

**Minutes of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held 6th March 2025 at 7:30pm @ Parish Office, 6 Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley.**

Item		Action By
	0 members present at the public open session	
1543	Attendance & Apologies Cllr Simon Meaden (Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee) Cllr James Reed (Chairman of the Parish Council) Cllr Stuart McLean Cllr Colin Taylor Cllr Robert Hassall Cllr Dave Adams Also in Attendance Ciona Nicholson (Clerk) Apologies None	
1544	Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation None The following members declare non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to: Cllr Colin Taylor – Pentridge Village Hall & SH Village Hall 1 st Woodcutt Scouts, CCIO Cllr James Reed – Community Land Trust & Item Speed-watch Cllr Andy Turner – Community Land Trust & Skate-park Project Cllr Simon Meaden- 1 st Woodcutt Scouts	
1545	Matters arising from the last F&GP Parish Council Meeting held 6th February 2025. None.	
1546	Play Area Matters & Reports The monthly on-sight inspection will be carried out slightly later than usual on March 7 th by Cllr McLean. Cllr Mclean to report back on anti-social vandalism of the shelter in order for the PC to consider next steps.	
1547	Village Hall SSE tree operatives have cut back the overhanging trees from the power lines between the VH and Laurelbank. Clerk to arrange with local Contractor (PR) to level up the boundary tree line.	Clerk

1548	<p>Sports Facilities Matters & Recreation Ground</p> <p>Pavilion Boilers</p> <p>Local Plumber Marsh Isaacs booked in on 6/3/25 to service both Pavilion boilers. The OFTEC report identified the following Immediate Risks:</p> <p>Boiler 1 - Products from combustion leaking into the building due to the weakness at the top of the flue.</p> <p>Boiler 2 - Products from combustion leaking into the building due to the weakness at the top of the flue.</p> <p>The Technician identified immediate risks which need to be rectified before the equipment is used. Warning labels were affixed and both boilers and power socket switched off.</p> <p>Cllr Adams (DA), retired Plumber offered to fix the boilers acknowledging the 30-year old boilers might have a year or two left. Members were happy for Cllr Adams to contact MarshIsaacs Plumbing to discuss further. The PC will require an OFTEC Registered technician to approve the works before they can be used.</p> <p>Clerk notified both Penny Tap and Handley Sports (football club) of the situation and will continue to update on the situation.</p>	
		DA/Clerk

	<p>Solar PV Panel</p> <p>DES are due to return to the pavilion to replace PV display panel.</p>	
1549	<p>Sports Association Matters</p> <p>Kevin Stacey English FA Qualified Coach currently runs a Wednesday evening football clubs for juniors during the winter months at the Village Hall. It has been well attended and Kevin would like to move outside during the Spring & Summer months and hold Easter and summer football camps.</p> <p>Clerk to liaise with Handley Sports/Groundsman regarding hire charges & pitch care.</p>	
1550	<p>Matters to Report & Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Downsman meeting to welcome new editors – Sunday 9th March Pearl James checked the defibrillator located at Dean – reported all good Local resident noted the pungent ‘rural’ smell was stronger than ever and most offensive on a walk. Dorset Planning Department notified the PC regarding Back Lane Development (VOC) by confirming the decision had gone to ‘Committee’. The residents and PC have the opportunity to ‘speak’ regarding planning concerns. In Cllr Mereweather’s absence, Cllr McLean would be happy to attend unless the meeting was held after 2pm on 18th March. The meeting time will be confirmed 5 days prior. <p>Cllr IM to liaise with Cllr McLean & Clerk to coordinate with local residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members noted the part removal of hedge at Frogmore Meadows site to allow secondary access to the development. Parish Council’s Planning Committee to check permission had been granted for this purpose. 	<p>Smc/IM/Clerk</p> <p>IM/Clerk/SMC</p>
1551	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <p>The RFO circulated to members prior to the meeting a report on finances to 6th March 2025. Bank Reconciliation for signing; List of Receipts & Payments for scrutiny.</p> <p>Members considered x2 quotes for x2 noticeboards for Pentridge Village and Sheasby Close locations.</p> <p>The Acorn Workshop to supply x1 8xA4 Double Door Oak glazed pin-board noticeboard £785.00+vat & x1 6xA4 £600.00</p> <p>Local Tradesman to supply x1 12A4 Double door glazed noticeboard £900.00 (not vat registered) and x1 6xA4 size for Sheasby Close £500.00.</p> <p>Members agreed to reduce the size of the Pentridge noticeboard and order locally. Clerk to contact Mr Adam Batty to confirm new sizes and new price. Clerk to order and agree a timescale for completion.</p> <p>Members unanimously resolved to approve expenditure up to £1400.00 anticipating price reduction for a smaller noticeboard than quoted.</p> <p>Members reviewed and updated Earmarked and General reserves:</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	Highways/Rights of Ways	£6000.00	
	Property Maintenance	£20,000.00	
	Play Area	£10,000.00	
	Community Transport	£10,500.00	
	Election Costs	£3,500.00	
	Community Planning	£6500.00	
	Capital – Land Acquisition	£12,000.00	
		£68,500.00	
	Clerk to administrate payments, Scrutineer Cllr S McLean 2 nd Cllr C Taylor & 3 rd Cllr Hassall to authorise payments.		

Meeting Closed 8.40 pm

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

Signed:..... **28th March 2025**

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Payments – 6th March 2025

Date	Description	Payment
06/03/2025	Dorset Council Rent	SO 484.00
06/03/2025	C Nicholson (February Salary Payment)	On-line 1,055.73
06/03/2025	Nest Pension Payment	DD 78.54
06/03/2025	C Nicholson Reimbursement monthly SIM pavilion	On-line 20.00
06/03/2025	Robert Hassall (Reimbursement Office printer toner cartridges bulk)	On-line 379.64
06/03/2025	Dorset Council Recharge Parish Election 2024	On-line 1,344.91
06/03/2025	Marc Hayward (x3 litter picks & bins)	On-line 22.50
06/03/2025	Miss L J Tuckey (x4 office cleans)	On-line 30.00
06/03/2025	Alfie Burt (4th Final grass cutting 2024/25 season)	On-line 1,000.00
06/03/2025	S Wallworth Electrical Services (VH internet installation prep work)	On-line 150.00
06/03/2025	S Marsh (Pavilion x2 Boiler Seervice)	On-line 240.00
06/03/2025	Morelock (Purchase of Vario Speed Indicator Device)	On-line 3,354.00
06/03/2025	DES Village Hall Generator (Emergency Infrastructure Grant)	On-line 6,999.98
06/03/2025	Greenham (Salt/Grit Bin)	On-line 296.44
06/03/2025	Kinetico water softener Service	DD 8.75
06/03/2025	Vodaphone Broadband	DD 35.80
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	March Total	15,500.29

To be submitted by the Clerk on Friday 7th March 2025.

Scrutineer – Cllr S Mclean

1st On-line authorisation Cllr Taylor 2nd On-line authorisation Cllr Hassall

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