

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 27th April 2023 @ 7:30pm.**

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| | 0 Members present at the Public Open Session | |
| 931 | <p>Attendance & Apologies Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Chick Cllr A Turner Cllr R Adams Cllr C Taylor Cllr D Adams Cllr S McLean</p> <p>Also in Attendance Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr Piers Brown (Dorset Council Cranborne Chase)</p> | |
| 932 | <p>Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation</p> <p>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/ Community Fund. Cllr James Reed – Community Land Trust & 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 – 1st Woodcutt Scouts/Allotment Association.</p> | |
| 933 | <p>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown</p> <p>No report this month.</p> | |
| 934 | <p>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 23rd March 2023.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct and was signed by the Chairman. Unanimous</p> | |
| 935 | <p>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 23rd March 2023.</p> <p>Cllr McLean attended the Sports Pavilion during the electrical fitting of the solar panels to familiarise himself with meter readings. A system app should be available to monitor use age – Clerk to follow up.</p> | |

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| 936 | <p>Confirm the minutes of the Finance & General Meeting held on 2nd April 2023.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct was signed by the Chairman. Unanimous</p> | |
| 937 | <p>DAPTC Matters</p> <p>No changes – no matters to report since the last meeting.</p> | |
| 938 | <p>Highways Matters</p> <p>Temporary traffic regulation order issued between 27th June – 4th July. Clerk to feedback clash of date dates with the Chalke Valley History Festival.</p> <p>The above traffic order to accommodate surface dressing along Dean Lane (starting at Garston Wood) & Common Road (adjacent to the First School) have a large number of deep potholes that will require fixing before the surface dressing is applied. A previous Highway commitment (in 2014) to resurface the road between Garston Wood and Dean Lane was never completed. Clerk to contact Mark Adams to request permanent pothole fixing in preparation for surface dressing. Members are concerned surface dressing alone would be a waste of time and funds.</p> <p>Cllr Andrew Turner (on behalf of the PC) attended meetings with both Environmental Agency & Dorset Council Flood Risk Management Team. A summary of both meetings:</p> <p>Last Friday I met with Guy Parker from the Environmental Agency, for those that do not know, he lives locally and delivers training sessions on Ground Water Flooding for organisations. He does this using the village, taking them through how flooding occurs and how its dealt with within the village. He retires later this year and so is in the process of transferring his extensive knowledge within the EA and preparing them for when he retires.</p> <p>The meeting on Friday was so that he could get my feedback as a flood warden on a new on line service the EA are developing and a presentation pack he is putting together for training at all levels including for public briefings. Within this session we also discussed my report on the January flooding, he has given me some material to utilise and is happy to review the content before its republished. This was really useful from my perspective, I re-learned a lot, corrected some of my mis-information which I will address by updating the report BUT also highlighted areas that need to be made more visible (see below). He also informed me that he had taken a number of people from Dorset Council through his training in the village and they recognised the fact that the Frogmore Lane application was impacted. I think this in part is the reason for the Dorset Council Site visit.</p> <p>We also agreed to set up a public session in the Village Hall for September, he will be looking to invite people from villages between Pimperne and Coombe Bissett and is hoping to get the Flood Management team from Dorset Council along, he used to work with them. I think this will be a useful thing to do as it will raise awareness in the village and also re-enforce our situation both in the community and across Dorset.</p> <p>Dorset Council Flood Risk Management</p> <p>Yesterday I met with Brian Richards (Team Lead) and Andy Probets in the village, they wanted to understand what happens when the village floods, they had read my report and also wanted to understand the village perspective regarding Frogmore Lane site development. They are going to be on site again next week taking the Dorset Planning Officer through the issues they were aware of but also the information I passed on to them. This is going to be before the 16th May Planning meeting. Its worth noting that they are not part of the planning process, eg they are not expected to input, but they are making sure they are involved in this development.</p> <p>I was able to highlight that the ditches are not sufficient to deal with the ground water, because they are too shallow, not properly cleared out and as they are part of the ‘ground’ will fill up anyhow. They highlighted that the road drainage is only meant to deal with rain water run-off from the Highway and so was never designed to cope with the ground water flooding. We also discussed the road surface all the way out to Garston Wood, they were surprised that it was only being surface dressed and suggested we</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

