

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors
Held Thursday 20th April in the Village Hall, Sixpenny Handley.

Item	01
	<p>Attendance – 19 members of public present</p> <p>Parish Councillors:</p> <p>Cllr Colin Taylor (Chairman of the Parish Council) Cllr James Reed (Vice Chairman of the Parish Council) Cllr David Adams Cllr Jane Henry Cllr Stuart McClean Cllr Andy Turner</p> <p>Guests:</p> <p>County Councillor Steve Butler (Cranborne Chase Ward) Dr Elizabeth Nodder – Sixpenny Handley Surgery Simon Parker – Community Land Trust</p> <p>Also in Attendance:</p> <p>Mrs Lisa Goodwin (Clerk) Mrs Ciona Nicholson (Assistant Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)</p> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <p>Cllr Rosalie Adams Cllr Christian Baker-Smith Cllr Bea Boyland Cllr David Shortell (Chairman East Dorset Council) Cllr Simon Tong (District Councillor Handley Vale Ward) PCSO Steve Willis PCSO Andy Flanagan</p>
01	<p>Welcome & Introduction</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those present and introduced the Meeting.</p>
02	<p>Dorset Police</p> <p>See Appendix A</p>
03	<p>Confirm the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held 23rd March 2016.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Stuart McClean and seconded by David Lockyer that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the last Annual Meeting held 23rd March 2016. <i>Resolved that the minutes be signed by the Chairman.</i></p>
04	<p>Matters arising from the last Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
05	<p>Annual Report of the Parish Council presented by Cllr Stuart McLean.</p> <p>It's been another interesting year for the Parish Council with continuing financial pressures leading to cutbacks in District and County Councils' services (of which more below) and encouragement for your Parish Council to</p>

take over responsibility for some of these services. The financial pressures have led to a proposal to move from a two tier County and District Council structure to a single tier unitary authority. I'm sure Councillor Steve Butler will say more about this shortly.

Mobile Library service stopped operating in December 2016 and in partnership with Community volunteers we introduced The Sixpenny Handley Library. In the corner of the Parish Office we have created suitable shelving to accommodate a wide selection of excellent conditioned books, fiction, non-fiction, autobiographies, historical and of local interest. The books are kept in good order by volunteer 'Librarians' – Please do come and make use of this facility!

The Number 20 bus has been running for a year now. The timings of its services are not perfect and it can be overcrowded but it operates without significant subsidy from the County Council which is important for its sustainability. The discretionary fare concession on the first bus of the day has been withdrawn however.

Highways – the Parish Council agreed to support the residents of Woodcutts who are seeking to introduce speed restrictions from Sixpenny Handley to Tollard Royal and work continues on the deployment of a speed indicator device for the village. You will see later that we have a number of stickers to attach to waste and recycling bins to remind motorists of the speed limits through the village. Please come and see us after the meeting if you would like signs to display on your bins.

Highways is an area where the County Council have in the past provided more services than the statutory requirement. There have been a number of cutbacks and, for example, we will be seeing less cutting of verges than was the case a few years ago. If you all feel the need for more verge cutting, sign cleaning, tree pruning etc this will have to be paid for out of Parish Council funds. Please let us know about particular problems and we will do what we can.

Having improved the footpath behind the Church last year, we are currently exploring the possibility of utilising the Village Hall car park & the rear entrance of the school for drop off and pick up points. The installation of a footpath would encourage parents to use the path and this should ease the parking issues we are currently experience in and around Wheelwrights Close and on the bend. All year round access to our Sporting and Recreational facilities would benefit too.

The Community Website is up and running with links to local groups, services and businesses. If you haven't seen it we will give you the website address.

The Waistcoat Festival in May was another spectacular event with spectacular weather – not to be deterred there was lots of fun & entertainment and many local groups still managed to raise lots of money! Pentridge was much luckier with the weather for its Fete just three weeks later. This year will see the return of the Big Session up at the sports ground on 8th July and the Pentridge Fete will be held on 10th June.

Following the move of the Sixpenny Handley brewery to Cranborne, a Co-operative of local businessmen put together a proposal to refurbish and install a Bar in the Sports Pavilion. A Licence to Occupy the Sports Pavilion 3 evenings and 1 afternoon per week was granted and with the full support of the Parish Council the small Co-operative started work on their refurbishment plans. 'The Penny Tap' opened its doors on 1st March and seems to have got off to a great start! We hope that it will continue to flourish and enhance the enjoyment of residents and visitors to our sports facilities.

