Minutes of High Stoy Parish Council Meeting Held 14th May 2019 at Hermitage Village Hall 7:00 pm

**Present:** Councilors George Grazebrook (Chairman),Dave Whiteoak,Eveline Jones, Dawn Griffin, Peter Rowland, Kevin Pescott, District Councilor Mary Penfold, Amy Sellick (Clerk), members of the public including RoWLO - John Damon and Alan Ward.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Item Number | Item | Actioned By |
| 1 | Election of Chairman: Cllr Grazebrook was proposed for Chairman by Evelyn Jones, seconded by Cllr Pescott. Cllr Grazebrook took the Chair for the remainder of this meeting. |  |
| 2 | Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Whiteoak was proposed for Vice-Chairman by Cllr Grazebrook, seconded by Cllr Pescott, unanimously supported. |  |
| 3 | Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed by Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councilors in the presence of the Clerk as the Proper Officer. | Clerk to email scanned copies to Monitoring Officer. |
| 4 | Apologies: Wendy Hounsell, Alex Bishop |  |
| 5 | Register of Interests for 2019-2020 were renewed for present Cllrs. | Clerk to publish on website and email scanned copies to Monitoring Officer |
| 6 | Minutes from meeting held on 5th February 2019 were confirmed and signed by Chairman. | Clerk to post on website |
| 7 | Matters arising from the meeting held 5th February 2019:   * 1. Parish Clerk reported funding for S106 was paid to Parish Council bank account. Works to notice boards and signs have been completed and paid for.   2. Cllr Pescott gave an update on Broadband: Having written to BBC, Steve Harris came from Radio Solent and conducted an interview with Cllr Pescott on 13th May. Dorset Council did not want to comment, however Director of Open Reach, Matthew Galley, did comment on air but has not yet contacted Cllr Pescott directly. David Frampton (Field Marshall), has tried to contact Cllr Pescott but missed Cllr Pescott, as he was out, so only spoke with his wife. Cllr Pescott has established that the reason the box was placed where it is was due to a new build in the area. This update was all perceived as good progress.   3. Cllr Whiteoak gave an update on 2019 Spring Litter Pick. Sadly the event was postponed due to high winds. It is hoped it will take place in a few months’ time, when the hedge rows have been cut.   4. Hermitage drain is still blocked at Sunnyside on the corner. DCllr Mary Penfold will review with Paul Thatcher when he is back from Annual Leave.   5. Chairman Grazebrook to update on neighbourhood watch for Hermitage. Hermitage is now fully registered. He requested contact details of anyone who would like to be on circulation list. | Clerk to check if Batcombe is on neighbourhood watch map. |
| 8 | High Ways Matters:  8.1 Nothing to report. |  |
| 9 | Footpath Matters: RoWLO John Damon gave an update.  9.1 John Damon reported that the stile at Batcombe has been repaired. There are 2 problems with gates coming off in Hermitage, but both are passable so not an issue.  9.2 May 2017, when John took the post of RoWLO, there was an item on the Agenda regarding reclaiming Historic Footpaths. It was reported that there is a Footpath from Hermitage to Lyons gate, past Princes Wood (Lyons hill Farm), which is not on the statutory map. It was questioned whether we should register this footpath and Cllrs felt that we should. The land on which the path is, is under new ownership. | Clerk to correspond with John regarding registering this footpath and enquire into necessary steps to do so. |
| 10 | Planning Applications:  10.1 **WD/D/17/002763** **Harris Farm**, Stile Way, Batcombe (PC Support, DCC Approved)  10.2 **WD/D/19/000141** Rose Cottage, Castle Farm Three Gates (PC Support, no decision from DorsetCC)  10.3 **WD/D/19/000801** Scotley Farm, Batcombe (PC Support, no decision from DorsetCC) |  |
| 11 | Correspondence:  11.1 Clerk reminded Councillors of date for next Central Area Committee Meeting: 5th June 7.30pm, Frampton Village Hall  11.2 Clerk reminded Councillors of public consultation on proposed modifications to The Mineral Sites Plan, taking place now until 20th June 2019.  Copies of these documents are available online at [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mineral-sites](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mineral-sites) and hard copies at the locations specified below:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ. | Mon to Thurs 8:15am-5:30pm and  Fri 8:15am-4:30pm | | Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, Customer Services Centre, St Stephen’s Road, Bournemouth, BH2 6EB. | Mon to Thurs 9am-4:30pm and  Fri 9am-4pm | | Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, (Planning Reception), Civic Centre, Poole, BH15 2RU. | Mon to Fri 8:30am-4pm | | Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, Customer Services, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Christchurch BH23 1 AZ | Mon to Thurs 8.45am – 5.15pm and  Friday 8.45an – 4.45pm |   Comments can be made online, using our consultation portal - via: [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mineral-sites](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mineral-sites)  or using a representation form which can be emailed to [mwdf@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:mwdf@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk). Only comments on proposed modifications to the Plan will be accepted and you must state clearly the reference number for the modification you are commenting on. Reference numbers can be found in the Schedule of Modifications. Comments must be received by **5pm on Thursday 20th June 2019.**  11.3 Clerk informed that Parish Council Insurance is due for renewal on 1st June 2019. Policy has been reviewed and approved. | Clerk to send cheque to Community First. |
| 12 | Financial Matters:   1. Account balance as of 18th April 2019: **£2617.14** to include £1107.45 S106 Funds and £216.46 VAT repayment   12.2 Retrospective items for Payment were approved:  £118.80 Snow Clearance  £81.11 DAPTC Subs  Forthcoming payments were approved:  £164.52 Community First Insurance  £30.00 Colin House Internal Auditor  £396.09 Parish Clerk Pay Apr-Jun 2019  £99.00 HMRC  12.3 AGAR Exemption Certificate, relating to 2018-2019 Audit was signed along with | Clerk to forward to PKF Littlejohn and publish on website. |
| 13 | Any other business:  13.1 Chairman Grazebrook referenced Alan Ward’s email regarding North Dorset Health Network Group meetings which he is no longer able to attend. Meetings are 4 times a year. Alan is looking for a successor. Chairman Grazebrook requested that Cllrs ask around to see if we can find someone who can attend meetings and report back.  13.2 PC Alex Bishop informed there is nothing crime wise to report, but advised usual vigilance to scam phone calls, emails etc. | Cllrs to ask amongst the villages. |
| 14 | The next meeting will take place on 27th August 2019, at 7.00pm, Hermitage Village Hall. | Clerk to request village hall from Wendy. |
|  | Meeting closed at 7.35pm |  |

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

Signed;……………………………………………………………………………………………