

**Minutes of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held 5th February 2026 at 7:30pm @ Parish Office, 6 Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley.**

Item		Action By
	0 members present at the public open session	
1822	<p>Attendance & Apologies Cllr Simon Meaden (Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee) Cllr James Reed (Chairman of the Parish Council) Cllr Colin Taylor Cllr Stuart McLean Cllr Dave Adams</p> <p>Also in Attendance Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr Robert Hassall</p>	
1823	<p>Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation 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, CCIO Cllr James Reed – Community Land Trust & Item Speed-watch Cllr Andy Turner – Community Land Trust & Skate-park Project Cllr Simon Meaden- 1st Woodcutt Scouts</p>	
1824	<p>Matters arising from the last F&GP Parish Council Meeting held 8th January 2026.</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>	
1825	<p>Play Area Matters & Reports</p> <p>The monthly inspection was carried out by Cllr McLean who reported that the Play Area was in good order and the installation of the new climbing frame had been completed. The independent inspection was carried out with minor issues raised that had subsequently been resolved. On receipt of the sign off documentation final payment for the works will be made.</p> <p>Thanks to Cllr Meaden for helping with the fly-tipped mattress left near to the skip.</p>	SMc

	<p>The refurbishment of the existing equipment is also almost complete. Clerk to contact the First School for a day to officially open the newly refurbished play area.</p>	
<p>1826</p>	<p>Sports Facilities Matters & Recreation Ground</p> <p>New contact point for the Penny Tap – Nigel Turton has stepped away from his role as Penny Tap Director and Simon Wallworth confirmed to be the new point of contact for the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Memorial Clock is waiting for contractor to fit the new mechanism – a little more complicated than originally thought.</p> <p>The pavilion guttering has been damaged by the heavy rain and further repairs will be needed to be completed nearer to spring.</p> <p>Members discussed the recent icy weather conditions and where responsibility lies for clearing icy pavements. The driveway from the green shed up to the pavilion is a popular route for pedestrians and doesn't get sunshine and can remain frozen all day posing a potential slip hazard.</p> <p>Following Clear Councils recommendation for Councils' to manage the risk of people slipping on pathways at the Recreation Ground by providing treatment. Clerk to order yellow Grit Bin from Greenhams Hampshire.</p> <p>Fire Alarm System</p> <p>Clerk has contacted Fire Risk Assessment Companies to complete an assessment for the Sports Pavilion.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>1827</p>	<p>Sports Association</p> <p>Fuel Storage Measures</p> <p>The individual Sports Clubs currently retain x4 20L of fuel plus ROW mower fuel which is more than we are legally allowed to store in the green shed.</p> <p>Clerk to contact Clear Councils with a proposal to allow fuel in excess of 30L to be stored in ultra-toughened, lockable flam vault storage boxes:</p> <p>Amorgauard Flambank or</p> <p>BIGDUG Hazardous Substance Storage Cabinet.</p> <p>The Sports Association received an enquiry from a football team based in Salisbury (Juniors) to discuss the potential to join the Handley Sports Club and run an U12 next season September 26. An initial meeting between Handley Sports, the Clerk and the Salisbury Team Representatives to take place on 6th Feb 26 to discuss feasibility.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>The Burns Night Supper was successful fundraising event and raised £976.00 funds for the Community Fund. The Sports Clubs are encouraged to apply for funding for any specific needs. An additional £100.00 was kindly donated by The Penny Tap who provided their bar services at the event.</p>	
1828	<p>Allotment Association</p> <p>No matters other than water meters are due to be fitted in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Clerk to instruct Countryside Services to undertake the boundary hedge reduction as approved at FPC.</p>	Clerk
1829	<p>Village Hall Matters</p> <p>Wessex Internet have extended the Community rate of £1.20pm for WIFI service at the Village Hall for a further 12 months.</p> <p>Emergency Generator Update</p> <p>The generator has been levelled by Cllr Adams (DA) and the oil is at the correct level.</p> <p>Further testing has confirmed that the auto switch to the generator fails if the 'oil level' warning light is on. Once the generator has been turned on manually it starts and runs smoothly.</p> <p>DES have contacted Hyundai for a call out to check the sensors.</p> <p>DES also changed a breaker that was possibly the cause of many trips.</p> <p>Solar Panel System Update</p> <p>Following reports that the Solar Panel system batteries were hot to touch the Clerk contacted DES and awaits advice. The system has been turned off.</p> <p>The VH guttering is full of debris – Cllr Meaden to arrange for the gutters to be cleared on the rear side.</p> <p>Village Hall / Laurel bank Boundary Trees</p> <p>Quote received from Damory Tree Care for the reduction and removal of trees along the boundary line £1800.00</p> <p>Quote expected from Sam Lister on completion of a tree risk survey report.</p> <p>Quote received from Nick Baxter (BSC Hons MArborA) to carry out a tree risk survey & tree schedule plan for the boundary trees -£470.00 to include Poplar, Common Road</p>	