The Planning Committee received 7 planning applications during the year which was a smaller number than usual. We objected to one development which was then refused by East Dorset Council. The developers appealed and were granted permission by the Planning Inspector. We continue to feel that the access via a widened lane opposite the butchers is inadequate and probably unsafe.

Community Litter pick was held on Saturday 8th April – Many thanks to Paul Styles, 1st Woodcutts Scouts and local volunteers!

Thanks also to Steve Butler and Simon Tong for their work and support over the year as County and District Councillors.

Further thanks to: Rob Jesse (litter bin collection and organisation) Richard Dennett – hedge trimming, regular weekly litter picks & lost property collection. Stella Olsen & Bea Boyland – Library Volunteers. David Salmons – Crossroad Café.

	<p style="text-align: center;">03</p> <p>Audited Accounts for year ending 31st March 2016.</p> <p>The Audited Accounts for 2016 of which there were minor matters arising can be seen on the display board. These have been available for scrutiny on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard at the Parish Office.</p>
06	<p>County Council & District Council Annual Review - Cllr Steve Butler</p> <p>Cllr Steve Butler provided a report on matters dealt with by the County Council including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways - dangerous visibility splays should be reported directly to Dorset County Council for cutting back. • Local Government Reform – Cllr Butler provided an explanation of the proposal for two unitary authorities which has now been submitted to the Secretary of State, however, a decision is likely to be deferred until after the forthcoming General Election. • In response to a question by a member of public present, Cllr Butler explained that East Dorset Council voted against the 2 unitary proposal. Members that voted against are probably concerned that East Dorset financial resources would be spent out of district and business rates would be detrimentally effected. • Cllr Butler explained that Dorset County Council pays for 85% of services provided including highways, adult social care, children's services (with 500 children in care), schools and the Dorset Waste Partnership.
07	<p>Report by Dr Elizabeth Nodder</p> <p>Dr Nodder reported;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been a difficult year in the Surgery with the loss of the Practice Manager however a new Manager, Maxine Jenkins is starting next week. • Dr Gill Horden is taking over from Dr Elizabeth Nodder who is retiring at the end of June after 27 years. A young Registrar has now been appointed with a new Doctor starting August. • Encourage residents to register online for appointments and repeat prescriptions. • Missed appointments has reduced. • Flu Clinics will continue to operate on Saturdays which works well. • Following the Care Quality Commission visit last year, they revisited in March and the Practice has been upgraded to GOOD overall with OUTSTANDING for end of life care. • The new dispensary has been delayed due to the Builder. <p>The Chairman of the Parish Council thanked Dr Elizabeth Nodder for her long services and presented her with a basket of flowers.</p>
08	<p>Community Land Trust by Simon Parker</p> <p>Unfortunately the Government withdrew funding for the previous scheme to provide affordable housing in the village. Concern was raised by the CLT that there was still a 'need' for the housing so a refreshed housing survey has now given the CLT confidence to still proceed with Government funding once again available. The area of land acquired from East Dorset Council, off Common Road, has been pegged out to allow the Architect to revise the scheme which will be built in a traditional design to a high standard to blend in to the countryside setting (perhaps a converted farmyard design) and submitted to East Dorset Council for outline planning permission. It is intended the remainder of the land will be taken on by the Parish Council for the community. East Dorset Council has grant funding available for the project so work is hoped to begin in 2017. In response to a question, Simon confirmed that utilities companies will be consulted and it is not anticipated there are any problems likely to stop development.</p>
09	<p>Questions/Comments</p> <p>It was raised that the 20 Bus service, whilst very much appreciated and providing a clean smart bus, unfortunately is overcrowded, particularly on the Tuesday market day service, meaning residents boarding at Sixpenny Handley often have to stand all the way to Salisbury. There is also limited space for disabled equipment/pushchairs.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">04</p> <p>The Chairman responded that the Parish Council would be pleased to hear of any problems or feedback on the service to enable a discussion with Dorset County Council and to explore the viability of an additional service from the village.</p> <p>A resident is delighted to hear that the Parish Council is considering installing a footpath from the Village Hall Car Park to the rear school entrance to alleviate parking around the village, however it may require enforcement to make it work.</p>
10	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>The Chairman of the Parish Council took this opportunity to award Cllrs Stuart McLean and Bea Boyland with the gift for the best attendance record over the past year to meetings of the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was noted on the recent Litter Pick that there was quite a lot less litter than last year which is encouraging and a positive development.</p> <p>Rural Parishes will need to work together to share services and operate efficiently with changes in Local Government Structure particularly Sixpenny Handley which is in an isolated location. The Parish Council will do its best to support the community.</p> <p>Speed Stickers for wheelie bins will be made available to residents via the Community Speedwatch Team.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Meeting closed 8:05pm</p>

