

**Minutes of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of  
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council  
Held at the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 @ 7:30pm.**

Item		Action By
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1-member present at the Public Open Session</b></p> <p>Concerns were raised for the speed of the traffic throughout the village and a local resident attended the meeting to reiterate his support to extend the 20mph speed restriction following the recent campaign.</p> <p>Q: Who owns the land surrounding the War Memorial as the boundary vegetation has been cut back by a local resident who failed to remove the waste product which is unsightly. A: The Parish Council are responsible for the land and its upkeep. Clerk to liaise with resident to address the untidy issue.</p>	
1616	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr J Reed (Chairman) Cllr S Meaden (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Chick Cllr C Taylor Cllr D Adams Cllr A Turner Cllr R Hassall Cllr S McLean</p> <p><b>Also in Attendance</b> Mr Piers Brown Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Clerk)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Cllr I Mereweather Cllr R Adams</p>	
1617	<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 Cllr James Reed – Community Land Trust &amp; 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Woodcutt Scouts/Allotment Association.</p>	

1618	<p><b>Dorset Council Cranborne Chase Councillor Piers Brown</b></p> <p>Dorset Council are moving forward with the introduction of a household recycling centre booking system. Whilst the system has generated significant public and political debate it is believed to be the most effective way to maintain the current level of service. The booking system will propose to help manage site usage more efficiently, reduce cross border use, tackle illegal waste abuse and improve the overall user experience.</p> <p>Parish Comment: Concerns that introducing barriers to recycle may increase the risk of fly tipping in order to get rid of waste.</p> <p>Round 7 of Dorset Council's Capital Leverage Fund to support cultural organisations to deliver capital projects is open.</p> <p>Following the Governments Public Sector Decarbonisation scheme which enabled solar panels to be installed on highways depots Dorset Council have saved £54,000.00 in energy costs and reduced the Highways Team's carbon emissions.</p> <p>The number of Fixed Penalty Notices for fly tipping has increased by more than three quarters in the year. In collaboration with Dorset Council Enforcement and the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner there has been more penalties issued.</p> <p>Dorset Council's Waste Services Team has issued advice on disposing on single use vapes. Vapes sold after 1<sup>st</sup> June must be fully rechargeable which will stop the UK disposing of 5 million single use vapes used every week.</p> <p><b>Local News</b></p> <p>Parking outside the local shop in Sixpenny Handley still causes difficulties for delivery vehicles, customer parking and residential parking. Previous efforts to 'cone off' areas haven't been particularly successful – further discussions with local County Councillor and Council to take place.</p>	
1619	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025.</b></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>	
1620	<p><b>Matters arising from the last Full Parish Council Meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025.</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
1621	<p><b>To confirm the minutes of the Finance &amp; General Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025.</b></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>	

1622	<p><b>DAPTC Matters</b></p> <p>CT will attend a Zoom meeting of the Eastern Area DAPTC representatives to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.</p>	
1623	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <p>Following a positive campaign launch at the Annual Assembly of the 20s Plenty which is an extension of the current 20mph speed restriction through the village. The PC has received a further 60 positive responses from locals who have completed the voting slip advertised in the local Downsman. The first School submitted a further 30 signatures on their petition and the Clerk is also in receipt of positive emails. Only 2 votes received did not support the campaign.</p> <p>Members unanimously resolved to continue the submission of a Speed Restriction application to Dorset Highways. Clerk to liaise with Highways.</p> <p>The most recent results from the Speed Indicator Device confirmed that of the 25% of drivers over the speed limit only 1 travelled over 35 mph recognising a drop in speeding statistics. Having a Community Speed Watch reduces traffic speed – and confirms the importance of attracting new members of the team.</p> <p>Members noted the improvement of verge cutting this year, Jackson Contractors have started early and have done a good job.</p> <p>Dorset Councils’ Grass cutting maintenance contract has changed and now includes the collection of grass cuttings which has vastly improved the appearance of the village. Thanks to Cllr Brown for his support.</p> <p>Sheasby Close boundary wall leading to Frogmore Lane – vegetation is undermining the wall and causing overgrowth on the carriageway.</p> <p>Residential hedges causing health &amp; safety issues are located at the top corner of the High street before St Mary’s, The year on year growth forces pedestrians especially those with pushchairs or wheelchairs out onto the road. Clerk to recommend local Contractor to the owners of the property to reduce the width and height of their hedge.</p> <p>The residential hedge located on the Crossroads opposite the Town Farm Workshops. The hedge is far too wide and impedes the safety of pedestrians crossing the road. Clerk to recommend local contractor to undertake the works.</p> <p>The Littlefield Lane’s overgrown footpath needs to provide a much needed 2<sup>nd</sup> exit from the new Back Lane development. IM to liaise with Willton Homes to pursue previously agreed access improvements.</p>	<p><b>Clerk/AT</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>IM</b></p>
1624	<p><b>Rights of Ways</b></p> <p>None</p>	
1625	<p><b>Allotment Association Matters</b></p> <p>Cllr Adams (DA) reported positively about the condition of the allotments with the exception of one that is being managed with no vacant plots.</p>	

