

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of  
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council  
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	<b>0 member of the public open session present.</b>	
<b>1552</b>	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b> Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr D Chick Cllr S McLean Cllr A Turner Cllr R Hassall Cllr I Mereweather Cllr D Adams</p> <p><b>Also in Attendance</b> Mr Piers Brown (Chase Councillor) Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Cllr C Taylor Cllr R Adams</p>	
<b>1553</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/CCIO 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 / CCIO Cllr Simon Meaden – 1<sup>st</sup> Woodcutt Scouts/Allotment Association.</p>	
<b>1554</b>	<p><b>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown</b></p> <p>The PCC has launched Operation Relentless Community Fund to tackle anti-social behaviour. The grant scheme has been established as a funding source for organisations to deliver projects and initiatives that meet one or more of the Police &amp; Crime Plan priorities.</p>	

	<p>Dorset Council announced almost 95 per cent of applicants have been offered their first choice of primary school (for reception), and over 98 per cent have been offered their middle school of choice.</p> <p>Dorset Council is pleased to announce it has retained its leading position as the number one unitary and disposal authority in England for recycling rates, according to the recently published national data set for 2023/24 by DEFRA.</p> <p>Dorset Council now recycles 60.5% of all the waste it collects at the kerbside, against a national average of 44%.</p> <p>Dorset Council has made a major U-turn on plans to introduce overnight parking charges across its car parks following public reaction. A parking review is on-going and a decision will be made.</p> <p>Initial proposals had suggested a £2.50 flat rate for parking between 6pm and 10pm in all the council's tier 1 and tier 2 car parks, with other charges rising by around 2.5%.</p> <p>Dorset Council also confirmed they can no longer continue to pay the 10p fee every time somebody pays for parking via the app, phone or text the 10p fee can be avoided by paying by cash, bank card or contactless.</p> <p>Parish Councils' questions &amp; comment:</p> <p>Q: Has the new highway signage at Horton made a difference to safety?</p> <p>A: Councillor Brown was disappointed with the decision by DC to allocate a Bronze level of investment for improvements to the safety of the C2 road at Horton – an accident hotspot. The Vale of Allen Parish Council continue to keep a log of anecdotal evidence of accidents occurring. It is too early to measure the success of the installation of new signage.</p> <p>C: Concerns were raised about the accuracy of accident data available. Known accidents that have occurred in the past 10 years do not feature on current statistics.</p> <p>C: Further concerns regarding the Cranborne Chase (B3081) where the surface is poor and desperate to be surfaced. Dorset Highways Department fail to recognise and the quality of general repairs or resurfacing are generally sub-standard. Members asked Councillor Brown to feedback to the Highways Team.</p> <p>Q: What plans does DC have for the future of the empty council farm in Sixpenny Handley?</p> <p>A: Under the new administration a complete review of assets is being undertaken including county farms. Cllr Brown would like to see the next generation of farmers benefiting from the provision of county farms and believes that it is short-sighted not to retain them for this purpose.</p>	PB
1555	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025.</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>	

1556	<p><b>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025.</b></p> <p>Members were satisfied that there was no lapse in Parish Council procedure when resolving to appoint Countryside Maintenance with the Grass Cutting Contract for 2025-26 in the FPC meeting held 27/3/25.</p>	
1557	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the last F&amp;GP Parish Council Meeting held 3rd April 2025.</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>	
1558	<p><b>DAPTC Matters</b></p> <p>No matters to report – latest report to be forwarded by Cllr Taylor.</p>	
1559	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <p>Prior to the meeting members received illustrations of the proposed plans to extend the current 20mph speed restrictions around the village. Unanimously it was agreed to include Red Lane to complete the areas that are of safety concern.</p> <p>With the two new housing developments bringing in more traffic and each of the developments' plays opening onto the main roads the village, the PC believe that it would be sensible to unify 20mph speed restrictions.</p> <p>The campaign will commence at the Annual Parish Assembly by incorporating a presentation and a voting opportunity via leaflets.</p> <p>The illustrations and voting leaflet will also be included in June's edition of The Downsman.</p> <p>Dorset Council Highways Team have been consulted on the proposal but will not be involved with the campaign. The results of the campaign will dictate whether the PC have sufficient support and reasoning to apply for the application.</p> <p>Confirmation received that two new horse warning signs have finally been installed at the busy Woodyates junction.</p> <p>Following checks by the County's Safety Team and Community Highways Team the 'off-camber' road near to Yew Tree Garage confirmed that there were no safety concerns. The opinion is backed up by insufficient recorded non-collision or injury collisions at that location.</p> <p>Letter received from Sheasby Close resident alerting the PC to safety concerns of the removal lorry that is constantly parked at a junction – it causes constant visibility issues for residents.</p> <p>PC comment: The matter has been reported to Highways and to directly to the Police and little has been done to change. The vehicle is believed to be taxed and MOT therefore little for the PC to do. Clerk will to continue to seek support.</p>	Clerk

