

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 18th December 2025 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	0 members present at the Public Open Session	
1784	<p>Attendance & Apologies Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr R Adams Cllr R Hassall Cllr C Taylor Cllr S McLean</p> <p>Also in Attendance Mr Piers Brown (Cranborne Chase Councillor) Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr D Chick Cllr A Turner Cllr D Adams Cllr I Mereweather</p>	
1785	<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/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>	
1786	<p>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown.</p> <p>The new Blandford Waste Management Centre is progressing well and is on track for completion by late 2026-27 featuring improved access, sustainability and facilities with major construction on roads, drainage and the main sorting barn underway.</p> <p>DC Cabinet has implemented a new comprehensive Local Nature Recovery Strategy after partnership with BCP Council and Natural England. The strategies focus on integrating</p>	

	<p>nature recovery with profitable, sustainable farming practises.</p> <p>DC Trading Standards Team have success with partners for targeting business premises which continue to trade in the illicit sale of illegal vape and tobacco products.</p> <p>DC bin lorries fires are quite likely caused by crushed batteries or disposable vapes. Unfortunately, incidents of bin lorry fires are increasing at great danger and expense.</p> <p>Members noted DC Highways will address the Minchington ditches and hedges work in the New Year.</p>	
1787	<p>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 27th November 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>	
1788	<p>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 27th November 2025.</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>	
1789	<p>To confirm the minutes of the Finance & General Meeting held on the 4th December 2025.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct and were signed by the Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i></p>	
1790	<p>DAPTC Matters</p> <p>Correspondence noted from DAPTC regarding what the External Auditor (BDO) considers the appropriate amount of end of year general reserves. The current requirement is General Reserves should be between 3-12months worth of net revenue expenditure.</p>	
1791	<p>Highways Matters</p> <p>The County's supplier of Speed Indicator Devices has gone into Administration. The Parish Councils' faulty SID is under warranty and will be returned to Germany - awaiting confirmation.</p> <p>The results of the Speed Survey along Dean Lane and Common Road have been completed by Highways. The data to be included in the PCs application to extend the 20mph speed restriction within the village.</p> <p>Highways confirmed that the Dorset Highways do not install blind spot mirrors. The Clerk to source a sight mirror and install on the existing pole at the exit of the Village Hall.</p> <p>Public Notice received regarding the urgent temporary closure of Bowling Green Lane on 19th December 25.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Clerk to report on the DC Portal the displaced barriers at the Pumphouse corner.</p> <p>Members noted the recent traffic fatalities on local Dorset’s rural roads, the Thickthorne Junction continues to be of high concern as is a highly dangerous area.</p>	Clerk
1792	<p>Rights of Ways</p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	
1793	<p>Precept & Budget Recommendations 2026/27</p> <p>Members considered F&GP Committees recommendations to increase the 2026/27 Budget & Precept claim by 5.7% to £74,490.00.</p> <p>The 2026/27 Tax Base for Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge is 587.8 (Total number of properties expressed as an equivalent number of Band D properties) raising from £121.03 to £126.72.</p> <p>Members unanimously approved £74,490.00 Precept Claim for 2026/27. Clerk to submit the claim before the deadline of 31st January 2026.</p>	Clerk
1794	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Resident requested the Parish Council to apply compacted hard core to the path between the tennis courts and bowls club. Following heavy deluge of rain, the surface is saturated. <p>PC acknowledged heavy downpour badly affected most areas – action to review in the Spring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DES have been contacted regarding the potential to remove/ replace the VH Generator following a succession of faulty testing. • Concerns for the welfare of a local dog along with antisocial behaviour specifically noise abatement. Clerk lodged concerns with County’s Dog Warden. • Citizens Advice Impact Report available to view on request. A total of 5000 people have been helped on over 28,000 issues. The Citizens Advice mobile bus service continues to visit Sixpenny Handley every Wednesday. • Dorset Council Update circulated. • Dorset Business News circulated. • DAPTC E-news circulated. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
1795	<p>Information to Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All PC owned defibrillators status has been checked and confirmed on National Circuit. • The successful Santa on Steam event raised £176.00 via the collection buckets. Further funds are expected to be raised on-line and by the Village Hall. Thanks to all those involved, including Cllrs Hassall, Adams (RA) & Taylor. 	Clerk/CT

1796	Approve Parish Council Communication Report. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from PC.	
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Meeting Closed 8.30pm
These minutes are to be signed by the Chairman after approval
at the next Full meeting of the Parish Council.

Signed;..... 22nd January 2026.