

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 28th March 2024 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	0 Public Open Session	
1234	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Chick Cllr A Turner Cllr C Taylor Cllr D Adams Cllr R Adams Cllr S McLean</p> <p>Also in Attendance Mr Piers Brown Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr I Mereweather</p>	
1235	<p>Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation</p> <p>Cllr A Turner has a non-pecuniary interest therefore did not require a dispensation in the Skate-park tender process. To be noted that he did not take part in the vote for preferred supplier.</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 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 / 1st Woodcutt Scouts Cllr Simon Meaden – 1st Woodcutt Scouts/Allotment Association.</p>	
1236	<p>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown</p> <p>Drivers across Dorset are being urged to use their dashcam footage to report rubbish thrown from vehicles. If caught, Dorset Council say perpetrators could receive a fine of up to £100 – an on-going strategy from Central Government.</p> <p>Central Government has announced an extra 4 million of HS2 fund to spend on Highways maintenance of potholes.</p> <p>Dorset Highways resurfacing and patching is happening across the County with very little in the North Dorset area.</p>	

	<p>Dorset Council continue to campaign for customers of the telecom companies in the UK that are replacing fixed telephone networks (copper lines) with fibre. Age UK are assisting awareness campaign and customers who might require battery backup are encouraged to apply to providers. Concerns were raised that copper lines were already being shut down. Cllr Turner reminded members of the 'UK transition from analogue to digital land lines phones & what it means for Sixpenny Handley' in the January 2024 edition of the Downsman.</p> <p>A total of £3.5 million has been spent on 25 new gritting vehicles, 10 of which are in use with 15 more on order for delivery ahead of this year's winter.</p> <p><u>Questions raised by Parish Council members:</u></p> <p>Q: Has Furzehill property been sold and if so has the capital been reinvested into other projects?</p> <p>A: On 3/2/24 Dorset Council instructed the sale of Furzehill.</p> <p>Q: Is there any news on County Farms?</p> <p>A: DC are retaining them as there are no plans to sell off any assets.</p> <p>Q: Is Dorset Council solvent?</p> <p>A: There are pressures to find £44 million and DC have taken measures like harmonising and reinvestment of savings. Dorset Council's aim is to protect the essential frontline council services on which local residents and businesses rely. Throughout the life of this administration, and in contrast with a number of councils across the country, Dorset Council have set a balanced budget every year with no cuts to frontline services. Focus is on transforming highways, have more cost effective ideas and get overspends under control.</p> <p>Action points: Report St Mary's Close poor road surface conditions directly to Highways portal.</p>	RA
1237	<p>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 22nd February 2024.</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>	
1238	<p>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 22nd February 2024.</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>	
1239	<p>To confirm the minutes of the Finance & General Meeting held on 7th March 2024.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct and were was signed by the Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i></p>	
1240	<p>To confirm the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 7th March 2024.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated to members were confirmed as correct and were was signed by the Chairman. <i>Unanimous</i></p>	

1241	<p>To confirm the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 14th March 2024.</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>	
1242	<p>Allotment Association Matters</p> <p>Poor weather conditions continue to hamper plans to clear the overgrown plots. Members agreed that identified plots need to be sprayed off to enable the planned clearance. Clerk to contact certified Contractors to complete the work.</p> <p>It was noted that new plot holder has not received copy of the revised contract – Clerk to contact the AA to discuss.</p>	
1243	<p>DAPTC Matters</p> <p>An abundance of election briefing notes has been available to Council's to support the Election process. Clerk confirmed the hand delivery of completed nomination forms to Allendale House on Wednesday 27th March.</p>	
1244	<p>Highways Matters</p> <p>Public Highway Notice received 12/3/24 advising of the temporary closure of B3081 on 4/4/24 Open Reach work.</p> <p>Enquiry 1248044 Sheasby Close – Debris from vegetation causing obstructions. Enquiry 1248041 Sheasby Close – Hazardous moss covered pavements.</p> <p>Clerk to report the spillage of concrete on Red Lane – responsibility of Nord Development.</p> <p>Clerk to report the highways in and around Minchington, potholes, poor road surface and trees growing out of the verges.</p> <p>Communication received from a Woodyates resident in response to the recent fatality on the A354. Clerk contacted Highways Road Safety Team (as the PC first raised concerns for speeding traffic and a lack of warnings signs specifically for pedestrians & horse riders in April 2022). Despite the accident location was further towards Salisbury the PC have requested a feasibility study to be carried out at the Woodyates junction and Road Safety have agreed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
1245	<p>Rights of Ways</p> <p>The footpath near Whitey Top Farm was inspected by Cllr Taylor and confirmed that there was no obstruction.</p> <p>Littlefield Lane & Post Office lane remain outstanding items.</p>	Clerk
1246	<p>Annual Parish Assembly</p> <p>The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Wednesday 10th April @ Village Hall.</p> <p>Clerk to draft agenda for approval including a slot for a Defibrillator Familiarisation following recent installation of new devices within the Parish. Clerk to invite the following groups to the meeting:</p>	