<p><b>1560</b></p>	<p><b>Rights of Ways</b></p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	
<p><b>1561</b></p>	<p><b>The Downsman Matters</b></p> <p>The CCIO Chairman confirmed Trustee acceptance of The Downsmans' future affiliation and a steady handover of accounts and advertising material is underway.</p> <p>Cllr RH is currently managing the setting up of a new structure in order to simplify proceedings. Supported by the Clerk, content is coming in and encouragement to include new sources of content. There are further software and hardware considerations which will be carried forward.</p> <p>Advertising will be a continuation whilst establishing an easier method of future invoicing.</p> <p>The aim is to move away from the singularly dependent 'Editorial' position to an Editorial Team to publish the Downsman.</p>	
<p><b>1562</b></p>	<p><b>Skate-park Project Update</b></p> <p>Cllr Turner informed members that he had been tracking grant opportunities since we received permitted development and identified a number of candidate grants. Each of these have varying amounts to apply for, one that stood out was the National Lottery Community Fund, this has a lower limit of £20,001 and no upper limit, but typically they only provide up to £500,000 and this opened for applications at the beginning of April.</p> <p>Following an initial response asking for £270,000 where we have around £7,000 in the bank. They confirmed that they do not ask for match funding, but do want to know if we are going to achieve one of their missions and so they want to know some specifics about us and the project we want them to fund.</p> <p>The submission is in two phases, with the first taking up to 4 months and a further 5 months if down selected.</p> <p>The Skate Park Team and Clerk have been asked to contribute to a number of these exploratory questions which will then be submitted to the next phase.</p>	
<p><b>1564</b></p>	<p><b>Annual Parish Assembly</b></p> <p>Will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May @ 7.00pm Village Hall.</p> <p>Councillor McLean has received feedback to the draft annual report.</p> <p>Clerk has invited Local Surgery but has not received confirmation of their attendance. Clerk to invite North Dorset MP Simon Hoare and consider inviting either Blandford Flood Risk or Local Wildlife Trust.</p>	

<b>1568</b>	<b>To approve EV Charging point and complete Funding Application</b>  Members unanimously resolved to apply for funding of Dorset Council's Charging Ahead Programme which uses funding from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Programme and private sector funding from Chargepoint Operator Mer.  The proposal may provide a revenue share that will be generated and returned to third party owners of sites once the chargers are operating.  The VH Committee were consulted and are accepting of the changes to the parking bays although had reservations with the proposed plans to install the bays immediately outside the VH.  The PC considered these views on the location of the bays but didn't share concerns that they would interfere with large visiting vehicles. The decision to install nearest to the electricity supply was approved within the application.	
	<b>Staff Appraisal</b>  Due to holiday absence this item will be carried forward to the next meeting.	
<b>1569</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dorset Council Update circulated prior to FPC</li><li>• Dorset Business News circulated prior to FPC</li><li>• DAPTC E-news circulated prior to the FPC</li></ul>	
<b>1570</b>	<b>Information to Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dorset Council remittance advice confirmed £10,905.83 Community Infrastructure Levy was paid on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Clerk to carry forward to the next F&amp;GP meeting</li></ul>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>1571</b>	<b>Approve Parish Council Communication Report.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carry forward a joint statement confirming the licence renewal between the Penny Tap &amp; Parish Council confirming on-going support.</li></ul>	

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;..... 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025