Minutes of High Stoy Parish Council Meeting Held, Hermitage Village Hall, 30th August 2022 7:00 pm

**Present:** Councilors Dave Whiteoak (Chairman), Colin Summerell (Vice-Chairman), Kevin Pescott, Peter Rowland, Eveline Jones, Dawn Griffin, District Councillor Mary Penfold (left the meeting early to attend another PC meeting), Amy Sellick (Clerk) and members of the public, Wendy Hounsell and John Damon.

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| Item Number | Item | Actioned By |
| 1 | Apologies: None |  |
| 2 | Minutes from the meeting held on 31st May 2022 were signed. | Clerk to upload signed copy to website |
| 3 | Present Councillors notified of any new Interests:  No new interests. |  |
| 4 | Matters arising from the meeting held 31st May 2022:  4.1 Chairman updated that Chairman of Leigh PC, Alan Bennett has organised a meeting with Road Safety Manager for Dorset Council, Tony Burden, to discuss extending the 40mph limited on the road past Three Gates Farm. Meeting is due to take place 10.30 am on 22nd September. Vice-Chairman will be present to represent High Stoy Parish Council.  4.2 Councillor Pescott has no further update regarding blocked drainage and consequent flooding in Hermitage. Dorset Council have not yet looked at blocked top drain on the corner.  4.3 Clerk updated that PC change of bank account to Lloyds Bank from HSBC is complete. Payments are now taking place via BACs, with Clerk setting up payments and Chairman approving. Clerk has initiated the addition of Vice Chairman Summerell as a Signatory. Forms were signed by Chairman, Clerk and Vice Chairman.    4.4 Power Cut Emergency Plan:  Chairman Whiteoak spoke with Emergency Management and Resilience Manager at Dorset Council who provided some guidance on the plan. Chairman Whiteoak and Jeremy Cozens will discuss further in the Autumn. Chairman Whiteoak and Councillor Pescott to look at costs for generators for Hermitage Village Hall/Hermitage Village Green. | Councillor Pescott to follow up with District Councillor Penfold.  Clerk to return signed forms to Lloyds bank and to follow up with Colin House regarding required documents for Audits (are print outs of payment approvals needed).  Chairman Whiteoak to follow up with Jeremy Cozens. |
| 5 | Highway Matters:  5.1 Finger post repairs at the top of Batcombe Hill are now complete. Church sign has also been repaired and straightened.  5.2 Road Closure: HERMITAGE ROAD, HERMITAGE between Sunnyside Farm and Almshouse Farm, a distance of approximately 150 metres. The closure has been requested to allow Wessex Water to carry out a new connection. These works are programmed to commence from 19 September 2022 until 23 September 2022.  5.3 Chairman Whiteoak noted failure of foundation in road, outside South Rising on Hermitage Lane. | Chairman Whiteoak to follow up with Dorset Council |
| 6 | Footpath Matters:  6.1 John Damon reported that there have been 2 issues reported regarding White Park Long Horn cattle on footpath N14/4 in recent weeks. Her reported that on one occasion he had seen a bull in the field. Chairman Whiteoak reported the issue on Dorset Council website on 28th August. David Ackerley (Senior ranger for Dorset Council), spoke with Mr Leatham about it. Previous reports of White Park Cattle on the website state ‘matters resolved’, which doesn’t appear to be the case. The field is a triangular shape to it is difficult to see the cattle as you enter the field. It was agreed that the situation should be monitored.  6.2 Chairman Whiteoak updated that he has been given by Dorset Council 30 or so Public Footpath and couple of Public Bridleway Discs and Public Bridleway Signs by Mr Ackerley. These are available to replace any missing or damaged signs in the Parish. | Await outcome of David Ackerley’s conversation with Mr Leatham and monitor situation. |
| 7 | 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/FUL/2021/03669 –** Common Farm, Hermitage**.** Erection of butchery unit and conversion of existing outbuilding to office/staff room. PC Objection. DC: Under consideration.   Chairman Whiteoak updated that there are a couple of new documents on the website. The first is a brief report from Dorset Council Environmental Health on the 29th July which supports Parish Council concerns relating to noise, odour and light pollution from proposed butchery. The applicant has responded to the report.).   * 1. **P/HOU/2022/02769 & P/LBC/2022/03583** -Pond Farm: Installation of air source heat pumps to replace oil fired heating and hot water boiler and removal of oil tank. GRANTED   2. **P/HOU/2022/02837** – Hilfield Manor: Single storey side extension. GRANTED   3. **P/FUL/2022/02931 –** Knapp Farm, Load Lane, Hilfield. Erect agricultural workers cottage. DC: Under consideration.   4. **P/LBC/2022/03104** - Church Farm Hilfield. Install Aga and external vent. Internal alterations. DC: Under consideration.   5. **P/HOU/2022/03961** – Hilfield Manor: Erection of two storey side extension. DC: Under consideration. | Chairman Whiteoak to follow up with Steven Banks regarding update for date of when the application will go to Planning Committee. |
| 8 | Correspondence:  8.1 No motions for DAPTC AGM on 19th November were suggested. Meeting will take place online.  8.2 Community Governance Review. Clerk re-iterated communication from Dorset Council regarding the review following Full Council meeting which took place on 14th July: Meeting Minutes note that; 24. B ‘save as set out in the Final Recommendations, the existing parishes in the Dorset Council area, and the names, boundaries, council size, groupings, and other parish governance arrangements in respect of those parishes, remain unchanged’. There are no changes relating to Boundaries for Parish Councils in ‘Final Recommendations’.  The Minutes also note (24. C); ‘That the Final Recommendations form a Reorganisation Order to take effect on 1 April 2024’. |  |
| 9 | Financial Matters:  9.1 Account balance as of 18th August 2022: £7302.27  9.2 Items for approval:  Parish Clerk Pay July – September 2022: £586.56  VisionICT website Operation London Bridge - £35+ VAT  CilCa (Certificate in Local Council Administration), Qualification: Mentoring costs: £235 + Qualification Registration with SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks): £410. 3 smaller Council delegates, picked at random, will be eligible for subsidy of mentoring costs (£235).   1. x Hermitage Grit Boxes (positioned off the carriage way at least 450mm from side of the road. Costs as follows – to supply 2 x 6 cubic foot yellow grit bin, deliver, positioned on **reasonably solid level ground** and fill with rock salt: £275.00+VAT each   9.3 Retrospective items for payment:  Community First Insurance: £132.98  Normtec repairs to Batcombe Church sign: £50 | Clerk to initiate payments accordingly  Councillor Pescott to inform Clerk to locations for grit boxed and when ground is ready. Clerk to order Grit boxes from Dorset Council. |
| 10 | Any other business:  10.1 Clerk informed that a letter has been circulated from Wriggle Valley Magazine, informing that a number of volunteers which run the publication are retiring and therefore, unless replacement volunteers are found in time, October will be the last publication. |  |
| 11 | The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 6th December 6.00pm, Recreation Room, Hilfield Friary. | Clerk to follow up with Friary |
|  | Meeting closed at 08:15 pm |  |

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

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