

**Minutes of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING of  
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council  
Held 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7:30pm @ Parish Office, 6 Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley.**

Item		Action By
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1-member present at the public open session</b></p> <p>A local resident attended this meeting to express their disappointment of the attitude of the elected Dorset Councillors with regards to Northern Planning Committees' decision to permit variation of planning application for Frogmore Lane Development.</p> <p><b>Parish Council comment:</b> Members noted the resident's frustration and disappointment and recommended the resident attend the Parish Councils' own Planning meeting scheduled at 10.00am in the Parish Office the following day.</p>	
<b>1374</b>	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b> Cllr Simon Meaden (Chairman of the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee) Cllr James Reed (Chairman of the Parish Council) Cllr Dave Adams Cllr Robert Hassall Cllr Stuart McLean Cllr Colin Taylor</p> <p><b>Also in Attendance</b> Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Cllr Andy Turner</p>	
<b>1375</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; Item Speed-watch Cllr Andy Turner – Community Land Trust &amp; Skate-park Project Cllr Simon Meaden- 1<sup>st</sup> Woodcutt Scouts</p>	

1376	<p><b>Matters arising from the last F&amp;GP Parish Council Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to chase Wessex Internet for an installation date at the Village Hall &amp; to liaise with VH Committee members.</li> <li>• Members were informed of an upcoming consultation between Cllr Turner and a locally based Skateboard specialist who has offered experience &amp; knowledge and is willing to discuss the prospect of a Skateboard facility in Sixpenny Handley. Cllr Turner will report back to members of the PC.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that there have been (anonymous) concerns raised by residents of the village regarding the development of the skate park:</p> <p>Will a skate park attract anti-social behaviour? Do local residents understand who is funding the project? Are there other facilities within the village that also need financial support?</p> <p>A Skate Board Project update will be an agenda item on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and all matters relating to the project will be covered.</p>	AT
1377	<p><b>Play Area Matters &amp; Reports</b></p> <p>The weekly on-sight inspection in August confirmed that the equipment and surrounding area was in good condition with no incidents of broken glass.</p> <p>Cllr Chick inspected the galvanised gate and suggests replacing the rotting post as well. Clerk confirmed.</p>	DC
1378	<p><b>Sports Association Matters</b></p> <p>The youth football team Manager confirmed that he had raised £800.00 funds from local businesses to be able to supply U14 sized portable goal posts for the coming season. The grant was conditional that they remain in Sixpenny Handley and stored in the secure green shed.</p> <p>DA/MA/SP/Clerk met to discuss arrangements – new lock required (one set failed to work) and new sets of keys are required. Extra sets for Sixpenny Sessions &amp; Youth Football.</p> <p>Clerk confirmed x2 bookings at the Pavilion – it is increasingly popular. Clerk liaises with the Tap team and the hire charges go directly to the Sports Association funds.</p> <p>Cricket Club organised a fun match between Sixpenny Handley CC v Local invitational. It was a good spirited community event raising monies and the profile for the Club.</p> <p>The Bowls Club celebrated achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Bowls league with only 9 players – a marvellous achievement!</p>	Clerk

1379	<p><b>Sports Facilities Matters &amp; Recreation Ground</b></p> <p>There is a fire alarm system fault – the system is currently turned off. The problem has been investigated and thoughts are the fault could be linked to a 5-year old battery. Clerk to order a replacement battery. Clerk to ask S Wallworth to check the fuse.</p> <p>Bowls request new order of Qualjex – for use on the Bowls surface and Cricket artificial.</p> <p>Clerk to order additional hoopla keys for the green recreation shed.</p> <p>The new Sports Pavilion Cleaner has completed her first shift – CT to finalise contract.</p> <p><b>Sports Pavilion Working Party</b></p> <p>Members to arrange a date for a first meeting – initially establish what is trying to be achieved and individually liaise to find a mutually convenient date to meet at the Pavilion.</p> <p><b>Recreation Ground Repairs Update.</b></p> <p>The Clerk requested groundworks for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Man hole covers</li> <li>• Base for the commemorative bench (expense covered by family)</li> <li>• Repairs to unstable bowls club paving</li> <li>• Football dug out pads.</li> </ul> <p>NJ Lawrie confirmed that he will meet to discuss the requirements.</p> <p>Octopus Energy following the cessation of Panel Power (export tariffs) on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – Octopus has acknowledged our complaint and confirmed that they are ‘looking into’ the situation.</p> <p><b>Recreation Ground General Maintenance- draft contract 2025-2026</b></p> <p>Members discussed the merits of incorporating general maintenance tasks into a Grounds Maintenance Contract similar to the Grass Cutting Contract. By moving away from a reactive response to a more regular arrangement would prevent ‘problem areas’ occurring, reduce the number of complaints and long term would potentially be more economical.</p> <p>General maintenance tasks identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Saddlers Hedge - weeding, trimming &amp; thickening.</li> <li>• Banks on the football pitch &amp; cricket perimeters.</li> <li>• Bowls / Cricket layered hedge.</li> <li>• Large Village Hall car park hedge.</li> <li>• Edges of the car park bays.</li> <li>• Path between tennis Club &amp; Bowls Club.</li> <li>• Tennis court hedgerow.</li> <li>• Bowls Club (inside hedge)</li> <li>• Recreation play area boundary hedge with St Mary’s.</li> <li>• Common Road / VH Pond.</li> <li>• Allotment hedges.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk/DA</b></p> <p><b>CT/Clerk</b></p>
------	--	---

