

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of  
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council  
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	<b>0 Public Open Session</b>	
<b>1195</b>	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Chick Cllr A Turner Cllr C Taylor Cllr D Adams Cllr I Mereweather Cllr R Adams</p> <p><b>Also in Attendance</b> Mr Piers Brown Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Cllr S McLean</p>	
<b>1196</b>	<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 / 1<sup>st</sup> Woodcutt Scouts Cllr Simon Meaden – 1<sup>st</sup> Woodcutt Scouts/Allotment Association.</p>	
<b>1197</b>	<p><b>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown</b></p> <p>No report this month</p>	

<p><b>1198</b></p>	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024.</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>1199</b></p>	<p><b>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024.</b></p> <p>No matters arising.</p>	
<p><b>1200</b></p>	<p><b>To confirm the minutes of the Finance &amp; General Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct and were was signed by the Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i></p>	
<p><b>1201</b></p>	<p><b>To Approve Financial Risk Management 2024</b></p> <p>Members reviewed and approved with only a minor amendment the Financial Risk Assessment Policy.</p>	
<p><b>1202</b></p>	<p><b>To Approve Risk Management 2024</b></p> <p>Members reviewed and approved with only minor amendments the Risk Management Assessment Policy.</p>	
<p><b>1203</b></p>	<p><b>To review Electrical Contracts Quote</b></p> <p>The electrical contracts for both the Sports Pavilion &amp; Parish Office end on 31/03/24. The Clerk circulated various quotes to Chairman &amp; Vice-Chairman prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The quotes received for the Parish Office were as follows:</p> <p>EDF – Fixed on-line 24M Standing charge 0.60p per day, Unit Rate 24.4p/kWh £1007.00</p> <p>British Gas – 24M Standing charge 0.42p per day, Unit Rate 26.64p/kWh £1013.00</p> <p>British Gas DD – 24M Standing charge 0.62 per day Unit rate 26.37p/kWh £1078.00</p> <p>SSE – 24M 98.90 standing charge per Q Unit rate 27.81p/kWh £1322.00</p> <p>The parish office current hosts x2 electricity meters (there is no requirement for a night rate meter since the installation of heat pumps). Members agreed for the Clerk to request the removal/ decommissioning of extra meter before switching providers.</p>	

	<p>The Sports Pavilion received similar quotes, however since the installation a solar panel system Octopus Energy offered:</p> <p><b>Green Octopus 24M Fixed £20.94p/kWh Standing charge £86.60 per day and confirmed .15p export tariff (once a customer of Octopus).</b></p> <p><b>An advance payment equivalent of x3 monthly payment will be taken on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 as a security payment that will be returned at the end of the contract. A monthly variable DD will be taken 7 days after the bill is issued.</b></p> <p><b>Members unanimously resolved to switch electricity supplier from SSE to Octopus.</b></p>	
<b>1204</b>	<p><b>Community Land Trust Update</b></p> <p>CLT matters are progressing, positively Aster Housing Association are open to the idea of co-operating regarding arrangements with the car park area. A meeting is to follow shortly.</p>	
<b>1205</b>	<p><b>Response to DC Planning Department – Frogmore Lane</b></p> <p>Cllr Mereweather led on this matter confirming the planning portal (on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 24) noted that the Case Officer had discharged the conditions which has given the developers the go-ahead to commence works on Frogmore Land.</p> <p>The Environment Agency declined to comment on the conditions citing that they were not included as a consultee and it was now too late in the day. This suggests that the original failure of competence, diligence, care and common sense by the planners to seek EA view in the first place has now compounded to allow DC to carry on regardless of answering the questions raised. It is highly disappointing that DC refused to engage with requests from the PC and for this they need to be made accountable. Members agreed to escalate the matter by contacting our local MP, Blackmore Vale and further engagement with the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Fundamentally the fact remains that permission to build on this bit of this site is completely contrary to NPPF guidance. It has been enabled by DC planning department and planning committee incompetence and a cynical attitude to individuals and communities in favour of developers.</p> <p>Cllr Mereweather to draft a letter to the EA asking for comment on why they have not followed up on the key point of Guy Parker's comments on the site's hydro-geology.</p> <p>Cllr Turner agreed to contact the Highways to insist on clearance of the sump in Frogmore Land.</p>	<p><b>IM</b></p> <p><b>AT</b></p>
<b>1206</b>	<p><b>Allotment Association Matters</b></p> <p>Members noted that the recent wet weather is preventing clearance works to commence. However, Clerk can notify plot holders of their obligation to start clearing their plots.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>1207</b>	<p><b>DAPTC Matters</b></p> <p>The DAPTC Eastern Area meeting was cancelled at short notice.</p>	

<p><b>1208</b></p>	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <p>The new solar SID poles and panels were installed on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024</p> <p>Road Closure @Thick Thorne – Farnham scheduled between 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</p> <p>The bus stop on the A354 at Pentridge is overgrown – Clerk to notify DC.</p> <p>Clerk to follow up on the original reporting of the dangerous yellow stanchion along the A354 @Thorney Down Farm / Endless Pit.</p>	<p><b>DA CT</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>1209</b></p>	<p><b>Rights of Ways</b></p> <p>Dorset Right of Way team contacted the PC regarding a closed footpath near Whitey Top Farm - Cllr Adams (DC) Taylor to investigate further.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>1210</b></p>	<p><b>SSE Resilience Grant Update</b></p> <p>AT &amp; IM continue to progress the selection process for the most appropriate type of generator for our community. Meeting with DES to attain technical support. The considerations identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option for portability, having the option to house the generator @ the Doctors’ Surgery rather than the VH and have the ability to move to either site.</li> <li>• Consider a further application to secure an infrastructure grant in order to supply a plinth and housing unit.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>1211</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence – Circulated to members prior to the meeting*.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Council Update circulated prior to FPC 22/2/2024*</li> <li>• Dorset Business News circulated prior to FPC 22/2/2024</li> <li>• DAPTC E-news circulated prior to the FPC 22/2/2024</li> <li>• Dorset Local Transport Plan 4* consultation closes 3/3/2024.</li> <li>• Letter of Engagement with Sharon Cater Book keeping to carry out 2023/24 Internal Audit was signed by the Chairman</li> </ul>	
<p><b>1212</b></p>	<p><b>Information for Report Only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members considered arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting. Date options 3<sup>rd</sup> /10<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April – Clerk to check availability. Clerk to ask Cllr McLean to draft and deliver this years’ annual report.</li> <li>• Parish Council elections 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.</li> <li>• Local resident received delivery of the defibrillator for the Woodcutts residents. The Clerk instructed local contractor to install agreed the side of the properties garage - security purposes.</li> <li>• Clerk submitted application and supporting documents to the Shared Prosperity Fund for the installation of a gravel path. Further consideration</li> </ul>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

	<p>to planning permission should be considered regardless of outcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Government Contract Finder – consider uploading General Grounds Maintenance contract. Clerk work with a Councillor to draft a contract.</li></ul>	
<b>1213</b>	<p><b>Approve Parish Council Communication Report.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PC Election</li><li>• Transport</li><li>• New Defibrillator located in Woodcutts.</li></ul>	

Meeting Closed 8.50pm  
These minutes are to be signed by the Chairman after approval  
at the next Full meeting of the Parish Council.

Signed;..... 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024