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| | <p>highlight to Highways that the potholes need addressing before the surface dressing is applied. They stated that the team will fill pot holes but it would be more like the temporary fix which is then covered with the surface dressing.</p> <p>We walked the length of Dean lane, down Frogmore Lane and on to the entrance to Manor Farm. They inspected the drainage covers, noted either standing water or silt and in some cases did not feel there was actually connections. They had a street plan with rainwater and sewage pipes shown to validate anything identified. This is the first action for them, to have the plans checked with Wessex water as they felt there was duplication and inaccuracies. They also wondered whether the pipes are laid correctly, especially (the right incline) under the crossroads. They also felt the outlet pipes in Frogmore Lane were very shallow.</p> <p>As we walked along the roads I was able to highlight some of the geology information Guy gave me last week. Essentially this is the fact that there are two different chalk layers, one on each side of the road, roughly from Garston Wood down past the village. This effectively means there is a strong likely hood that flooding along this boundary will occur whenever the water table rises and so is not going to get any easier given the global warming. Guy has provided me with some of his slides so that I can update my report to make this clear.</p> <p>From the walk through they also took an action to get Highways out to first sweep the roads to remove the gravel deposits and to then have the drains inspected and cleaned. They will also liaise with Wessex Water but asked that we also flag the two know leaking manhole covers to get them to come and reseal them, the one near Sheasby Close is why the toilets back up as it has filled with floodwater. We also discussed traffic calming and the ice issues although they did not have answers for this but recognised the problem.</p> <p>With regard to Frogmore Lane and the housing development, they had the updated plans and felt the indicated drainage ditch around the edge of the field was a good idea, I highlighted the issue of water coming out of the grip into the lane as the existing ditch was silted up. I also got them to understand that when flooding the field does hold water, it's not just about the drainage ditch. We discussed the merits of this and they felt the correct solution would be dispersing the water further downstream. But did acknowledge the fact that due to the volumes of water it made sense for the field to be a holding area.</p> <p>The big reveal was in how water is dispersed from the site, they were keen to understand what was in place to allow water to progress down the valley and shocked to see it just comes out onto Back Lane with the expectation it will enter the ditch and pond across the road. I also suggested they establish what the cost to resurface the road was after the 2014 flood, explaining how badly the road was damaged. There is nothing in the updated plan to address this and so they felt Highways should be registering this as an issue. We need to highlight this at the planning meeting on the 16th, it is also something they are going to flag to the planning officer when they visit.</p> <p>We continued along back lane to see where the water runs off too, I highlighted the area outside Manor Farm that floods, re-enforcing the fact that people try to drive through the floods, damage tyres etc. Again I got the impression that they want to speak with Highways and establish what can be done re grips and gullies, it will have also re-enforced the fact that the development site needs to have capacity to hold water during floods.</p> <p><u>Overall their feedback was that we have their support and we are identified as an area that needs attention. So whilst funding is limited they are looking at sorting the issues identified above with Highways, getting the road drainage addressed and having Highways look at more effective grips and gully clearances. They will get the plans reviewed for sewage and drainage after which there should be a full inspection to ensure they are laid correctly.</u></p> | |
| <p>939</p> | <p>Rights of Ways</p> <p>Correspondence received from Dorset Council Dog Warden regarding excessive dog fouling problem in Pentridge. Members discussed the merits and negative aspects of the installation of a dog bin at the site but overall members felt it would cause more problems and dog waste pick-ups would potentially decline.</p> <p>Clerk to invite a Dog Warden visit to Sixpenny Recreation Ground.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |

