

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 26th March 2026 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	<p style="text-align: center;">2 members present at the Public Open Session</p> <p>Following last years’ inaugural Summer Celebration event run by a core team of local residents. The team came along to the meeting to gain PC support for this year’s celebration. The principal idea remains bringing together the communities of Sixpenny and surrounding villages to celebrate all that is good about living, working and playing here.</p> <p>The aim is to improve on last year, a self-funding and expanding event consisting of an afternoon of fun and games run by local community groups and further entertainment in the evening – the team maintain this to be a free of charge entry.</p> <p>This year’s the event will be based on the football pitch and the cricket pitch with activities also held on the tennis courts and Bowls Club on Saturday 4th July – 14.00pm through to 21.30pm.</p> <p>This year the Sixpenny First School will be involved with the Waistcoat aspect and incorporate the villages’ history and culture in their education on the run up to the event – culminating in a child and adult Waistcoat Parade and competition.</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>Monies raised from last year’s activities and sponsorship from local businesses and donations total £2300.00. The purpose again this year is not to raise funds for organisations rather to bring the community together. The aim is to build a surplus and build reserves for future events. Community groups are encouraged to take part in the day and raise their own funds.</p> <p>Parish Council comment:</p> <p>Members were pleased with the successes from last year’s celebration and are happy to support such a locally collaborative event and will support the Sixpenny Summer Team.</p> <p>An issue was raised regarding a potential clash of events (a football tournament also planned for the 4th July). The Clerk to seek clarity and contact Handley Sports to arrange an alternative date for the tournament. The Summer Celebration will require the whole recreation ground in order to have control of health & safety and sufficient parking provision.</p> <p>To be covered by the PC’s Employers and Public Liability Cllr Meaden, Nigel Turton and Rob Easton would need to become Event Officers for the Parish Council and the event which is not expected to attract more the 1000 attendees. The Event Officers will be required to complete the necessary risk assessment and post event report - a member of the PC will be included in risk assessment.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor as CCIO Chairman (but absent from the meeting) will confirm the community</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">CT/Clerk</p>

	event and notify Trustees of its inclusion to this year's calendar of events.	
1859	<p>Attendance & Apologies Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Chick Cllr A Turner Cllr S McLean Cllr R Adams Cllr I Mereweather</p> <p>Also in Attendance Mr Piers Brown (Cranborne Chase Councillor) Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr D Adams Cllr C Taylor Cllr R Hassall</p>	
1860	<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>	
1861	<p>Dorset Councils' Cranborne Chase Councillors Report</p> <p>From Monday 23rd March anyone visiting recycling centres in Dorchester, Wimborne, Shaftesbury or Sherborne will need to book a slot before they arrive. The rules apply to all visitors whether they are coming by car, van, on foot or by bike.</p> <p>Dorset Council Highways teams have faced unprecedented levels of rainfall has prompted an extra £5m investment to help address the worst hit roads to be repaired later this year. Cllr Brown flagged local roads including Frogmore Lane, Minchington and Spots Green as the road remain a gravel bed. An assessment of the priority road recovery works has begun, with a programme of drainage and surfacing schemes to follow.</p>	