These minutes are to be signed by the Chairman after approval at the next Annual Parish Meeting

Signed;..... **Date:**

APOLOGIES



Please accept our Apologies that Dorset Police are unable to attend this year's Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Annual Assembly on Thursday 20th April due to other Commitments. I have added a list of all the reported crimes between 1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017 in the Sixpenny Handley and surrounding area should anyone at the meeting wish to see them. If any attendee wishes to discuss any of these Crimes Further or to receive any Crime Prevention advice then please pass on our details. Our E-mail address is

ruraleastdorsetnpt@dorset.pnn.police.uk

or Alternatively we are at the Parish Office on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of every month between 10am and 11am (commitments allowing) so feel free to pop in to discuss any issues or concerns.

You can keep up to date with local Crimes, Meetings and any advice or witness appeals in numerous ways.

1. Sign up to Dorset Alert at <https://www.dorsetalert.co.uk/>
2. Follow us on Facebook by searching for East Dorset Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.
3. Follow us on Twitter by searching @RuralDorsetPolice

Crime Statistics for the Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Annual Assembly.

**Figures from
April 1st 2016 –
March 31st 2017**



Reported Crimes in Sixpenny
Handley and surrounding area.



April 2016:-

- Theft of Chains and Padlocks from a field gate.
- Criminal Damage to four separate vehicles parked in the High Street.
- Criminal Damage to a vehicle parked on Dean Lane.

- Theft from unattended motor vehicle in the Garston Wood Car Park.
- Sheep Worring in the Woodcutts area.
- Deer Poaching on a Farm near Deanland.

May 2016:-

- Theft from unattended motor vehicle in the Garston Wood Car Park.
- Criminal damage x2 to vehicles parked in the East Woodyates area.

June 2016

- Criminal damage to a vehicle in the east Woodyates area.

July 2016

- Break to a caravan and items Stolen in the Minchington area.

August 2016:-

- Criminal damage to a vehicle parked on Common Road.
- Attempt theft from an unattended motor vehicle in the Common Road area, offenders disturbed and ran off.
- Theft from unattended Motor Vehicle in the Woodcutts area.
- Theft of batteries from traffic lights in the Woodcutts area.
- Road Rage Incident on Back Lane.

September 2016:-

- Theft from unattended Motor Vehicle in Mulberry Court.
- Theft of Sheep in the Woodcutts area.
- Attempt break to an outbuilding on Common Road.
- Criminal damage x3 to vehicles parked in the East Woodyates area.

October 2016:-

- **Burglary to a Workshop in the Woodcutts area.**
- **Criminal damage at the Bowls Club to Security Lights.**

November 2016:-

- **Criminal damage to a gate in the Pentridge area.**
- **Break to a shed in the High Street .**
- **Attempt break to a garage in the High Street and Criminal damage to a vehicle at the same location.**
- **Vehicle tampered with, (wheelnuts removed) near the Sixpenny Roundabout.**

December 2016:-

- **Theft from unattended Motor Vehicle parked in the Village Hall Car Park.**

January 2016:-

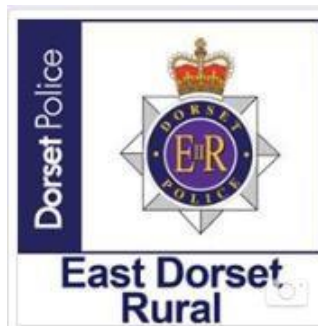
- **Theft from unattended vehicle in the Woodcutts area.**
- **Damage caused to crops and gate by poachers in the Handley green area.**
- **Theft from unattended Motor Vehicle in the Garston Wood Car Park.**

February 2016:-

- **Theft from unattended Motor Vehicle in Paddock Close.**
- **Criminal damage to a motor vehicle in Monkton up Wimborne.**

March 2016:-

- **Attempt theft from a Motor Vehicle in the Dean Lane area.**



Your Local Rural East Dorset Officers



PCSO Steve Willis



PCSO Andy Flanagan



PC Tom Clements



Sgt Nick Lee