

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

Item		Action By
	<b>1 Public Open Session</b>	
	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b> Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr David Chick Cllr S McLean Cllr C Taylor Cllr A Turner Cllr D Adams</p> <p><b>Also in Attendance</b> Cllr Piers Brown (Dorset Council Cranborne Chase) Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p>Mr Richard Hawkesford DES Senior Design Consultant</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr R Adams</p>	
	<p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Grants for Dispensation</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>The following members declare non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to:</b></p> <p>Cllr Colin Taylor – Pentridge Village Hall &amp; SH Village Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Woodcutt Scouts Cllr James Reed – Community Land Trust &amp; 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 Cllr Simon Meaden – 1<sup>st</sup> Woodcutt Scouts/Allotment Association.</p>	
	<p>In the absence of the Cllr James Reed, Cllr Meaden chaired and opened the meeting by inviting <u>Mr Richard Hawkesford DES Renewable Energy Senior Design Consultant</u> to present the first of 3 proposals to install solar panels on the Sports Pavilion.</p> <p>The PC provided DES with the estimated annual consumption at 8000kWh per year and therefore the system proposed has been designed for that level of consumption. The proposed system will generate 8757kWh per year.</p>	

	<p><b><u>The Company</u></b></p> <p>DES Renewables is the trading name given to the renewable energy department of <b>Dorset Electrical Solutions Ltd.</b> Who have been in business for almost 10 years and have completed hundreds of Solar PV installations in that time.</p> <p><b><u>What they Do</u></b></p> <p>DES is an electrical contractor business and not a middleman or sales company.</p> <p>A Dorset based and only carry out installations within an 85mile radius.</p> <p>They have multiple fully employed installation teams and do not use sub-contractors.</p> <p>Their engineers will carry out a full inspection of the Pavilion’s roof structure and electrical circuits prior to any installation date being offered.</p> <p><b><u>DES Accreditations</u></b></p> <p><b>MCS Certified</b> which guarantees all installations have been designed, installed and commissioned to the highest standard using only MCS certified products.</p> <p><b>NAPIT Certified</b> which confirms that we are certified to install and self-certify all of our electrical installations.</p> <p><b>Members thanked Consultant for the informative presentation and proceeded to discuss the overall energy efficiency drive the Parish Council are working towards. Many members have personal experience and knowledge of solar panel solutions and were keen to pursue further.</b></p> <p><b>Member discussions was on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pros &amp; cons of battery storage.</li> <li>• Community buying scheme option.</li> <li>• Site survey.</li> <li>• Overall Sports Pavilion energy efficiency.</li> <li>• Necessity to seek further quotes.</li> </ul> <p>Clerk to invite local Heat pump engineer to discuss alternative heating options for both Parish Office and Pavilion.</p> <p>Cllr Meaden, Cllr Chick &amp; Clerk to seek further solar panel quotes.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>SM DC Clerk</p>
	<p><b>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Council purchased land near Blandford to support conservation of wildlife, the reserve is home to a rare species of bat.</li> <li>• DC continues to develop motorhome parking more availability together with access to appropriate facilities.</li> <li>• DC working with the Crime Commission lobbying Central Government to increase fines for Fly-Tipping. The current rates are inadequate and do not serve as a suitable deterrent.</li> <li>• Cllr Brown encouraged members to report potholes around the County post cold weather.</li> <li>• Levelling Up – £19 million investment to Weymouth Harbour front along with £200,000.00 towards Fontmell Magna Village Shop.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park home metered property inconsistencies are being addressed to ensure the most vulnerable in society receive equal energy support.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct and was signed by the Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i></p>	
	<p><b>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022.</b></p> <p>None</p>	
	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the Finance &amp; General Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</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>	
	<p><b>Community Speed Watch</b></p> <p>The Speed Indicator Device (if deployed at one of the villages' approved sites) must always be powered it must never fall idle as it reduces the integrity of the system. Unfortunately, at the beginning of January it failed to be powered due to a flat battery which resulted in the device being removed by the County SID Team. It contravenes the agreement between Parish Council and Dorset Highways. Due to the lack of resources (volunteers) it is difficult to monitor the device at regular intervals.</p> <p>Short term solution: The Speed Watch Co-ordinator will check the device battery each week to ensure it doesn't lose power.</p> <p>Future proposal: To install an upgraded solar power energy option. £175.00 + vat. To relieve the pressure on CSW Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Clerk to contact SID Team to clarify the following: Are we required to purchase 4 separate solar units for each of the sites? How long will the battery remain charged? Would a solar unit be suitable for a shaded location?</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
	<p><b>Allotment Association Matters</b></p> <p>Cllrs Meaden, Chick &amp; Adams (DA) agreed to hold an on the ground meeting on 27/1/23 to establish the current condition of the Common Road Allotments and follow through plans to support the AA.</p>	<b>SM DC DA</b>
	<p><b>DAPTC Matters</b></p> <p>DAPTC newsletter circulated 26/1/23.</p> <p>Annual North Dorset Council meeting 24/3/23 3pm-5pm @ The Brewery Hall Blandford. Cllr McLean agreed to attend. Clerk to confirm attendance with Kate Hoare.</p>	<b>SMc</b>