	<p>Cllr Hassall offered support identifying processes to achieve the objective.</p> <p>A new water meter has been installed at the Recreation ground near to the Village Hall pond.</p>	<b>Clerk/RH</b>
<b>1380</b>	<p><b>Approved Contractors List</b></p> <p>Members added the following local businesses to the preferred Contractors List:</p> <p>Dan Vaughan - Electrician Barry Mitchell - Builder Hunt Forest Group – Mower Repairs Sam Barnes – Trees /Hedges/Carpentry Sam Lister – Trees Hedges John Hayter - Arborist</p>	
<b>1381</b>	<p><b>Matters to Report &amp; Correspondence</b></p> <p>The End of the Road Festival – Clerk received a complaint from resident in Deanland regarding the wiping out of communication for 72 hours. Members agreed that organisers of the event need to incorporate mobile phone links to avoid over saturating local access.</p> <p>Mr Alex Clothier (Assets &amp; Property Manager) called in to collect post from empty premises. We spoke about the current lease situation and he will be back in touch.</p> <p>The ownership of the community car park on Common Road is under dispute. Clerk to follow up with Highways &amp; Cllr Brown.</p> <p>Cllr Meaden to have a ‘walkabout’ with Harry Beassant from DC Highways to discuss Minchington.</p> <p>The Cashmoor Inn – DC response to the enforcement enquiry – no planning concerns.</p> <p>Allotment Association confirmed letters have been sent to allotment holders to explain the lawfulness of keeping of hens at the allotment. Letters have also been sent to plot holders who have overgrown plots.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>    <b>Clerk</b>  <b>SM</b>
<b>1382</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters &amp; Expenditure</b></p> <p>The RFO circulated to members prior to the meeting a report on finances to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Bank Reconciliation for signing; List of Receipts &amp; Payments for scrutiny.</p> <p>Clerk to administrate payments, Scrutineer Cllr S Mclean 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr C Taylor &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Cllr R Hassall to authorise payments.</p>	

Meeting Closed 8.50pm

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

**Signed;**.....

**26<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council**

**Payments – 5<sup>TH</sup> September 2024**

Date	Description	Payment	
05/09/2024	Dorset Council Rent	SO	484.00
05/09/2024	C Nicholson (August Salary Payment)	On-line	1,055.73
05/09/2024	Nest Pension Payment	On-line	78.54
05/09/2024	C Nicholson Reimbursement monthly SIM pavilion	On-line	20.00
05/09/2024	A Burt (Village Hall fence replacement & Noticeboard)	On-line	1,315.00
05/09/2024	A Burt (Completely strim football banks)	On-line	450.00
05/09/2024	Mr Dave Adams (Reimbursement materials for Bowls Club roof)	On-line	45.90
05/09/2024	Mr Dave Adams (Reimbursement petrol for ROW mower)	On-line	17.74
05/09/2024	Mr Dave Adams (Sports Pavilion salt tablets)	On-line	75.00
05/09/2024	Mr Dave Elliott (Bowls Club repairs)	On-line	138.00
05/09/2024	Mr Marc Hayward (Litter-pick & bins)	On-line	30.00
05/09/2024	Miss L Tuckey (Parish Office Cleans x 4)	On-line	30.00
05/09/2024	Dorset Council Winter 23/24 dumpy bag	On-line	120.00
05/09/2024	BDO LLP (External Audit 2023-25)	On-line	378.00
05/09/2024	L Read (John Deere repairs)	On-line	285.36
05/09/2024	ABA Groundcare (Attend electrical fault ROW mower)	On-line	514.51
05/09/2024	Darch Oil (Pavilion oil heating 1000L)	On-line	672.95
29/08/2024	Vodafone Broadband	DD	35.80
01/08/2024	Kinetico Watersoftener Service	DD	8.75
	<b>September Total</b>		<b>5,755.28</b>

To be submitted by the Clerk on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Scrutineer – Cllr S McLean

1<sup>st</sup> On-line authorisation Cllr Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup> On-line authorisation Cllr Hassall

Scrutineer.....Date.....