	<p>Dorset Council’s Trading Standards team is actively combatting the sale of knives and other age-restricted products to under 18s.</p> <p>Members of the Council were encouraged to respond and publicise the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service consultation on proposals to close 8 on call fire stations. Consultation period is between 13 February – 15 May 26. The public can complete a survey on the DWFRS website.</p> <p>Q: We know that there are plans to repair the county’s roads and although investment has been increased, how can we find out more about the plans and policy?</p> <p>A: Dorset Council’s primary focus is frontline services specifically in Adult & Children’s social care. 60% of this is funding to support vulnerable residents. This is followed by Highways & Transport with a focus on road improvements, safety and repairing damage. Jack Wiltshire Corporate Director of Highways, Engineering and Transport at Dorset Council oversees major infrastructure projects and road maintenance would be a good point of contact.</p> <p>Observation by PC: Barbers Close County Farm has remained empty for many years along with several Town Farm Workshops – is it time to engage with Dorset Council’s Assets Team and consider ‘working together’ to drive potential income sources and encourage enterprise?</p> <p>Cllr Brown encouraged engagement with Dorset Council on ‘working together’ projects.</p>	
1862	<p>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 26th February 2026.</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>	
1863	<p>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 26th February 2026.</p> <p>None</p>	
1864	<p>To confirm the minutes of the Finance & General Meeting held on the 5th March 2026.</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>	
1865	<p>DAPTC Matters</p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	
1866	<p>Highways Matters</p> <p>.</p> <p>1313952 – A number of traffic flood warning signs are still out despite the floods are no longer occurring.</p> <p>1313953 – Loose manhole cover at Littlefield Lane</p> <p>1313955 – A patch of road surface delaminated in Back Lane near to where the water is discharged from Frogmore Meadows.</p>	

	1313956 – The base for a SID post has been washed away by the floods.	
1867	<p>Rights of Ways</p> <p>Cllr Adams continued to mow the local routes this week.</p>	
1868	<p>Village Hall Update</p> <p>Generator – Cllr Adams & Clerk to meet DES representative on 27/3/26 at the Village Hall who will replace the faulty sensor hoping that it will finally resolve the problem.</p> <p>Solar Panel System Update</p> <p>Members debated the arrangement regarding Village Hall export tariffs – Clerk to refer to past minutes for clarity.</p>	
1869	<p>Infrastructure Levy Funds – Overview by Cllr Mereweather</p> <p>Information was circulated to members prior to the meeting on the neighbourhood proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy receipts anticipated over the next 4 years following Frogmore Lane & Back Lane developments.</p> <p>Councils with an existing Neighbourhood Plan receive 25% of receipts from developments in their area, uncapped. Councils without a neighbourhood plan receive 15% capped at £100 per council tax dwelling per year.</p> <p>The charge is based on the developments’ additional floor space at a set local rate and adjusted for inflation based on the year planning permission was granted. Therefore, an <i>estimated</i> £60,000.00 is expected to be made to the Parish Council between 2025 – 2027. Payments are made by developers in instalments and passed on twice yearly to Councils.</p> <p>Allocation of Funds</p> <p>Funds must only be allocated to projects that comply with CIL regulations and focussed on enhancing local facilities and services. For example; upgrading local play areas and recreational spaces, improving footpaths, cycle ways and public transport links and enhancing community buildings such as the Village Hall, better street lighting or traffic calming measures to ensure the well-being of all residents.</p> <p>Governance & Community Involvement</p> <p>Expenditure is subject to Public consultation and Council approval and the CIL funds must address the most pressing local priorities. Regular updates on the status of these projects and CIL expenditure must be made available to parish residents. It is a new requirement of End of Year AGAR reporting.</p> <p>Parish Council next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to engage with DC to confirm values & timely receipts of CIL. • Understand meaningful contribution / improving infrastructure and how best to spend the funds by establishing a CIL Working Party. 	Clerk

