Minutes of High Stoy Parish Council Meeting Held 16th November 2021 7:00 pm

**Present:** Councilors Dave Whiteoak (Chairman), Kevin Pescott (Vice Chairman), Colin Summerell, District Councillor Mary Penfold (present for first part of the meeting), Amy Sellick, (Clerk), members of the public including Sue Bosanquet, Tom Buck, Wendy Hounsell, Tony Eidsforth and Anna and Graham Booth.

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| Item Number | Item | Actioned By |
|  | Chairman Whiteoak reported regarding communications with Mr Leatham on 20th September on his plans for Commons Farm. Planning application received: **P/FUL/2021/03669 –** Common Farm, Hermitage**.** Erection of butchery unit and cold store and conversion of existing outbuilding to office/staff room. Deadline for comment 3rd December.  Clerk has requested an extension on the deadline but has not yet received a response from Dorset Council.  Post meeting note: This deadline has been extended to the 7th January 2022.  Questions raised in discussion included:  Size of vans coming to and from site?  Frequency of vans?  Plans for growth of business.  Is the heart of the village an appropriate location for a business of this nature?  Could Industrial Estate or else-where on Mr Leatham’s farm be used for this instead?  Where will live animals go to slaughter from: Common Farm or Lyons Farm?  If Lyons Farm, this will cause more traffic and require larger vans?  Noise level generated from refrigeration units?  Is a class B1 application suitable for this business? Would B1 application be suitable for a premises in the heart of the village?  It’s noted that District Councillor Penfold made no comment on the application.  District Councillor Penfold left the meeting following this item to attend Leigh Parish Council meeting. | Clerk to call Dorset Council Case Officer (Steven Banks), in the morning to request extension on deadline for comment and communicate response to Councillors as soon as possible.  Date for further meeting to discuss this application, with Mr Leatham present to answer questions, to be determined and advertised to Hermitage residents. |
| 1 | Apologies: Eveline Jones and Dawn Griffin |  |
| 2 | Declarations of Interest: None |  |
| 3 | In the 1st draft of the minutes of the High Stoy Parish Council meeting held on the 31st August there was a statement regarding the management of Hermitage Industrial Estate which the owner of the site, Mr Phil Buckland, considered was completely inaccurate and hurtful. Mr Buckland contacted Councillor Whiteoak regarding the draft minutes in particular regarding the statement below which was in the 1st draft:  *It was agreed that we should respond to Mr Willing that we would like to see the site properly managed, with planning regulations abided to in terms of hours of work. In addition, that a Councillor from Hermitage would like to accompany him on any future visit if there is one'*  Chairman Whiteoak made the following statement as formal apology:  *As Chairman of High Stoy Parish Council I completely accept that this was an inaccurate reflection of the position and this was amended in a 2nd draft of the minutes. Additionally, we agree with Mr Buckland that the regulations haven't been breached by those working on the Industrial Estate.*  *I apologise unreservedly to Mr Buckland for any distress this has caused.*  It was agreed if there are any future issues with regards to noise and/or hours of work at this site, these should be addressed directly to Mr Buckland. |  |
| 4 | Minutes from meeting held on 31st August were confirmed and signed by Chairman. | Clerk to put copy of website. |
| 5 | Matters arising from the meeting held 31st August 2021:  5.1 Councillor Pescott confirmed that there is nothing further to report on matter of Hermitage Industrial Estate.  5.2 Chairman updated that speed enforcement cameras were installed at Three Gates, Leigh and Hermitage Village for 2 weeks from 20th September.   * 1. Councillor Pescott gave an update regarding flooding at his residence. Dorset Council have inspected and rodded drains. There is a particular drain on the corner which is blocked and can’t be rodded. It has been requested that Council come back and address this. If this is done it will improve run off and flooding.   2. Parish Clerk updated regarding repair to Finger Post in Batcombe at bottom of Great Head Lane. Mr Roger Bond from Normtec provided a revised quote following original quote in September noting increase in price of metal letters and oak (£357.50 to £497 for metal letters and £180 to £200 for oak) and additional a Roundel, which will say ‘Wriggle River’ .The total cost for the sign now stands at £1691.12. Parish Council budgeted £400 towards sign repairs in 2021-22 Budget. Dorset CPRE have agreed to provide a full DAONB Grant towards these costs to the amount of £200. We are fortunate to have a donor in Batcombe who is prepared to pay for the remainder. Draft Image of the sign and break down of costs. It was proposed that Parish Council raise their contribution towards the finger post, this was seconded by Councillor Pescott and Councillor Summerell, increasing Parish Council contribution to £500. | Chairman to review speed report and take out relevant information. Chairman and Chairman to Leigh PC to report back to Paul Thatcher.  Councillor Pescott to follow up with Paul Thatcher (having followed up 6 weeks ago, but with out a reply). Councillor Pescott to draft letter to Council requesting that the drain be repaired. Draft of letter to be sent to appropriate dept head at Dorset Council with cc to Mary Penfold and Chairman Whitoak (Councillor Pescott to send draft of letter to Clerk)  Chairman to email Batcombe donor, via Clerk, to thank them for their generosity. |
