

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 28th August 2025 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	<p style="text-align: center;">1-member present at the Public Open Session</p> <p>The Chairman of the Allotment Association Mr Chris Stokes joined the meeting to give thanks to the PC for their support in clearing overgrown plots and preparing the land for cultivation. All plots are now full and the recent introduction of raised beds specifically for beginners has been received positively. There is now a waiting list for plots.</p> <p>Mr Stokes also expressed his concerns for the safety of the allotment holders visiting the site on foot. Most tenants are forced to use vehicles to access their plots because of the dangerous route along B3081 with no pavements.</p> <p>As a result, the AA made an approach to the AONB to gauge their support to help install a permissive footpath adjacent to the carriageway but land ownership issues limited the discussion.</p> <p><u>Request:</u></p> <p>For the PC authority to approach Dorset Highways in order to discuss the feasibility of creating a permissive footpath adjacent to the B3081.</p> <p><u>Parish Council Response</u></p> <p>Members were very pleased to hear the positive feedback from the Allotments' Chairman and shared concerns for the safety of pedestrians using the stretch of carriageway. It was noted that the route formed part of a popular circular route for walkers, dog owners, runners and allotment holders and concerns for pedestrian safety were valid.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <p>Clerk to contact the Local Community Highway Officer to arrange a site meeting to discuss feasibility of the installation of a permissive footpath.</p>	Clerk
1658	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Chick Cllr C Taylor Cllr S McLean Cllr I Mereweather Cllr R Adams</p> <p>Also in Attendance</p> <p>Mr Piers Brown (Cranborne Chase Councillor) attended the meeting via MS Teams Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Cllr D Adams Cllr A Turner Cllr R Hassall</p>	

1659	<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/ CLT/CCIO 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 / CCIO Cllr Simon Meaden – 1st Woodcutt Scouts/Allotment Association. Cllr Ian Mereweather – Community Land Trust</p>	
1660	<p>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown – joined via MS Teams</p> <p>Cllr Brown explained that the Local Plan consultation document sets out opportunities for meeting the needs of the Dorset Council area. It will help form the Dorset Local Plan which will be used when making planning decisions in Dorset.</p> <p>The Local Plan will be Dorset Council’s response to the Governments’ commitment to address the shortage of housing, to enable economic growth and deliver essential infrastructure to enable the growth. It will also set out how planning decisions will seek to conserve and enhance the environment including measures to address climate change.</p> <p>The consultation documents can be found online ay www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing.</p> <p>Cllr Mereweather (Chairman of the SHCLT) confirmed a CLT advisory contact is meeting with DC Housing and Planning Team on 29thAugust and is hopeful of a positive update.</p> <p>The CLT are on the cusp of submitting a planning application for an affordable housing development on land currently owned by Dorset Council. The land was designated as CLT land but the recent local plan consultation indicates that the land is now available for general development.</p> <p>Members of the PC were keen to ask questions in relation to Community Land Trust to gain clarity and understand the impact on CLT projects.</p> <p>What is Dorset Council attitude to maximising revenue rather than supporting previous commitments?</p> <p>Is it Dorset Council’s intention to maintain strategic plans for affordable housing?</p> <p>Members discussed Community Infrastructure Levy payments and how drainage, sewage infrastructure, Back Lane pedestrian access and the local first School could be positively impacted.</p> <p>The potential changes to CIL charge levies? 15% to 25%?</p> <p>Cllr Brown confirmed his personal support for the continuation of CLT projects and recognises the shortcomings of the consultation documents and believes the Parish Council should submit local plan comments.</p> <p>It was noted that a Neighbourhood Development Plan has the ability to influence, shape and deliver the right local outcome. Carry forward this item to a Planning Committee meeting.</p>	

1661	<p>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 26th June 2025.</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>	
1662	<p>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 22nd June 2025.</p> <p>The PC held a public consultation meeting on Wednesday 9th July @7.00pm to discuss CCTV – part of the meeting involved recruiting volunteers. Clerk to send information pack to those volunteers.</p> <p>Over grown vegetation on Littlefield Lane – Cllr Mereweather confirmed that the Developers’ side of the footpath was tidy causing no concern. The opposite boundary was a little overgrown but easily passable. PC to monitor access issues.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p>
1663	<p>To confirm the minutes of the Finance & General Meeting held on 3rd July & 7th August 2025.</p> <p>Both sets of minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct and were signed by the Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i></p>	
1664	<p>Recreation Ground Matters</p> <p>The Quarterly playground inspection report indicated long term wear and tear of the equipment. Cllr McLean/Clerk met with a representative from The Playground Specialist Company to assess the condition of the existing play equipment.</p> <p>Cllr McLean presented individual photo evidence of the play area equipment. Most items were tired in appearance and in need of general refurbishment and deep cleansing. The large climbing frame needed many replacement parts which would only extend its lifespan by a couple of years. It was recommended that the large climbing frame be removed and replaced with a new product.</p> <p>Quotes from the Playground Specialist Company to replace the large climbing frame.</p> <p>Option 1</p> <p>Supply of x1 Vertex - key features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jigsaw Traverse Panels • Traverse Net • Timber Log Climber • Balance Beam x2 • Tarzan Traverse • Rope Walk • Log Roll with drop ropes • Cross rope <p style="text-align: right;">£6480.88</p> <p>Supply of 53m Grass Matting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£952.18</p> <p>Installation of the above Play Equipment & Surfacing & removal of existing equipment</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£5801.47</p> <p>Total</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£13234.53</p> <p>Customer Community Discount</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£735.25</p> <p>Quote Total</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£12499.28</p>	