	<p>Doctors Surgery Police Community Land Trust Skate-park Village Hall Seven-side Defibrillators</p> <p>The draft Annual Report was circulated prior to the meeting and members agreed the appropriate amendments. Cllr Mclean to circulate the amended draft.</p>	
1247	<p>Skate-park Update</p> <p>Clerk drafted a letter of land allocation which was signed by Chairman on 12/3/24.</p> <p>Cllr Turner presented a slideshow which took members through the tender evaluation process for the preferred supplier. It was useful for members to identify the key points which aided the decision making process. Thanks was accredited to Cllr Taylor who offered to evaluate and review response levels.</p> <p>Members clarified the Parish Council's position on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planning permission process • How eco-friendly concrete solutions are? • Grant fund raising & budget. • Charging schedule (no charges until delivered). • Potential to combat antisocial behaviour. • PCs liability for on-going insurance & maintenance specifically sealing of the concrete. • Future launch of community fundraising with the introduction of annual Skateboard Jams with the aim to self-fund. • Anticipation of finishing the project by September 2025 <p>Evaluation results attached to the minutes 27/3/24.</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously to appoint Maverick as the preferred supplier.</p> <p>AT to formally offer the contract to the successful applicant and to notify all other tender providers by the end of next week.</p>	AT
1248	<p>Downsman Matters</p> <p>After many years in the role of Editor of the local magazine The Downsman, Naomi Booth has decided to resign from the role. She has worked tirelessly and will be an enormous loss to the Team. Clerk to invite Naomi to the Annual Parish Assembly on 10th April 2024.</p>	Clerk
1249	<p>Correspondence – Circulated to members prior to the meeting*.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Council Update circulated prior to FPC 27/4/24 • Dorset Business News circulated prior to FPC 27/4/24 • DAPTC E-news circulated prior to the FPC 27/4/24 • Frogmore Lane consultation deadline confirmed as 4/4/24 • Missed recycling bottle collection received a response 28/3/24 • Letter sent to owner of an inconsiderately parked white van at the junction of Dean Lane & Mulberry Court. • Letter sent on 7/3/24 on behalf of the residents of Countrywide Park Homes regarding general maintenance. The residents need the support of Dorset Council/licensing. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pentridge residents received a letter from DC Dog Warden reminding everyone to pick up after their dog.• Clerk contacted Police directly regarding the inconsiderate parking along Frogmore Lane of large removal van and multiple cars by the owner living in Sheasby Close – no crimes are being committed.• Letter sent to Aster Housing requesting maintenance of large laurel hedge and overgrown Leylandii tree. Acknowledgement received from Aster.• First School have requested permission to hold their Sports Day on 21st June 24 with the use of the Sports Pavilion.• 1st Woodcutt Scouts completed a litter-pick on 16/3/24 – letter of thanks to be sent from PC.• Clerk contacted SSE on 12/3/24 & 28/3/24 to request the de-commissioning of the second meter. No response received.	
1250	Information for Report Only <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internal Audit was carried out by S Carter Booking Keeping.• St Mary's Church rectory is currently up for 12 month rent.	
1251	Approve Parish Council Communication Report. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dash-cam footage regarding fly tipping is allowed by Dorset Council.• Digital reminder• Annual Parish Assembly• Downsman (in search of a new Editor)	

Meeting Closed 9.19pm

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

Signed;..... 25th April 2024