| 6 | Highway Matters:  6.1 Member of public, Wendy Hounsell, reported that in Hilfield, just past Stone’s Farm, council have cleared gullies one of which is very deep and potentially dangerous should a car come off the road here.  6.2 Road closure due to take place 3rd December between 9:30 and 15:30. The closed road is from Buckland Newton, outside Knapps Hill Farm to a point 250 metres south of Public Right of Way S10/49 (in both directions), an overall distance of approximately 650 metres. The closure has been requested to provide Openreach with safe access to undertake pole testing.  Road closure due to take place on 13th December on Wriggle River Lane between Load Lane and Great Head Lane (9:30 am – 15:30 pm), for Openreach network works.  Road closure planned in Buckland Newton due to take place on 3rd December (9:30 am – 15:30 pm), also for Openreach works.  6.3 Salt: 2 loads ordered for Hermitage and Hilfield. Councillor Rowland reported that salt arrived today for Hilfield.  6.4 Clerk received email from Hilfield resident, Mrs Rebecca Smith, regarding ice on the road in winter months in the dip near the church. Mrs Smith suggested a grit box for this area. Clerk followed up with Dorset Council and received cost options for grit box. The grit box will need to be positioned off of the carriage way at least 450mm from side of the road. Costs as follows:   * Supply one 6 cubic foot yellow grit bin, deliver, position on **reasonable solid level ground** and fill with rock salt: £267.00 excluding vat. * Supply one 6 cubic foot yellow grit bin, deliver**, fix in position using expanding raw bolts in to an acceptable surface** i.e. concrete, paving slabs and fill with rock salt: £399.00 excluding vat. * Supply one 6 cubic foot yellow grit bin, deliver, **fix in position using expanding raw bolts with two number concrete anchor pads** and fill with rock salt would be £517.00 excluding vat.   Councillors agreed that the road is unsafe in ice. Councillor Whiteoak proposed Parish Council cover £267 cost of bin should a suitable site for the bin be found, seconded by Councillor Rowland and Councillor Pescott. | Wendy Hounsell to report on Dorset Council website, with photographs.  Clerk to establish whether bin would be classified as ‘Strategic’ or ‘Community’.  Chairman to contact Mrs Smith and establish where Box can be sited. |
| 7 | Footpath Matters:  7.1 Chairman Whiteoak met with Lyn Couch who identified a few stiles which need work on. | Chairman Whiteoak to provide Dorset Council with a list of stiles requiring repair. |
| 8 | Planning Applications:   * 1. **WD/D/19/002710**- Change of use of land and erection of luxury holiday lodges at The George Albert Hotel. Application revised 01.04.21 with reduced number of lodges. PC: Objected DC: Under consideration.   2. **P/HOU/2021/00264** – Scotley Farm. Proposal for 2 storey extension. PC: No objections DC: Under officer consideration.   3. **P/FUL/2021/00318 -** Three Gates Farm: Demolition of existing building & erection of 3no. dwellings Location.   PC: Objected. DC: Granted (04.11.21)   * 1. **P/LBC/2021/02043 –** Redford Farm, Melbury Bubb. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of replacement. PC: No Objections. DC: Under consideration.   2. **P/FUL/2021/02042** – Redford Farm, Junction to Martinsfield. Erect replacement outbuilding for storage and vehicle parking, (demolish existing).   3. **P/FUL/2021/03669 –** Common Farm, Hermitage**.** Erection of butchery unit and conversion of existing outbuilding to office/staff room. Deadline for comment 3rd December.   4. **P/FUL/2021/03426** – Harris Farm, Batcombe. Change of use of land to extend residential curtlidge. Deadline for comment 29th November. Councillors reported no objections.   5. **P/HOU/2021/04527 –** New Inn, Batcombe. Demolishing existing outbuilding and erect garage. Deadline for comment 30th November. | Clerk to submit ‘No Objections’ on website. |
| 9 | Correspondence:  9.1 Wessex Flood Resilience team have requested feedback on a new Flood Warning System (XWS). Feedback is via remote session, taking around 1 hour. Please contact [research.warning@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:research.warning@environment-agency.gov.uk) if you would like to take part. |  |
| 10 | Financial Matters:  10.1 Account balance as of 18th October 2021: £8,720.29  10.2Items for approval:  4 x Salt Dumpy Bags, 2 each for Hermitage and Hilfield: £312 inc VAT  Leigh Traffic Counter Invoice: £212.50  10.3 Retrospective items for approval:  Deposit for Batcombe Sign Post repairs: £400  Parish Clerk Pay October – December 2021: £553  10.4 2022-2023 Precept was discussed. It was agreed to discuss this further at our next meeting in January once Councillors have had time to review projected costs as well as new Tax Base.  Councillor Pescott mentioned that a bin should be considered for Hermitage. | Chairman to sign cheques. Clerk to make payments and deliver check to Clerk of Leigh Parish Council |
| 11 | Any other business:  11.1 Clerk reported that Alastair Dennis has decided to retire (having celebrated his 90th Birthday). He will continue his involvement with Bailey Drove but will relinquish his involvement with DMMOs in Leigh and High Stoy Parish Council areas.  11.2 Message from PC SO5404, Alex Bishop: He is happy to say he has little to feedback from the last couple of months. They have been given the green light to get back to face to face engagement and has attended a Coffee morning at Melbury Osmond in October. He will be there again on the first Thursday of every other month (the next being Dec 2nd) if anyone wishes to go and have a chat. He would be happy to attend if there are any such events in Hilfield, Hermitage or Batcombe. |  |
| 12 | The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 25th January at 7.00 pm. |  |
|  | Meeting closed at 9:10 pm. |  |

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

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