Minutes of High Stoy Parish Council Meeting Held 4th June 2019 at Hermitage Village Hall 7:00 pm

**Present:** Councilors George Grazebrook (Chairman),Dave Whiteoak (Vice Chairman) ,Eveline Jones, Kevin Pescott, Amy Sellick (Clerk), members of the public including RoWLO - John Damon and Wendy Hounslow.

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| Item Number | Item | Actioned By |
| 1 | Apologies: Alex Bishop, Mary Penfold (Unitary Councillor), Dawn Griffin and Peter Rowland |  |
| 2 | Minutes from meeting held on 14th May 2019 were amended to reflect Mary Penfold’s correct title, confirmed and signed by Chairman. | Clerk to post on website |
| 3 | Matters arising from the meeting held 14th May 2019:   * 1. RoWLO updated that Clerk and himself have arranged to meet Jan Wardell secretary from Ramblers Association– Dorset Area Footpath to walk the footpath we wish to reclaim on Tuesday 18th June at 2pm. Following this walk, Jan will advise us how to proceed. |  |
| 4 | High Ways Matters: Nothing to report. |  |
| 5 | Footpath Matters: Nothing to report. |  |
| 6 | Planning Applications:  6.1 **WD/D/19/000141** Rose Cottage, Castle Farm Three Gates (PC Support, DCC Approved)  6.2 **WD/D/19/000801** Scotley Farm, Batcombe (PC Support, no decision from DorsetCC) |  |
| 7 | Correspondence:  7.1 SuperFast Dorset have requested that we share a notice regarding Digital Norm to promote SuperFast Broadband to encourage parishioners to connect to SuperFast where it is available in-order to release funding for further fibre-optic network to communities across Dorset. Councillor Pescott updated that he has received information from David Frampton of OpenReach who is happy to come to our village hall and discuss Superfast Broadband further with parishioners. He has circulated a list of the households who are not on Super Fast Broadband (including Mayo’s farm and the industrial estate). Anyone who has a speed of less than 30 megabites (on Fibre or not fibre) can be included in the new plan. Councillor Pescott will speak to everyone who hasn’t got Fast speed broad band and will ask whether they are interested in doing a ‘Norman’. Once Councillor Pescott has met with David Frampton, the Parish Council will then decide whether to/when to put the article from Superfast Broadband in WVM.  7.2 Councillor Jones proposed that we donate £50 to WVM seconded by Councillor Pescott. All were in favour.  7.3 75th anniversary of VE day will take place on 7- 8th May 2020. Plans have been circulated. Clerk has added logo and letter from Bruno Peak to website. | Clerk to coordinate with WVM |
| 8 | Financial Matters:  8.1 Bank Balance as at 18th May 2019 was £5,488.20  8.2 2018-2019 Annual Governance Statement as signed by the Clerk and Chairman.  8.3 2018-2019 Accounting Statement was signed by the Clerk and Chairman.  8.4 Supporting documents: Risk Assessment, Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2019 and Explanation of Variation 2019 on 2018 were signed by Chairman, Clerk and Councillor Jones. | Clerk to post signed documents on Website along with ‘Notice of public rights and publication of unaudited annual governance and accountability return’. |
| 9 | Any other business:  13.1 PC Alex Bishop informed: On the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd May, a male approached a resident of Hermitage and asked if the resident had any work for him. The male came across as quite belligerent and became upset when the request was rejected and he drove off pretty quickly.  Around the same time, the same male attended a farm yard in Hilfield and had a walk around.  When he saw someone watching him, he got straight into his van (Ford Transit) and drove off.  The police advise that any request made on the door step for work is rejected.  Should you have any gardening work or maintenance around the home that needs doing, the police advise seeking a reputable trades person and consider two or three separate quotes for the work.  Rogue traders often go door to door to do work and then charge extortionate amounts (above the quotation) when the work is done.  With any doorstep callers, the police advise to say no and if needed ask them to leave.  If they become abusive, aggressive or refuse to leave, please call Police on 101 (or if you feel threatened or scared phone 999).  On the morning of Thursday 30th May, four batteries for powering fences were stolen from an open barn on a farm in Batcombe.  Builders on site were approached by a male in a Transit type vehicle and asked if the owners were around.  It appeared the male left, but after this was when the batteries were noticed as missing.  No one was seen to take them, but it is believed likely to be this male.  No details were seen of the Vehicle, but it could possibly be the same as the male above.  It is a regular occurrence for people to attend a farm and ask for scrap and batteries, but they must have a waste carriers licence in order to transport it.  Should anyone attend your property and ask for scrap or batteries, ask to see their licence.  If they refuse or do not have it on them, take as much details as possible and report it to the Environment Agency.   If anyone sees any suspicious activity, please report it to Police on 101, or via the website ww.dorset.police.uk.  Wendy reported that a gentleman was found snooping behind Hermitage village hall on Tuesday 21st May. He asked if there was a recycling facility at the venue and then handed over a large bottle of tonic to recycle. The encounter was felt to be suspicious. Peter Rowland thought that the gentleman that approached him approached him also did so on 21st May. | Clerk to query dates with PC Alex Bishop and report the 21st May occurrence at the village hall. |
|  | Meeting closed at 7.30pm |  |

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

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