

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of  
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council  
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	<b>0 Public Open Session</b>	
1261	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Chick Cllr C Taylor Cllr D Adams Cllr R Adams Cllr S McLean Cllr I Mereweather</p> <p><b>Also in Attendance</b> Mr Piers Brown Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Cllr A Turner</p>	
1262	<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>	
1263	<p><b>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elections will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 – voting between 7.00am – 10.00pm @ Sixpenny Handley Village Hall.</li> </ul> <p>Confirmation received that the operating licence of Handley Park Homes has been transferred to Countrywide Park Homes Ltd. Notification will be made on the public register and on Dorset Council website.</p> <p>Cllr Brown was delighted to confirm that the blocked drain in Sixpenny Handley’s St Mary’s Court had finally been cleared.</p>	

	<p>A new warning sign for collision hotspots in 3 high risk junctions include Thickthorne Junction on the B3054. Signs have been installed initially on the approach to the junction. Following several serious collisions has prompted the need for proactive safety measures. A visual reminder to all road users that they are entering a high risk zone.</p> <p>Dorset Council licencing had exposed an illegal operation in a vapes &amp; tobacco shop in Weymouth. A Team had set up a trial under 18 years to purchase vapes/tobacco – resulting in the ceasing of products.</p> <p>Members questions:</p> <p>Q: The PC had reported to Highways a stay wires on a telegraph pole near to Thorneydown Farm was too close to the busy carriageway. The matter had been reported to BT and no action had been taken. Clerk to liaise with Piers to arrange a meeting with the new Highways contact.</p>	Clerk/PB
1264	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> March 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>	
1265	<p><b>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.</b></p> <p>The Allotment Association AGM was held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April and was attended by the Clerk and Cllr Meaden.</p> <p><i>On the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ Full Parish Council meeting members approved a request from a Common Road Allotment plot holder to keep x2 chickens in rat proofed coop and run. The decision was based on the AA National Allotment Society Framework guidance.</i></p> <p>Members of the AA were very concerned with the Parish Councils’ decision to allow hens and cited the increase of rat inhabitation was due to the presence of hens. The longstanding Chairman of the AA explained to those present that from the allotments inception the association had ruled that chickens were not permitted and in recognition of that precedent set requested the Parish Council’s decision be revoked.</p> <p>As the plot holder was absent from the AGM members were keen to discuss the matter further before making a decision. Clerk to make contact the plot holder at the earliest opportunity</p>	Clerk
1266	<p><b>To confirm the minutes of the Finance &amp; General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 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>	
1267	<p><b>DAPTC Matters</b></p> <p>DAPTC have offered an abundance of election support material during recent weeks. The Clerk attended on-line training sessions for both Register of Interest and a course designed for Parish Council’s that aren’t registered for VAT but can claim back VAT on a 126 form.</p>	

<p><b>1268</b></p>	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <p>James Hussey Collision Reduction Officer at Dorset Council contacted the PC for further information regarding our recent request for red triangle horse and rider warning signs to be installed at the Woodyates junction on the B3054.</p> <p>An incident regarding the damaged manhole cover near to St Mary’s church and a pedestrian was reported to the PC on 12/4/24 Clerk forwarded information to Wessex Internet. A temporary cover was installed with an aim to fix. Clerk to follow up as a health &amp; safety issue.</p> <p>Public Notice of surface dressing at various roads around Farnham &amp; Sixpenny Handley between 29<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May. The works will be carried out under a road closure with a local diversion and temporary speed restriction of 10mph with a Stop &amp; Go convoy.</p> <p>Littlefield Lane – a narrow highway has been consistently overlooked by Dorset Council as for many years has been maintained by local volunteers. Despite reporting the matter to Highways &amp; ROW department the location has become severely overgrown. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Brown and the new Highway contact to seek a maintenance crew.</p> <p>Cllr Meaden to contact land owners on both sides of the highway to get their boundaries cleared.</p>	<p><b>Clerk/PB</b></p> <p><b>SM</b></p>
<p><b>1269</b></p>	<p><b>Rights of Ways</b></p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	
<p><b>1270</b></p>	<p><b>Adoption of Equality &amp; Diversity &amp; Safeguarding Policies</b></p> <p>Members unanimously resolved to adopt an Equality &amp; Diversity Policy.</p> <p>Members unanimously resolved to adopt a Safeguarding Policy.</p> <p>Both policies to be reviewed annually.</p>	
<p><b>1271</b></p>	<p><b>Frogmore Land Development matters.</b></p> <p>Cllr Mereweather updated members on matters relating to the Frogmore Lane Development confirming Dorset Council’s Head of Planning’s failure to respond to previous PC correspondence.</p> <p>A Parish Council letter was sent on 19/4/2024 to Lindsay Fiello Environmental Agency Officer seeking advice and action to address Dorset Council’s failure to consult properly on groundwater flood risk at Frogmore Lane development. To date no response received.</p> <p>A Parish Council letter was sent on 19/4/2024 to Mr Duncan McCarthy Nord Home Developments in order to directly express the PC opposition to the planned construction of 2 bungalows in this flood plain. The letter was accompanied with a copy of the Environmental Agency’s’ report. To date no response received.</p> <p>Members were informed that a local metal detectorist had accessed Frogmore land and had discovered interesting artefacts. This prompted questions regarding archaeologist consultation of the planning application. Clerk to consult with the Case Officer.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

	<p><b><u>Next steps</u></b></p> <p>Members concluded that there is a fundamental lack of appropriate consultation on planning applications, general poor practise shown from Case Officers and officials resulting in a complete lack of confidence in the system. Following the election process members agreed to contact Chief Executive of Dorset Council &amp; the Local MP to express the Parish Councils' disillusioned and sub-standard experience throughout.</p> <p><b><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></b></p> <p>In order to gain control of local development as a Community, members agreed to embark on strategies to devise a Neighbourhood Plan which would to feed into Dorset's Local Plan. Cllr Brown recommended contacting Planning Consultant Jo Witherton to begin discussion along with seeking grant and funding opportunities.</p>	<b>Clerk/Planning</b>
<b>1272</b>	<p><b>Staff Appraisal</b></p> <p>Cllr Taylor (Personnel Officer) completed the staff appraisal for the Clerk. Members reviewed the Clerk's performance over the year. All agreed that the Clerk had had another excellent year and agreed an increase on salary of 7.5% to reflect both her performance and inflation. Members also discussed business continuity and agreed that a plan should be prepared to cover circumstances where the Clerk was unavailable to carry out her duties.</p>	<b>CT/Clerk</b>
<b>1273</b>	<p><b>Correspondence – <i>Circulated to members prior to the meeting*</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Council Update circulated prior to FPC 25/4/24*</li> <li>• Dorset Business News circulated prior to FPC 25/4/24*</li> <li>• DAPTC E-news circulated prior to the FPC 25/4/24*</li> <li>• Clerk contacted SSE on 12/3/24 &amp; 28/3/24 to request the de-commissioning of the second meter. No response received.</li> </ul>	
<b>1274</b>	<p><b>Information for Report Only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handley Park licence has formally been transferred to Countrywide Park Homes Ltd &amp; the public register on the Dorset Council has also been updated.</li> </ul>	
<b>1275</b>	<p><b>Approve Parish Council Communication Report.</b></p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	

Meeting Closed 9.00pm

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

Signed;..... 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024