

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 23rd April 2026 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	0 members present at the Public Open Session	
1885	<p>Attendance & Apologies Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Chick Cllr D Adams Cllr I Mereweather</p> <p>Also in Attendance Mr Piers Brown (Cranborne Chase Councillor) Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr R Adams Cllr C Taylor Cllr R Hassall Cllr A Turner</p>	
1886	<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>	
1887	<p>Dorset Councils’ Cranborne Chase Councillors Report</p> <p>Congratulations to the CLT Team for gaining Planning Permission for the affordable housing scheme located at Common Road location.</p>	

	<p>Following an outbreak, Dorset Council & UK Health Security Agency and NHS partners completed a meningitis vaccination programme for 6500.</p> <p>DC are investigating a major fly-tipping incident where approximately 6,000 litres of water-based paint was dumped. The spill has caused significant environmental risk and a £16,000.00 clean-up operation.</p> <p>Dorset Household Recycling Centres in Sherborne, Dorchester, Shaftesbury and Wimborne have a mandatory booking system in place.</p> <p>Environmental Agency & Dorset Council are hosting drop-in events in Weymouth, Blandford, Winterbourne Stickland, Sydling St Nicholas and Dorchester.</p> <p>DC are implementing a New Housing Policy for 2026-2031 effective from 1st September 2026.</p>	
1888	<p>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 26th March 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>	
1889	<p>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 26th March 2026.</p> <p>Correspondence 2/12/25 Planning Enforcement – The Cashmoor</p> <p>Clerk to contact Planning Enforcement to confirm that the mobile home located on site has a registered mail address, a fixed gas cylinder and is not a caravan. Members would like to understand how long is a temporary dwelling allowed for during construction?</p>	Clerk
1890	<p>To confirm the minutes of the Finance & General Meeting held on 5th April 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>	
1891	<p>DAPTC Matters</p> <p>Draft Statement of Reasonable Expectations – deferred item until next FPC.</p>	
1892	<p>Highways Matters</p> <p>Clerk to report a large deposit of tarmac, fly-tipped at the layby at Thickthorne Crossroads.</p> <p>Dorset Highways acknowledged the report of an abandoned vehicle at the Village Hall car park. Clerk to issue a notice informing the owner of the intention to get the vehicle removed (giving 15 days’ notice period) photo proof of the when the notice is placed on the vehicle. On completion, report on-line to DC Abandoned Vehicle Service.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Dorset Council Road Safety Manager Tony Burdon confirmed receipt of the 6dH application for an extension to the current 20 mph Scheme. Due to a high volume of applications across the County, it is likely to be Autumn 26 when the application will be assessed (and with approval) will progress to Stage 2 -public consultation. If the application is supported, public consultation is most likely to take place in 2027.</p> <p>The Grips & Gulleys around the village are full of debris and silt following this year's floods – Clerk to report them individually on the portal.</p> <p>Sheasby Footpath / Number 19 High Street – a large tree and other overgrown vegetation is leaning on the DC owned fence and is causing damage. Cllr Brown to contact Community Highways Team for an update on previous communication.</p> <p>Concerns for the future of Littlefield Lane footpath were raised, Clerk to contact Developer for an update on plans to address accessibility and new owners of the adjacent property.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>PB</p> <p>Clerk</p>
1893	<p>Rights of Ways</p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	
1894	<p>Annual Parish Assembly</p> <p>The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Thursday 14th May 2026, 7.00pm@ Village Hall.</p> <p>Parish Councils' Annual Report – draft copy with slides to be circulated to members for comment.</p> <p>Affordable Homes – Update by CLT Board member.</p> <p>David Sidwick Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Sarum Surgery – Healthcare Update.</p> <p>Village Hall Report – Paul Styles</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
1895	<p>CLT, Infrastructure Levy, Neighbourhood & Development Plans – Update by Cllr Mereweather.</p> <p>CLT</p> <p>With the support of Steve Watson Community Led Housing the CLT Board are due to meet next week with Aster Housing Association and Dorset Council's Assets & Property Team.</p> <p>Main topics for discussion are the purchase of DC land and negotiating Heads of Terms with Dorset Council.</p> <p>Infrastructure Levy Working Party</p> <p>Members <u>unanimously approved</u> the establishment of an Infrastructure Levy Working Party to manage the neighbourhood portion of the Community infrastructure levy funds received from the local planning authority. The working party is non-decision making, to research, plan and make recommendations to the full Parish Council on how to spend CIL funds to</p>	<p>IM/JR</p> <p>JR/IM/</p>

