

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of High Stoy Parish Council Held 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at  
Hermitage Village Hall 7:00 pm

**Present:** PCllrs George Grazebrook (Chairman), David Whiteoak (Vice Chairman), Eveline Jones, Kevin Pescott, Peter Rowland, Dawn Griffin. DCllr Mary Penfold, Amy Sellick (Clerk), members of the public including John Damon, Wendy Hounsell, Alan Ward, Graham and Anna Booth and David Drummand.

Item Number	Item	Actioned By
1	Apologies: Kerry Straughan.	
2	Minutes from the last meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> September were confirmed and signed by the Chairman	
3	<p>Matters arising from the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Following communication with Beaminster Police re. tractor traffic volume and speed in Hermitage, Beaminster Police Office Pete Smith confirmed that, since December 2016, extra responsibility for Dorset areas has meant that time needs to be prioritised visiting victims of crime and preventing crime and he will no longer be able to attend PC meetings. A relevant phone number is on file and available upon request.</li> <li>- Traffic speed in Hermitage: issues re. speed of contractor tractors in Hermitage have been noted. Currently the Hermitage holds National speed limit of 60 mph. It was proposed that we investigate what is involved in-order to enforce 20 mph speed limit through Hermitage and part of Sandy Lane and how much this is likely to cost. DCllr Mary Penfold noted that Paul Thatcher is the contact at DCC in this matter. 3 councillors voted in favour of investigating further.</li> </ul>	Parish Clerk to follow up with Paul Thatcher.
4	<p>High Ways Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Following notice in Wriggle Valley Magazine October '17 there have been no reported damages or issues with roads/signs/sign posts.</li> <li>- No change reported in the gullies at Sunnyside Farm.</li> <li>- No Road closures scheduled currently.</li> <li>- Sign/Finger post repairs: Hermitage village signs complete. Hilfield and Batcombe in progress.</li> </ul>	Parish Clerk to follow up with Paul Thatcher.
5	<p>Footpath Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No footpath review due from Dorset CC until May 2018. A problem was noted re. footpath Church farm through to Lyons Gate. This has been reported by Footpath Officer but no action has been taken yet.</li> </ul>	
6	<p>Planning Applications: Existing plans update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WD/D/17/002490 Pogles Wood. Three Gates, Leigh – sitting of a log cabin in-connection with existing educational use: PC No comment.</li> <li>- WD/D/17/002292 – Court Farm, Batcombe - Approval of all reserved matters for planning approval: PC No Objections.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WD/D/17/001934 Yew Tree House, Hermitage. Demolition of existing cottage and outbuildings, relocation of one existing long shed and construction of a new replacement dwelling: Application withdrawn.</li> <li>- WD/D/17/002228 Summerlands Farm, Gunville Lane, Hermitage - Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouse. Advised by WDDC that proposal falls outside the provisions of Class Q of Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the above Order. The proposal is therefore not able to go ahead as 'permitted development' and an application for planning permission is required.</li> </ul>	
7	<p>Actions from correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secretary of States' response to Dorset's unitary proposals. In short, the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, has advised that he is minded to support the Future Dorset proposal. No objections were voiced but it was requested that objections be submitted to Parish Clerk by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.</li> <li>- Minerals and Waste Plan consultation for Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole: The formal public consultation is taking place between the <b>1 December 2017 and 31 January 2018</b>. The plans show that Sherborne dump and recycling plant will remain open. Nothing in the plans appear to directly impact our Parish and no comments were made.</li> <li>- Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments – PKF Littlejohn LLP appointed for Dorset for the next 5 years. No fee for incomes of 0-£25,000 as per previous contract.</li> <li>- Advised by DAPTC that parish councils may need to consider putting aside budget 2018 GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation), May 2018. Parish Clerk advised that evidence suggests that, due to lack of personal data held on file and lack of direct consumer marketing by Parish Council, no immediate need to assign additional budget/time for this regulation.</li> </ul>	
8	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2018-19 Precept. 2017-18 precept was set at £3976 with £24 Local Council Tax Support Grant (Total £4000). It was proposed to maintain the Precept at £4000.</li> <li>- Account balance, as of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017, £4508.85</li> <li>- Retrospective items for payment were: Muddy Waters Hermitage Signs: £245</li> <li>- Forthcoming items for payment were approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Village Hall Rental: £40</li> <li>Salt for Batcombe (x2 @ £60 + VAT each): £144</li> <li>Salt for Hilfield (x 2 @£60 + VAT each): £144</li> <li>Clerk salary: £337.60</li> <li>HMRC – Income Tax on Clerk's salary: £82.40</li> <li>Parish Clerk Pay -correction (Jul-Dec '17): £32</li> <li>Hilfield and Batcombe fingerposts: £75 each</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Clerk to return signed completed forms to WDDC</p> <p>Parish Clerk to make payments.</p>

	VisionICT site maintenance 2016-2017: £60 VisionICT site maintenance 2017-2018: £150 It was noted that Hilfield salt order has not yet been fulfilled.	Parish Clerk to follow up.
9	Other Business: It was asked what has happened to Neighbourhood watch sign in Hermitage. It was reported that it will be replaced.  Date for next meeting: Tuesday February 13 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm at Hermitage Village Hall.	
	Meeting closed at 7.40 pm.	

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

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