	Members discussed the on-going problem with rats in the nearby gamekeeper pens and working with the AA to reduce numbers. Cllr Chick to engage with local Game contractors.	<b>DC</b>
<b>1626</b>	<p><b>Community Land Trust Matters</b></p> <p>CLT board held a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 @ the Parish Office. Simon Parker stepped down from his role as Chairman after 10 years and Ian Mereweather was duly appointed. Secretary Jenny Chapman who had previously stepped down from her role and was replaced by Ciona Nicholson. It was hoped that both members would remain on the Board of Directors.</p> <p>To maintain momentum, the submission of a planning application will run along-side negotiations with the Unitary Dorset Council to agree Heads of Terms.</p> <p>Parish Council to raise the CLT profile and update CLT page on the PC website.</p> <p>The AGM will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025.</p>	<b>Clerk/AT</b>
<b>1627</b>	<p><b>To confirm CCTV Public Meeting date</b></p> <p>Members agreed to arrange a public consultation meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July @7.00pm to discuss CCTV.</p> <p>A slide presentation has already prepared by Councillor Turner who was happy to lead the consultation with the support of rest of the Parish Council attending the meeting.</p> <p>The Village Hall Chairman to be invited as a key consultee.</p> <p>Common Road residents to be invited to discuss the proposed security measures of a Masterlock supported by a camera.</p>	<b>All Clerk</b>
<b>1628</b>	<p><b>To consider Skate-park Matters</b></p> <p>AT continues to monitor available grant funding opportunities. An application submission to Veolia carries a small financial risk of £7,500.00 if successful bid for £75,000.00 grant application. The 10% contribution is almost covered by the funds already raised by the Skate-park Team. Members were made aware and supported the submission of an application.</p>	<b>AT</b>
<b>1629</b>	<p><b>End of Year Accounts 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025</b></p> <p>Members acknowledged the Internal Auditors report</p> <p>The Chairman signed a new letter of engagement with Sharon Carter Bookkeeping for continuation of Internal Audit Services.</p>	

<b>1630</b>	<b>Annual Governance Statement</b>  Members completed and approved the Annual Governance Statement for Year Ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025 and was duly signed by the Chairman.	
<b>1631</b>	<b>Accountancy Statement</b>  Members approved unanimously the Accounting Statement for Year Ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025 and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.	
<b>1632</b>	<b>Conflict of Interest Declaration</b>  Members confirmed there were no Conflict of Interest with BDO LLP duly signed by the Chairman & Clerk.	
<b>1633</b>	<b>Summer Fete Risk Assessment</b>  Carry this item to next week's F&GP meeting.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>1634</b>	<b>Code of Conduct Policy</b>  Clerk to circulate an update received from DAPTC.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>1635</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Council Update to be circulated</li> <li>• Dorset Business News to be circulated</li> <li>• DAPTC E-news to be circulated.</li> </ul>	
<b>1636</b>	<b>Matters to Report</b>  <b>Planning Update</b>  The Chairman of the Planning Committee (IM) confirmed with Nord Homes that a footpath to connect the development to Frogmore Lane will be installed. PC will continue to monitor the progress.  <b>Removal of hedgerow on Red Lane</b>  The DC Case Officer failed to inform the Parish Council that Nord Homes had responded to a previous enquiry about the lawful removal of the hedgerow along Red Lane.  Nord Developments response: We have removed a few elements of bare hedgerow to facilitate the improvement in contractors parking adjacent to the site.  Nord Developments future plan: Our plan is to replant the hedge at the end of the build as to 'leave it in a better condition'.  Parish Observation: The whole hedge has been removed not just a few bare elements, the PC were unaware of any requests to improve contractor parking. It is clear that Nord did not seek authority from DC Planning to carry out the work and DC Planning did not appear to want to take action.	

	Parish comment: Clerk to contact the Case Officer to reiterate that the reinstatement of the hedge must include raising the banking and planting a hedgerow with native species.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>1637</b>	<b>Approve Parish Council Communication Report.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conclusion of the Speed Reduction Campaign</li><li>• Confirmation of the CCTV public consultation meeting</li><li>• CLT Update</li></ul>	

Meeting Closed 9.20 pm

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

Signed;..... 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025