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| <p>940</p> | <p>Village Hall Matters</p> <p>The Village Hall Committee continue with efforts to transfer the Village Hall Charity status to a new Community Charity Integrated organisation (CIO).</p> <p>Members discussed the current lease agreement between Parish Council and Village Hall and in view of defaulting on the peppercorn rent payment of £5.00 per year members unanimously resolved to determine the lease. Clerk to notify Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.</p> <p>A new lease between the Parish Council and Village Hall to be completed by 30th September 2023.</p> <p>Solar Panel System quotes received to date:</p> <p>DES Renewables – 16 panel with battery £11,853.63 (valid 27th April 2023) DES Renewables – 16 panel without battery £7,722.93 (valid 27th April 2023) Ace-energy.net – Diaries for business closed 6/2/2023 Energyflo.co.uk – 12KW Solar PV Quote without site visit issued £24,440.00 6/2/2023 Wessex Eco Energy – Estimate without full design based on 4KWP £8,000.00/£9,000.00 23/2/2023</p> <p>Members discussed the potential benefits of installing a solar panel system onto the Village Hall roof. Careful consideration of tariff arrangements and the redirection of payback funds to the Parish Council whilst the Village Hall would benefit from reduce rate electric bills.</p> <p>Clerk to distribute quotes to members of the Parish Council in preparation for further discussion at the next F&GP meeting.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>CT/Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>941</p> | <p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood / Environmental report by Cllr Turner distributed to members. • Consultation Planning for Climate Change guidance 20 April – 8 June 2023. • Dorset Council Update circulated prior to FPC 27/4/23* • Dorset Business News circulated prior to FPC 27/4/23* • DAPTC E-news circulated prior to the FPC 27/4/23* • Email of thanks to the PC from local resident for the tree work carried out on the VH Poplar. | |
| <p>942</p> | <p>Information to Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Application P/VOC/2022/05646 Application to Speak confirmed for a Planning Committee meeting 16th May @ The Exchange, Sturminster Newton. Cllr D Chick to speak on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Tuner will also represent at the meeting on behalf of local community. • The Crossroads Café supported by 1st Woodcutt Scouts and Hub volunteers celebrated St Georges Day by hosting an afternoon cream tea. The event was very well attended, enjoyed by 22 local people. Andy Turner added that it was an opportunity as Parish Councillor to meet and update those attending with Parish news and information and recommended fellow Councillors to take the opportunity to attend Crossroad Café sessions from time to time. <p>Aster Housing Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following a letter received from a local resident of The Orchard regarding overgrown boundary hedge, the Clerk forwarded Land Registry documents in order to confirm ownership and requested work to be carried out to reduce the height of the hedge. Neighbours will be encouraged to write personal letters to Aster Housing Association in support. • Further concerns raised regarding access to the rear of 40 Dean Lane via 39 – Aster have acknowledged the situation and suggested mediation between parties. PC would like to see changes to the Tenancy Agreement. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixpenny Handley First School have submitted a grant application to the CCIO Distribution Committee to fund replacement boundary safety fencing. Members were concerned that the Academy Trust had not dealt with the issue as a priority. <p>Community Speed Watch / Speed Indicator Device</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request received following the recent Annual Assembly meeting to purchase a further SID to maximise the effectiveness of the original device. Members were keen to raise awareness and generate more volunteers to join the Community Speed Watch Team. Clerk to contact First School to raise awareness. • Members unanimously resolved to transfer balance of monies from the Nat West Interest Account to Unity Trust Interest Account (remaining interest payments will be transferred at a later date). | |
| <p>943</p> | <p>Communication Report</p> <p>Encouraging Speed-watch Volunteers Security Camera installation at the recreation ground.</p> | |

Meeting Closed 9.08 pm
These minutes are to be signed by the Chairman after approval
at the next Full meeting of the Parish Council.

Signed;..... 27th April 2023