5th November 2024. Bank Reconciliation for signing; List of Receipts & Payments for scrutiny.</p> <p>Members finalised budget preparations for 2025/26 and unanimously resolved to recommend a precept claim of £70440.00 to the FPC on the 19/12/24.</p> <p>Clerk to administrate payments, Scrutineer Cllr S Mclean 2nd Cllr C Taylor & 3rd Cllr Hassall to authorise payments.</p> | |

Meeting Closed 8.15 pm

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

Signed;..... 19th December 2024

Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council

Payments – 5th December 2024

| Date | Description | Payment | |
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| 05/12/2024 | Dorset Council Rent | SO | 484.00 |
| 05/12/2024 | C Nicholson (September Salary Payment) | On-line | 1,055.73 |
| 05/12/2024 | Nest Pension Payment | DD | 78.54 |
| 05/12/2024 | C Nicholson Reimbursement monthly SIM pavilion | On-line | 40.00 |
| 05/12/2024 | Cheap printing Dorset (x3 Dog Signs) | On-line | 38.40 |
| 05/12/2024 | Marc Hayward (x4 litter picks & bins) | On-line | 30.00 |
| 05/12/2024 | Miss L J Tuckey (x4 office cleans) | On-line | 30.00 |
| 05/12/2024 | L Read (overhaul of John Deere starter motor) | On-line | 264.00 |
| 05/12/2024 | Reimbursement C Nicholson Dog Signs/ Henry Hoover bags | On-line | 28.97 |
| 05/12/2024 | Reimbursement D Adams (water heater sundries) | On-line | 16.20 |
| 05/12/2024 | Reimbursement D Adams (fuel hedge strimmer) | On-line | 10.00 |
| 05/12/2024 | Mr David Elliott (Supply & fit water heater - Pavilion) | On-line | 308.64 |
| 05/12/2024 | Miss Martha Nicholson (Pavilion Cleaner 20 hours) | On-line | 300.00 |
| 05/12/2024 | Mr Ian Mereweather (Poppy Appeal RBL) | On-line | 27.50 |
| 05/12/2024 | SSE (Parish Office Electricity April 24 – September 24) | On-line | 1179.93 |
| 05/12/2024 | Mr A Burt (third quarter grass cutting) | On-line | 1000.00 |
| 01/12/2024 | Kinetico watersoftener Service | DD | 8.75 |
| | Vodaphone Broadband | DD | 35.80 |
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| | December Total | | 4936.46 |

To be submitted by the Clerk on Friday 6th December 2024.

Scrutineer – Cllr S McLean

1st On-line authorisation Cllr Taylor 2nd On-line authorisation Cllr Hassall

Scrutineer.....Date.....