Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of High Stoy Parish Council Held 4th September 2018 at Hermitage Village Hall 7:30 pm

**Present:** George Grazebrook (Chairman),Eveline Jones, Kevin Pescott, Peter Rowland. DCllr Mary Penfold, Amy Sellick (Clerk), members of the public including John Damon, Wendy Hounsell, Kerry Straughan, Graham Booth and Alan Ward.

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| Item Number | Item | Actioned By |
| 1 | Apologies: Dave Whiteoak, Dawn Griffin, PCSO 5404 Alex Bishop. |  |
| 2 | Minutes from meeting held on 8th May 2018 were proposed by Cllr Jones confirmed and signed by Chairman. | Clerk to post signed minutes on website |
| 3 | Matters arising from the meeting held 13th February:   * 1. Mary Penfold visited blocked gully at Sunnyside and reported that the Gully was still blocked in May. It is on the list to be rectified, however, due to budget constraints there are no dates decided for this currently.   2. WW1 Centenary Fund: John Damon checked records, 2 graves at Hermitage grave yard. It was agreed not to pursue the fund further due to existing National and County activity.   3. Planning Notice 1/D/09/000702 section 106 funding available to Parish from development at Knapp Farm: £1,107.45. Proposed projects: signage to church in Hermitage and Batcombe (top of hill and Stile Way/Wriggle River Lane junction), cork for notice boards Hilfield and Batcombe. Estimate cost £225 supply and fit signs and £160 supply and fit cork for notice boards.   4. Asset Devolution and PC to manage owned areas: George Grazebrook confirmed that Parish Council do not own this land at top of Batcombe Hill.   5. Likely cost for Parish council election: Based on the costs of a recent by Election, DCC informed Parish Council that we would currently be looking at the following:   Current High Stoy Electorate:  219     Hire of Village Hall                 =          £90   Printing/Postage of Poll Cards: 7p/card with postage cost of 57p  =  £140.16   Printing & Postage of Postal Packs: £2.39/pack – currently 28 postal electors =   £66.92   Ballot Papers for Polling Station: £15.00 per 100 (each area would currently require 1 book of 100)  =  £45   Staffing PO/PC (1 of Each)                    =     £340   DRO (for by-election only)                        =     £100.00  Count Assistants (for by-election only)   =     £15.00/ hour  **TOTAL:   £812.08**   If we only had a councillor resign from a particular area then the costs will be obviously just be for the electorate for that area.  The Parish Council will be invoiced for the costs of the election.  However, for the elections which will take place in 2019 the payment can be deferred until 2020 to enable the parish council to precept for any additional costs. | Clerk to contact WDDC to clarify whether Parish Council need to come up with half of funds. |
| 4 | High Ways Matters:   * 1. Reported damages or issues with roads/signs/sign posts: Mrs Hounsell reported that there is a pot hole at top of Flamberts Farm which has been outlined by white paint already. Cllr Pescott informed of a pothole outside Sunnyside.   2. Proposed temporary road closure of part of Hilfield Road (Wessex Water, water main replacement): 10th September – 21st September.   3. Application to reclassify Bailey Drove as a BOAT was made by the Friends of Dorsey Rights of Way on 14th July 2014: comments, agreed by PC Chairmen for Leigh and High Stoy were submitted to DCC by Alastair Dennis on 31st August via e-mail. In short it has been concluded that the application cannot be said to meet the strict requirements of para 1 of Schedule 14 (see attachment for full response). In addition, High Stoy RoWLO made observation with regard to geography of the Drove concluding that, whatever the outcome of the County Council Definitive Map Modification Order, it is clear that it is not possible to traverse Bailey Drove from point A to point E on foot, let alone with a motor vehicle at the present time. Ideally it could be reclassified as a Footpath. Farmers who work land at Batcombe end are due to contact Chairman. | DCllr Mary Penfold to follow up with Highways.  Clerk to forward RoWLOs’ comments to Councillors for comment on 5th September before RoWLO submits to DCC. |