	<p>offset the impacts of local developments. Initially the Chairman & Vice Chairman of the Parish Council & Chairman of the Planning Committee will form membership of the working party with a view to include other members going forward.</p> <p>Neighbourhood & Development Plan</p> <p>Cllr Mereweather will engage with Dorset Council's Jo Witherden to discuss the viability of putting a Neighbourhood & Development Plan into place and report back to the Council.</p> <p>The priority is to establish the cost and what is involved followed by consultation and finding community engagement and commitment.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>IM</p>
1896	<p>Adoption of IT Policy</p> <p>Clerk to circulate draft IT Policy for approval next month.</p>	Clerk
1897	<p>Parish Councillor Vacancy</p> <p>Notice of Councillor Vacancy posted at County and on the website. Cllr McLean's form removed from Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Councils' Register of Interests page. Members can begin Co-option to fill the vacancy (after 14 days and confirmation from the Election Officer that 10 or more applications haven't triggered an election). Clerk to notify Councillors.</p> <p>Co-option application forms were distributed to the Councillors present with encouragement to engage with new potential Parish Councillor candidates.</p>	All
1898	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Email correspondence received 17/4/26 from local resident of Pantiles (Village Hall location). Concerns were raised for the increasing number of speeding vehicles entering and leaving the Recreation Ground. The area is a well-used and busy location with lots of children. A request for 'Slow Down' signs to remind drivers would be sensible.</p> <p>Members response: Thanks for raising concerns, Clerk to source suitable signage to be installed along the driveway in both directions.</p> <p>Email correspondence received on 20/04/26 from the Summer Celebration Team confirming their decision to cancel the Celebration Day Event conveying 'they felt rather let down by the lack of support from the Parish Council.' This view was further expanded at the PC meeting and no other reason cited for the cancellation.</p> <p>Cllr Meaden acknowledged at the meeting that several factors contributed towards the decision to cancel the Celebration Day not least other local events that would potentially reduce numbers attending.</p> <p>Parish Council response: Members of the Council accepted the external factors as reasons to cancel but refuse to accept the points raised in the main correspondence directed towards the PC as an accurate account of the situation and will request the comment is</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>retracted.</p> <p>The claim mis-represents the Parish Councils’ attitude and ignores action points carried out by the Parish Clerk (following FPC on 26/3/26) to alleviate concerns that were raised.</p> <p>The Clerk to contact the Team to express members strength of feeling, explain difference between event approval and event booking and work together towards better communication in the future.</p> <p>It was noted that absent members of the Council expressed their disappointment that the event wasn’t going ahead as help and support had been offered.</p> <p>Clerk to discuss using the ring-fenced 4th July as an opportunity for a ‘Sports Association Open Day’ with clubs hosting their own sports on the same day.</p> <p>Sixpenny Handley Groundwater Flooding Report 2026</p> <p>A report prepared by Cllrs Mereweather, Hassall & Turner to record, summarise and consider the impacts and ongoing consequences of the recent flooding event which occurred in Sixpenny Handley over the period 28 Jan – 16 February 26 with 2 key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request prompt action and support from Dorset Council and Wessex Water to address the resulting impacts on this village. • Engage Dorset Council, the Environment Agency and Wessex Water to recognise and consider a more dynamic and focussed preventative approach to the Groundwater Flood risk which continues to regularly impact community resilience. <p>The report was circulated prior to the meeting, approved by members to be distributed to Dorset Council, Environment Agency and Wessex Water. Cllr IM to confirm the content of the covering letter.</p>	<p>IM/ Clerk</p>
<p>1899</p>	<p>Information to Report</p> <p>SSE complaint acknowledgement received 13/4/26.</p>	
<p>1900</p>	<p>Approve Parish Council Communication Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Councillor Vacancy and co-option to be advertised – date to be confirmed. 	<p>AT</p>

Meeting Closed 9.10pm
 These minutes are to be signed by the Chairman after approval
 at the next Full meeting of the Parish Council.

Signed;..... 28th May 2026.