	Members unanimously resolved to create a CIL Working Party.	
	<p>Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge – A Neighbourhood Plan – Overview Cllr Mereweather.</p> <p>Members discussed the merits to move forward with a plan to shape the future of our local area. A Neighbourhood Plan is <i>a community led</i> planning document that allows the Parish to influence the scale, type and location of future development. Once examined and approved by a parish referendum it becomes a statutory part of the local development plan.</p> <p>Members previously noted the important financial benefit of adopting a Neighbourhood Plan with the increase in CIL receipts received by the Parish Council. The uplift representing a significant increase in potential funding for local projects and preparing a Neighbourhood Plan could secure greater resources to support community priorities.</p> <p>Under the current Local Plan Consultation, a further 100 properties may be built in the next 5-7 years makes consideration of a Neighbourhood Plan a key activity.</p> <p>Once a Neighbourhood Plan is approved it holds significant weight in the process of deciding planning applications and development proposals in the future. A strategic and valuable asset for a village that has serious risk of groundwater flooding.</p> <p>Before approving a separate Working Group to begin the process of exploring viability of putting a Neighbourhood Plan into place, Cllr Mereweather will engage with Dorset Councils’ Jo Witherden and report back to PC.</p>	IM
1870	<p>CCTV Installation Update</p> <p>AT confirmed CCTV documentation was sent out to volunteers in October 2025 and will follow up in due course.</p>	AT
1871	<p>Flooding Matters</p> <p>The Flood Report prepared by Cllrs Hassall, Mereweather & Turners following groundwater flooding in the village during February 26 to be finalised and sent to all agencies.</p>	IM/Clerk
1872	<p>Downsman</p> <p>Item to be carried forward to the next F&GP.</p>	Clerk
1873	<p>Annual Parish Assembly</p> <p>The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Thursday 6.30pm – 7.15pm (start) on 7th May 2026 @ Village Hall. Clerk to confirm booking and invite guests.</p> <p>Confirmed agenda items: Parish Councils’ Annual Report – Speaker to be confirmed. CLT Plans & Progress, following DC Planning Committee 14/4/26 - Ian Mereweather Highways – Invite Community Highways/Jack Wiltshire Police Crime Commissioner – Invite</p>	

	Sarum Surgery – Invite representative to update residents on the Medical Services. Piers Brown - Cranborne Chase Councillor Village Hall Report – Paul Styles	
1874	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Frogmore Development P/VOC/2024/01076</p> <p>Following the unauthorised removal of hedgerow at Frogmore Lane despite assurances from the Developer & Case Officer nothing has been done to rectify the issue 12 months on. A letter from the PC summarising the situation was sent to both parties with a request for the hedge to be reinstated.</p> <p>DC Response: The matter can be referred to the Enforcement by the Case Officer if the hedgerow is not reinstated and the matter unresolved. Although contact will be made with the Developer to undertake the works, while we remain in the planting season.</p> <p>Developer’s Response: Nord Homes intends to formalise the opening through submission of an application, which the PC will be consulted on upon receipt.</p> <p>Parish Council: Instruct the Case Officer to proceed with Enforcement for the unauthorised removal of a hedgerow at Frogmore Meadows and failure to reinstate.</p> <p>War memorial – Communication from the Church Architect made recommendations for conservation work on the stone work of the memorial within the next 10 years estimated costs £2500 - £5000. Clerk to arrange an independent assessment.</p> <p>After 12 years serving as a Sixpenny Handley Parish Councillor, Stuart McLean formally resigned from his role at the end of the parish meeting. Cllr McLean, a passionate and committed member of the Council and amongst many local issues was instrumental for his work with ‘Recreation Ground matters’ most recently the installation of the new play equipment.</p> <p>Clerk to notify the County of a casual vacancy requiring public notice of 14 days.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
1875	<p>Information to Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cashmoor Inns’ mobile home continues to occupy a full time resident and receives regular postal deliveries despite no planning permission. Clerk to contact Planning Enforcement. Rushmore land Surveyor reported at Brushy Bush Allotments on 2 separate occasions – no response received from Rushmore. SID will be dispatched on the 31/3/26. Simon Hoare sent thanks for the use of the Parish Office – a great facility and he would like to use it again next year. 1st Woodcutt Scouts Litter-pick was successful on the 7th March. Clerk send a letter of thanks A polite and creative request from a young local resident Eleanor Mitchell – ‘books for children in the library please’. Cllr Brown to link with other libraries. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
1876	<p>Approve Parish Council Communication Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The link to Dorset Council’s consultation on Fire Service’s proposed closures. 	

Meeting Closed 9.15pm

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

Signed;..... 23rd April 2026.