| 5 | Footpath Matters:  5.1. Footpath officer has obtained updated Definitive maps.  5.2. In amendment to the Definitive Map for the High Stoy Parishes from DCC Hermitage Bridleway N14/30 is actually in Middlemarsh from Rymhorn to Williford.   * 1. Hermitage Bridleway N14/4. Damaged Bridge at Church Fm. Repaired 12 July.   2. Hermitage Bridleway N14/9. Extensive Clearing started Admiral Digby Plantation 23 July.   3. Footpath Officer has met the new RoWLO for Leigh, Rachel Graham. Several paths run between the two parishes. |  |
| 6 | Planning Applications:  6.1 WD/D/17/002763 **Harris Farm**, Stile Way, Batcombe (PC Support, DCC Under Consideration)  6.2 WD/D/18/000417 **Yew Tree House**, Hermitage – replacement dwelling (PC Support, WDDC Approved)  6.3 WD/D/18/001055 **Land adjacent to Hermitage Village Hall**, Hermitage - demolition of agricultural shelter and erection of dwelling (PC Objection, DCC Under Consideration)  6.4 WD/D/18/001547 – **Rose Cottage**, Three Gates: conservatory demolition, erection of two storey rear extension, 2no. single storey extensions, porch and replacement balcony. Comment by 7th September 2018. Chairman proposed Parish Council support application.  6.5 WD/D/18/001652 – **Southern Counties shooting ground**: Construction of a solar photovoltaic park and associated equipment (Variation of Condition 4 of Planning Approval WD/D/14/003367 Amendment of Decommissioning of Solar Park to within 40 years and six months instead of 25 years and six months following completion of construction of development). Comment by 17th September 2018. No comment from Parish Council.  6.6 WD/D/18/001662 - **Yew Tree House**, Hermitage: Demolition of existing cottage & outbuildings, the re-location of one existing shed structure & construction of 1no. replacement dwelling. (Variation of conditions 1 of planning permission WD/D/18/000417 Amended plans). Chairman proposed Parish Council support, seconded by Cllr Pescott. | Chairman to talk to Mr Cozens.  Clerk to submit to Planning Authority.  Clerk to submit to Planning Authority. |
| 7 | Actions from correspondence:  7.1 AONB Management Plan 2019-2024 consultation (comment by 3rd October). Councillor Whiteoak noted that a number of areas discussed at March meeting have been included in plan.   * 1. West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local plan review (consultation date until 8th October).   7.3 LGA Green Paper on Adult social care and wellbeing consultation, comments welcomed (deadline 12th September). |  |
| 8 | Financial Matters:   * 1. Account balance as of 18th August 2018: £3,660.21   8.2 Items for Payment were approved:  *Retrospectively:*  DAPTC Subs: £78.52  *Forthcoming:*  Clerk Pay: £396.09  HMRC: £99.00 |  |
| 9 | Any other business:  9.1 Notification of General Permitted Development: WD/D/18/001925, erection of 3 buildings at Dyers Farm, Batcombe. Consultation period end date 26th September 2018.  9.2 Update from PCSO Alex Bishop: There has been little in terms of crime in the High Stoy area, but on Monday 6th August a Ford Ranger was seen with 3 adults inside looking down a farm track in Hermitage, when the vehicle was approached it drove off.  We’re asked to be vigilant and report anything like this that appears to be suspicious. We’re reminded to be aware about possible scams.  Most are phone based scams where someone may purport to work for a legitimate company, such as BT and advise that there is a problem and they need details about the persons account.  Companies do not do this and any issues will be put in writing.  If they sound genuine, it is advisable to hang up, wait a few minutes and then call BT (or whichever company) back (do not call numbers that you are given over the phone).  If anyone receives a suspicious phone call, especially if they have tried getting personal/financial details from you, please report to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)  9.3 Chairman noted that Hermitage village membership to Neighbourhood Watch has lapsed.  9.4 Councillor Pescott noted that vast parts of Hermitage and Batcombe have been excluded from Fibre Optic Broadband. Cllr Pescott requested that Parish Council back activities.  9.5 Date for next meeting agreed 4th December, at earlier time of 7.00pm. | Parish Clerk to forward message from Alex Bishop to Neighbourhood watch  Chairman to obtain notices and membership.  Cllr Pescott to collect comments from Parish. |
|  | Meeting closed at 8.15pm |  |

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

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