

Minutes of High Stoy Parish Council Meeting Held 27th August 2019 at Hermitage Village Hall 7:00

pm

Present: Councillors George Grazebrook (Chairman), Dave Whiteoak (Vice Chairman), Eveline Jones, Dawn Griffin, Kevin Pescott, Amy Sellick (Clerk), Unitary Councillor Mary Penfold, members of the public including RoWLO - John Damon, Alan Ward and Wendy Hounslow.

Item Number	Item	Actioned By
1	Apologies: Alex Bishop, Peter Rowland	
2	Minutes from meeting held on 4 th June 2019 were signed by the Chairman.	Clerk to post on website
3	<p>Matters arising from the meeting held 4th June 2019:</p> <p>3.1 Following Parish Council meeting 22nd May 2017, in which DCC notified that under Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981), footpaths not on the Definitive Map should be identified and notified accordingly by 2020 (deadline now extended to 2025), RoWLO identified that the well-trodden footpath through Prince's Wood in Hermitage is not on the Definitive Map. This footpath interconnects Bridleway N14/4 Hermitage to Lyons Gate to Bridleway N14/1 at Williford (see Supporting Document – Map, route between points A and B). Prince's Wood is under ownership of Mark Leatham of Lyon's Hill Farm, Hilfield, DT2 7BD since 1st June 2018. RoWLO updated that on Tuesday 18th June and again on 23rd July, he, with the Clerk traced said footpath with Jan Wardell from North Dorset Ramblers Association. A GPS plot of the route is shown on Supporting Document – Map as the black dotted line. Jan has been helpful in providing information and options to proceed if Parish Council wish to look to reclaim the footpath. The 2 options to reclaim and register the footpath are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">To gather evidence to show that the footpath has been in existence since 1949.To gather evidence to show that the footpath has been used over past 20 years and users of the path have not been challenged over this time, along with consent of the landowner. <p>It is understood that there is no charge from Dorset Council to register new/historic paths but alterations to existing RoW costs in excess of £3,000.</p> <p>John has collected evidence by way of Dorset Explorer map to support that the footpath was historically mapped. Parish Council now need to collect evidence from individuals who have used the path over the past 20 years and complete a series of forms which need to be submitted. 23 possible individuals have been identified who may be able to give evidence of usership of the path. It was proposed by Chairman Grazebrook that we go ahead to reclaim the footpath, seconded by Councillor Pescott and unanimously supported.</p> <p>3.2 RoWLO updated those present regarding the footpath from Hermitage Green to Hermitage church car park (marked as X on Supporting Document – Map). The present footpath does not run through the garden of Church Farm, which means that walkers have to stop at the gate from the churchyard to the Church Farm</p>	<p>Chairman, RoWLO and Clerk to follow up. Clerk to contact Jan Wardell for advice regarding how to proceed.</p> <p>RoWLO to follow up.</p>

	<p>garden. If the route is corrected such that it goes as present up to the churchyard gate, then (not as now) turns right and crosses the edge of the Green to the gate between the Green and the small car park, the new route will allow walkers to carry on across the road and onto N14/4 without passing through the Church Farm garden. The option to make a footpath around the edge of The Village Green was presented. Chairman Grazebrook has spoken to 5 of the 6 Village Green Trustees and all have supported that we proceed to change the route via The Green.</p>	
4	<p>High Ways Matters: No planned/scheduled road closures to report. No problems to report.</p>	<p>Clerk to put something in WVM to prompt parishioners to inform of any future problems.</p>
5	<p>Footpath Matters: Nothing to report.</p>	
6	<p>Planning Applications: 6.1 WD/D/19/000801 Scotley Farm, Batcombe (PC Support, DCC Approved) 6.2 WD/D/19/001913 – garage in garden of Roecombe. Nothing to update.</p>	<p>Clerk to notify of forthcoming notices.</p>
7	<p>Correspondence: 7.1 Clerk received communication from DAPTC regarding Protocol in the event of death of a senior public figure. The protocol largely relates to flags in public places (such as Churches). It has been established that Batcombe Church and Hermitage Churches have no flags to fly, however Hermitage Village green and Church Hill House in Batcombe carry flags. The Village Green are looking into where the Union Flag is. Respective responsibilities for flag protocol will be with George Grazebrook (Secretary of Hermitage Village Green) and Andrew Graham (resident and owner of Church Hill House).</p>	
8	<p>Financial Matters: 8.1 Bank Balance as at 18th August 2019 was £4778.59 8.2 Items for payment: Clerk Pay and HMRC: £396.09 and £99.00 respectively</p>	<p>Clerk to prepare budget for next meeting.</p>
9	<p>Any other business: 9.1 Date for next meeting Thursday 28th November 7pm. 9.2 Councillor Pescott updated that he has had communication from BT, with final offer of £19,000 to have fibre optic highspeed Broadband. Residents and businesses need to raise enough tokens to pay this, with 60 days to do so.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 7.30pm</p>	

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

Signed: 