Minutes of High Stoy Parish Council Meeting Held 9th February 2021 via Zoom 7:00 pm

**Present:** Councilors Dave Whiteoak (Chairman),George Grazebrook,Eveline Jones, Kevin Pescott, Peter Rowland, Dawn Griffin, District Councillor Mary Penfold, Amy Sellick, (Clerk), members of the public including Wendy Hounsell, John Damon and Brother Hugh

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| Item Number | Item | Actioned By |
| 1 | Apologies: None |  |
| 2 | Minutes from meeting held on 27th November 2020 were confirmed and signed by Chairman. | Chairman to drop round to Clerk for her to post on website |
| 3 | Matters arising from the meeting held 27th November 2020:   * 1. Councillor Pescott updated regarding noise levels and associated planning permission at Industrial units at Hermitage.   He has received communication from Tom Buck updating us that he has spoken to a lady from the Planning department about “out of hours noise”, and it has been noted but as she is working from home it may need additional time for her to get updates from her colleagues. Councillor Pescott circulated communication an appeal decision for a similar case at Cowper Street, Hove. Clerk sent to Julian from Planning Enforcement team (with Susan McClue in copy), in September 2020. Council a wait a response.   * 1. Clerk Submitted Hermitage footpath dedication forms to Carol Mckay (Dorset Council Senior Definitive Maps technician). Further evidence that users of the path accept the new route was requested (either by way of email or photographic evidence). Dorset Ramblers, Jan Wardell, emailed to support the new route. Further support is needed. Awaiting further photographic evidence.   2. David Ackley’s team visited the N14/4 site on 8th September and November and repaired 3 slats. The concern is that the bridge has been repaired so often it may need more fundamental repair.   3. Councillor Whiteoak’s updated regarding letter to MP Chris Loder regarding ‘Planning for the future’, White Paper. This was sent as an email via Clerk on 14th January. We received acknowledgement in response on 5th February. We a wait further action.   3.5 Clerk emailed Planning Team on 25th November to express objection to Installation of log cabin at Higher Holnest Farm, on behalf of Parish Council. Received emails from Planning Department and Enforcement Officer, Charlotte Loveridge on 3rd February to update that the Planning Inspector carried out a site visit in the first week of January (unaccompanied due to Covid restrictions). We await the Planning Inspectorate’s decision (likely to be end of the month).   * 1. R.o.W.L.O officer position. Chairman Whiteoak will take over this role. John will continue to monitor footpaths in Hermitage, Chairman Whiteoak will be main contact will council. | Clerk to call 01305 251010 to speak to Susan Mclue to establish Council’s view on the matter and the appeal. Establish if the appeal is relevant to Dorset also.  Hermitage residents to email photographs of users of the path using the route for Clerk to forward to Council.  District Councillor to follow up with David Ackerley regarding the structural integrity of the bridge.  Clerk to follow up at the end of the month if we have heard nothing further. |
| 4 | HighWays Matters:  4.1 Proposed temporary road closure to Hermitage Lane, on 23rd February, for up to 5 days, for BT work, from its junction with Gunville Lane for a distance of approx. 200ms in a northerly direction.  4.2 Councillor Pescott Road reported issues with drainage along Hermitage Lane going North towards Sherborne, along from Hermitage Industrial Estate on 2nd February. Excess rain and tractors/HGV that have left deep ruts alongside the road. Councillor Pescott informed Council, with photographic evidence, of issue and highlighted that any standard car or van that should come off the road would almost certainly damage the underside of the car. Some hard core is required along the areas that are deep enough to cause problems.  Councillor Pescott has also reported a broken drain cover and the road flooding to the council ref 115928 and 1162788,  The council have responded in part to 115928 by having the blocked drain jetted but it’s still unable to cope with drainage before overflowing.  The second reference 1162788 included images together with the comment that the drain cover has not been repaired and flooding over this drain still occurs.  Councillor Pescott hopes to rectify the issue by removing the problem at source on the corner of Gunville Lane and Hermitage Lane and getting the water to drain in the adjacent drains and ditch in Gunville Lane.  Additionally, it would be preferrable to install kerbing on the road on both corners of Hermitage Lane both North and South sides in order to reduce the road edging from being demolished.  Finally, there is a health and safety risk to pedestrians who use this section of road: from autumn onwards the water freezes making the road very hazardous. | Coucillor Pescott for forward case numbers to Clerk.  Clerk to follow up with Paul Thatcher and request a site visit.  Councillor Pescott has volunteered to meet up with someone from Council if they are able to come out.  Clerk to share Councillor Pescott’s photos with District Councillor Penfold. |
| 5 | Footpath Matters:  Nothing to report. |  |
| 6 | Planning Applications:  6.1 **WD/D/19/002710**- Change of use of land and erection of luxury holiday lodges at The George Albert Hotel (PC: Object DC: No Decision).   * 1. **WD/D/20/002029 –** Conversion of existing workshop to accommodation. No Decision. |  |
| 7 | Correspondence:  7.1 Letter from Graham Plaice, indicating that Wriggle Valley Magazine made a loss of c.£1,200 last year (almost entirely print costs), requesting a donation.  7.2 Clerk reported that we have received an email from Johnny Gibbs of Batcombe, requesting a few lines to add to WVM to update on outcomes from our meetings. | Chairman to write a few lines and Clerk to forward to Johnny for Batcombe and Tom Beels for Hermitage, in time for March 12th |
| 8 | Financial Matters:   * 1. Account balance as of 18th January 2021: £6,599.76   2. Items for approval:   Parish Clerk Pay (and HMRC): £443 / £180 respectively  McAfee Virus software for Clerk’s Laptop: £29.99   * 1. Retrospective items for payment:   Website Hosting Cost: £150 | Chairman to sign cheques. |
| 9 | Any other business:  9.1 Chairman Whiteoak has received communication regarding speed limits, requesting for the speed limit past 3 Gates Farm to be extended for about half a mile round the corner. There is a lot of tractor movement coming out of 3 Gates Farm and speed limit of 60 mph round the corner is potentially dangerous. In addition, there are pedestrians going to Pogles wood with no footpath. Chairman Whiteoak has been in touch with Leigh Chairman, who is in agreement that the 40 mph limit should be extended.  9.2 Chaiman Whiteoak has received a complaint from a local resident regarding Tractor speed in Hermitage, with heavy weights of manure in carriage. Councillor Grazebrook reminded that we have previously looked into this and found that imposing a speed limit is outside of Parish Council’s budget (it was previously found to be around £16,000).  9.3. Councillor Pescott update on FTTP in Hermitage – most people have had it done and most people are delighted.  9.4 Councillor Grazebrook requested to be informed of any private carers who have not yet received their Covid vaccines. | Clerk to contact Paul Thatcher to find our criteria for doing so.  Clerk to check with Paul Thatcher is similar figure is still applicable and if he has any ideas.  Councillor Pescott will go back to OpenReach and update that it has all been done once it is complete at the end of February. |
| 10 | The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 25th May 7.00 pm. |  |
|  | Meeting closed at 8.20 pm |  |

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

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