	<p>Pond trees and the TPO Hybrid Poplar Tree at the entrance of the VH.</p> <p>Members unanimously approved expenditure for the tree risk survey and tree planning although concerned that the 3-4 week lead time would prevent work being carried out. Clerk to request an earlier completion of the report.</p>	Clerk
1830	<p>Flooding Update</p> <p>Flood Warden Cllr Hassall made arrangements for Cllr Turner to support any flood issues during his absence in February. Heavy rains followed resulting in groundwater flooding from the West Woodyates Borehole.</p> <p>The Flood Plan was implemented, engagement with the community commenced, affected households were able to pump out water and sandbags were made available, flood signage out and around at the affected areas.</p> <p>Households affected by the floods (including houses unable to flush toilets) were encouraged to report issues on the FORT (Flood Online Reporting Tool).</p> <p>Cllr Turner engaged with Flood Resilience Officer in Wessex & with Flood Risk Management Advisor at the Environment Agency.</p> <p>The Environment Agency recommended specific 'Bow Water Flood Risk' Signs to slow down speeding vehicles. Funding for these signs might be available through Local Resilience Forums.</p>	
1831	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scout litter pick due to take place on Saturday 7th March starting at the Village Hall at 10.00am. Clerk to arrange for litter-pickers, gloves, bags and hi-viz jackets. • Back Lane road closure disruption extended for longer than anticipated. Wessex Water did not commence work immediately despite the road closure on the 5th January which was unsatisfactory. 	
1832	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <p>The RFO circulated to members prior to the meeting a report on finances to 5th February 2026. Bank Reconciliation for signing; List of Receipts & Payments for scrutiny.</p> <p>Clerk to administrate payments, Scrutineer Cllr S McLean 2nd Cllr C Taylor & 3rd Cllr Meaden to authorise payments.</p>	

Meeting Closed 8.40pm

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

Signed;..... 27th February 2026

Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council

Payments – 5TH February 2026

Date Description Receipts Payment

05/02/2026	Dorset Council Rent	SO	484.00
05/02/2026	C Nicholson (January Salary Payment)	On-line	1,094.69
05/02/2026	Nest Pension Payment	DD	82.48
05/02/2026	Marc Hayward (x4 Litter bins)	On-line	30.00
05/02/2026	L J Tuckey (x4 Parish Office cleans)	On-line	30.00
05/02/2026	Windows by Hand (Pavilion window cleaning)	On-line	55.00
05/02/2026	S Day T/A Elite Playground Inspections	On-line	90.00
05/02/2026	Complete Fire Services SW Ltd	On-line	159.60
05/02/2026	Play Inspection Company (annual inspection & life expectancy)	On-line	113.94
05/02/2026	Creative Play UK (Removal and installation of Climbing Frame)	On-line	22,980.03
05/02/2026	J Nicholls Trading Limited (water meter sundries)	On-line	909.97
05/02/2026	Source for Business (Unit 6 july 25-January 26)	On-line	73.12
05/02/2026	Source for Business (Unit 6 july 25-January 26)	On-line	337.10
05/02/2026	Water2Business (July 25 - Jan 26)	On-line	95.79
05/02/2026	Kinetico Watersoftener Service	DD	8.75
05/02/2026	Vodafone Broadband	DD	38.09
05/02/2026	Wessex Internet	DD	1.20
	February Total		26,583.76

To be submitted by the Clerk on Friday 6th February 2026.

Scrutineer – Cllr S Mclean 1st On-line authorisation Cllr Taylor 2nd On-line authorisation Cllr Meaden

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