	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <p>Cllr Turner gave members an overview of the flooding issues that occurred in Sixpenny Handley since December 2022.</p> <p>There had been an excess of 30 meters of increased water levels in 12 days and there remains a high probability of further disruption ahead.</p> <p>Sand and bags (to make sandbags) were available to the public at the Town Farm Workshops and many sandbags were used at suitable locations along Dean Lane and Frogmore Lane. The full complement of parish council warning signs were deployed at previously approved locations in the village but an extra flooding risk sign was requested from Highways to warn motorists of the hidden dangers at Spots Green. Clerk to request retention of the additional sign.</p> <p>It was noted that 10 bags of salt were kindly donated by a resident in Handley Park to improve conditions at the Doctors Surgery.</p> <p>Dean Lane was particularly badly affected by the floods and combined with the icy temperatures caused the wake of water to freeze and create areas of black ice. Dorset Council delivered a ton of rock salt to the Town farm Workshops to alleviate the danger. Volunteers distributed rock salt to the worst affected areas.</p> <p>The Pentridge culvert and ditch near Whitey Top Farm were blocked for a time which also caused heavy flooding.</p> <p>Members agreed to compile a report for both the Wessex Environment Agency and Dorset Council. A comprehensive report covering all aspects of the flood in order to have a record of the event in the system.</p> <p>We will request that Dorset Council assess the levelling and road camber together with the lack of drainage above the Surgery. Additionally, informing Wessex Water that they need to address the sewage system for where it has been open to the flooding in both Dean Lane and Frogmore lane with the later causing problems for houses in The Paddock.</p> <p>The flood water at Minchington / Gussage St Andrew on land owned by the Rushmore Estate was particularly high due to ditches and ponds not being previously cleared. Clerk to contact Rushmore Estate office.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>AT</b></p>
	<p><b>Rights of Ways</b></p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	
	<p><b>Correspondence – *Circulated to members prior to the meeting.</b></p> <p>A community litter-pick organised by the 1<sup>st</sup> Woodcutt Scout Group Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Clerk arranged for additional gloves, sacks and litter pickers to be delivered to the Parish Office on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Health &amp; safety risk assessment to be carried out.</p> <p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Woodland Trust Sapling delivery between 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March to Pantiles, Common Road.</p> <p>Culture &amp; Community Project R4 – supportive grant application documents forwarded to Dorset Council – await results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Council Update circulated prior to FPC 26/1/23*</li> </ul>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Business News circulated prior to FPC 26/1/23*</li> <li>• DAPTC E-news circulated prior to the FPC 26/1/23*</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Information for Report Only</b></p> <p>Hedge Laying Project to commence on 27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> January 2023. 30m of hedgerow will be used as a teaching and educational opportunity for the community. The First School children will visit the site on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and work will continue throughout Saturday. Work will continue on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Clerk to notify Chalke &amp; Chase.</p> <p>The laying of the recreation ground hedge boundary (adjacent to the football pitch) approximately 100m has been completed by local woodland care operatives.</p> <p>Local contractors and woodland specialists to be involved to promote, educate and involve volunteers. Clerk to contact Mr Mike Dyer to co-ordinate with St Mary’s Church.</p> <p>A further successful application to The Woodland Trust has been completed 420 hedge saplings will be delivered in 2023 in order to fill any gapping.</p> <p>Organisers of The Big Session 2023 have proposed to hold the event on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023. As in previous years, a request for support by the PC and confirmation of public liability insurance to cover the event. Members unanimously support the event.</p> <p>Members noted a slight increase in the number of reports of vandalism within the parish recently.</p> <p>Members agreed to discuss the King’s Coronation arrangements for the bank holiday weekend at a future FPC meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Turner advised members of the rise of bogus accounts on the social media Next door App, matters are being investigated.</p> <p>Handley Hub activity is growing with an increase in numbers attending. Monday &amp; Wednesday attendees of the Crossroads café have increased to 12 and St Mary’s numbers have also increased. Plans for a family film night to be held at the Village Hall. Members resolved unanimously to donate £100.00 towards the event.</p> <p>Volunteers of the Handley Hub are looking to introduce a coffee machine, a toaster and a mini fridge and will approach the CCIO for a possible grant.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
	<p><b>Parish Council Communication Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy efficiency plans</li> <li>• Appeal for SID volunteers</li> <li>• Hedge laying Project</li> </ul>	

Meeting Closed 9.15pm

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

Signed;..... 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023