	<p>Option 2</p> <p>Supply of x1 Clamber stack 3 with stainless steel slide – key features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climbing Posts • Climb nets • Scramble Logs • Balance Beams • Support Ropes • Uniquely Patterned Timbers# • Stainless Steele Slide <p>£12475.00</p> <p>Supply of 53m Grass Matting</p> <p>£952.18</p> <p>Installation of the above Play Equipment & Surfacing & removal of existing equipment</p> <p>£5801.47</p> <p>Total</p> <p>£19228.65</p> <p>Customer Community Discount</p> <p>£1068.26</p> <p>Quote Total</p> <p>£18160.39</p> <p>Members agreed that the equipment was in need of refurbishment and were supportive of getting x2 further quotes to replace the large climbing frame. Clerk to contact Lap-set and another playground specialist for further quotes. Budget and funding for refurbishment and equipment replacement to be carried forward to the next F&GP meeting.</p>	Clerk SMc
1665	<p>Rights of Ways</p> <p>Dorset Reserves notified the PC of a spate of criminal damage at Garston Wood involving the removal of the main pedestrian gate from its hinges which had been left hanging from the self-closing strut. Whilst there will be a review of a more permanent means to prevent criminal damage and safeguarding of the wildlife – the southern access gateway will be temporarily closed.</p> <p>The PC encouraged RSPB to prepare article to be published in the next edition of the Downsman.</p>	Clerk
1666	<p>Allotment Association Matters</p> <p>The Common Road boundary hedge needs to be cut back and members recommended pursuing a AONB conservation grant application to ensure the longevity and health of the hedgerow.</p> <p>Cllr Chick confirmed measures were in place to address the rodent problem near to the farms and Common Road allotment – a local game keeper had been engaged.</p> <p>The recent wet weather conditions will allow bonfires as a suitable and convenient way to dispose of the general waste at the allotments.</p> <p>Following a suspected water leak at Brushy Bush allotments – it was shown that Funeral Director’s workplace water use age had not been monitored. A separate water meter has been installed at Brushy Bush in order to record the water use of the allotments. To ensure accuracy of billing, future bills will be calculated using the meter readings and a separate billing to Adlems’ Funeral Directors.</p>	<p>Clerk AA</p> <p>AA</p> <p>DA/Clerk</p>

1667	DAPTC Matters Members discussed the Parish Council's response to DAPTC Smaller Survey - Cllr Taylor & Clerk to complete and submit.	CT/Clerk
1668	Highways Matters PC to support the AA request and engage with Highways to discuss the feasibility of installing a footpath (from the Village Hall) to run adjacent to the B3081 in order to improve public safety and access to Common Road Allotments. Highway Enquiry 1274117 – Request to clear gullies and grips completed. Clerk to report the unsightly waste being disposed at Spots Green. Nord Homes' obligation to reinstate the hedge at Frogmore Meadows remains outstanding along with the formal adoption of the boundary hedge. Clerk to contact the Case Officer. Following the positive public response to 20s Plenty Campaign members unanimously resolved to continue the submission of a Speed Restriction application to Dorset Highways. Clerk to liaise with Highways. A fault with the new SID has been reported to Highways and the SID supplier Morelock - the device has been temporarily removed from the highway. The Minchington hedges remain outstanding issue despite a previous on-site meeting held with Community Highways Team.	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
1669	Community Land Trust Matters The CLT board held a meeting on 28 th August 2025. Cllr Mereweather as newly appointed Chairman confirmed the AGM will be held on October 31 st and was currently waiting for clarity on the land allocation situation before submitting the CLT planning application.	
1670	End of Year Accounts 31st March 2025 Members acknowledged the External Auditors' Notice of Conclusion with no matters to report. Clerk uploaded to the website on August 28 th 2025.	
1671	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Council Update circulated on 28/8/25 • Dorset Business News circulated on 28/8/25 • DAPTC E-news circulated on 28/8/25 	
1672	Matters to Report The Clerk met with current Insurance Broker AJG Gallaghers on 27/8/25. A useful exercise in reviewing public liability, coverage, a review of the latest asset register which will be used to update the policy. Other matters discussed; risk assessment for events – any events run by appointed Officers need to include a PC representative. To mitigate health & safety risk of the Village Hall pond - warning signage should be posted on the fence. Clerk invited Clear Council to quote for 2025/26 Parish Council insurance. Dorset Council Local Plan & Transport Consultation deadline is 13 th October 2025 and as part of	

	<p>'Dorset is Changing' – drop in events across Dorset are scheduled between 2nd September – 7th October. Posted on Facebook & Next-door.</p> <p>The mobile home on Cashmoor land has been removed – unsure of occupancy.</p> <p>A local resident has been working with other members of the community and St Mary's organising a 100-year Time Capsule. – Members agreed to support the initiative by collating the private envelopes and retaining them short term in the Parish Office.</p>	
1673	<p>Approve Parish Council Communication Report.</p> <p>All consultations have been sent out on Facebook & Next door.</p> <p>Reminder – How to register with Dorset Council Housing.</p>	

Meeting Closed 9.20pm
These minutes are to be signed by the Chairman after approval
at the next Full meeting of the Parish Council.

Signed;..... 25th September 2025