Minutes of High Stoy Parish Council Meeting Held 24th November 2020 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 RoWLO - John Damon and Wendy Hounsell.

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| Item Number | Item | Actioned By |
| 1 | Apologies: None |  |
| 2 | Minutes from meeting held on 20th October 2020 were confirmed and signed by Chairman. | Chairman to drop round to Clerk for her to post on website |
| 3 | Matters arising from the meetings held 18th August and 20th October 2020:   * 1. Hermitage Industrial Unit: On 4th September Clerk provided Dorset Council Planning Enforcement team (Julian Malleson), with link to planning application 1/N/99/000094, illustrating Class B1 permitted in 1999. Mr Malleson responded that conditions do not appear to have been breached as there is no specific restriction on noise or working hours. Mr Malleson suggested residents contact the owners of the unit direction to make them aware of concerns of local people and see whether they would be so kind as to limit themselves to some working hours voluntarily. Alternatively, the matter can be referred to environmental health which is often a lengthy process. Subsequently Clerk emailed Mr Malleson on 29th September an Appeal Decision from Planning Inspectorate which gives explicit information re. motor maintenance putting this with Class B2. In addition Clerk emailed Ben Jones of Dorset Council Environmental Health, on 24th September to raise that there have been complaints regarding noise levels. Mr Jones responded that any complaint about the noise level needs to come from a member of the public. Councillor Pescott reported that he thinks Hermitage Residents Tom Buck and Colin Summerell have complained to council. Evidently works have quietened down now.   2. 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.   3. Clerk emailed R.o.W.L.O’s notes on damage to bridge on Bridway N4/14 to Dorset Highways team, along with David Ackley on 8th September. David Ackley’s team visited the site within the day and repaired 3 slats. 29th October R.oW.L.O reported another broken slat. This was repaired on 30th October. District Councillor Penfold suggested that perhaps the bridge should be of a different design. Councillor Grazebrook pointed out that this would then go into 2021 Capital Projects and if the bridge was removed it would be sometime before it was replaced in the mean-time leave a gap.   4. Clerk contacted Holnest parish council re. Bridleways N15/10 and N16/10. Broken Bridge. Councillor Paul Jesty has responded that a bridge was been ordered on 24th September – they were awaiting this being fitted. R.o.W.L.O reported that this is not yet in place.   5. Clerk submitted Parish Council’s objection to planning application WD/D/20/001361 Williford Farm, Certificate of Lawfulness on 21st August and was advised that this was received and would be included in review of the application by Susan McClue. Decision Notice was received on 9th September showing Certificate of Lawfulness has been granted. James Lyton-Travers has confirmed that the Certificate of Lawfulness does include lifting of agricultural tie. Councillor Grazebrook raised that he would like to see in Dorset Council plan, provision of housing which is affordable to people born and bought up in Dorset.   6. Following request from a Batcombe member of the public, Clerk contacted BT Phone Kiosk team and ascertained that we do not own the Batcombe Kiosk. It seems that the kiosk is due for recovery and therefore not up for adoption.   7. Clerk collected responses from Councillors regarding Government White Paper on Planning for the Future and submitted Council’s response online on 29th October. Councillor Grazebrook suggested we should write a letter to our MP to outline that as a Council we feel we are being excluded. | Councillor Pescott to confirm that residents have written to Mr Jones. Clerk to forward relevant email address to Councillor Pescott. If they intend to email Mr Malleson could they cc the clerk on the email.  Councillor Grazebrook and Pescott to forward further photographic evidence to Clerk. Clerk to email to Ms Mckay highlighting that Dorset Ramblers first suggested this footpath change.  Councillor Pescott to forward report to District Councillor Penfold for her to follow up with Mr Ackerley (complete).  District Councillor Penfold to see if this addition to the Dorset Council plan can be made.  Councillors Grazebrook and Whiteoak to draft a letter and Councillor Whiteoak to share with Parish Councillors before submitting. |
| 4 | High Ways Matters: None to report |  |
| 5 | Footpath Matters: RoWLO John Damon gave an update.  5.1 We have had a report of wild boar and piglets on the footpath running up to Lyons Gate. Councillor Grazebrook said that they were apparently not wild boar but boar and had escaped from somewhere that they are being bred. Apparently, the game keeper was out hunting for them this afternoon. Councillor Whiteoak has informed Neighbourhood Watch and it appears to be in hand.  5.2 Good works being done on Drove between Hemitage village hall and Holnest. Several branches have come down and the Mayo’s have been down there and tidied up. |  |
| 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).  6.2 **WD/D/20/001361** – Williford Farm, Hermitage; Residential dwelling without conditions imposed by outline planning. (PC: Objected, DC: Certificate of Lawfulness granted).  6.3 **WD/D/20/002029**- North Cottage, Holnest Park. (PC: Supported)  6.4 **WD/D/20/002323**- Minterns Folly, Batcombe (Certificate of Lawfulness – Council Approved). |  |
| 7 | Correspondence:   * 1. Councillors invited for comment (by 15th December), on the Appeal Notification letter relating to installation of a log cabin at Higher Holnest Farm. An appeal has been lodged by Mr Gould and Mrs Gould, following an Operational Development & Change of Use Enforcement Notice served by Dorset Council on the 18 August 2020.   Councillor Grazebrook notified that he was aware of this log cabin. Councillor Grazebrook proposed that we oppose the Appeal on the grounds that he has previously objected, this was unanimously supported. District Councillor Penfold took no part in this discussion.  7.2 R.oW.L.O John Damon has written to confirm that he wishes to stand down from his role. Councillor Whiteoak thanked John for all his hard work in this role. | Parish Clerk to inform that High Stoy Parish Council object.  Councillor Grazebrook to mention to Tom Beels to incorporate in Wriggle Valley Magazine. |
| 8 | Financial Matters:   * 1. Account balance as of 18th November 2020: £6602.43   2. Items for approval:   Salt (x 2 dumpy bags Batcombe and x 2 bags Hermitage): £304.08  Village Hall Hire February 2020: £10   * 1. Retrospective items for payment.   Parish Clerk Pay (and HMRC), including £29.12 adjustment for pay NALC pay bracket increase, to backdate pay increase to £10.65 per hour (from £10.37), to April 2020.  NB: VAT Claim has been made for £301.41 on 19.11.20 (VAT from February 2019 to November 2020).  8.4 Precept: to include finger post repairs. Councillor Pescott proposed increasing Precept to £4500 per annum. Seconded by Councillor Jones. | Clerk to submit to Dorset Council. |
| 9 | Any other business: None |  |
| 10 | The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th February 7.00 pm. |  |
|  | Meeting closed at 8:15 pm. |  |

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

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