

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of High Stoy Parish Council Held 8th May 2018 at Hermitage
Village Hall 7:30 pm

Present: 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 and Alan Ward.

Item Number	Item	Actioned By
1	Election of Chairman: Cllr Grazebrook was proposed for Chairman by Evelyn Jones, seconded by Dave Whiteoak Cllr. 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 George Grazebrook, seconded by Cllr Kevin Pescott.	
3	Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed by Chairman and Vice Chairman.	
4	Apologies: Wendy Hounsell, PCSO 5404 Alex Bishop	
5	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation: None. Register of Interests for 2018-2018 were renewed for present Cllrs.	
6	Minutes from meeting held on 13 th February 2018 were proposed by Dave Whiteoak, confirmed and signed by Chairman.	Clerk to post signed minutes on website
7	Matters arising from the meeting held 13 th February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary Penfold discussion with Paul Thatcher re section of road where gully is blocked at Sunnyside Farm. 	Mary Penfold to check
8	High Ways Matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reported damages or issues with roads/signs/sign posts: Batcombe Hill: Pot hole reported to Paul Thatcher - Dave Whiteoak reported blocked gully on Sandy Lane 	
9	Footpath Matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 items under investigation in Batcombe, 3 awaiting works, 2 for further investigation. Hermitage 1 under investigation and Hilfield 2 awaiting works. 	John Damon to follow up.
10	Planning Applications: Existing plans update: 10.1 WD/D/17/002763 Harris Farm, Stile Way, Batcombe (PC Support). 10.2 WD/D/17/002490 – Pogles Wood. Three Gates, Leigh – siting of a log cabin in-connection with existing educational use (DCC Approved) 10.3 WD/D/17/002961 Batcombe Hill House – two storey and single storey extension to existing detached dwelling (DCC – Approved). 10.4 WD/D/18/000417 Yew Tree House, Hermitage – replacement dwelling (PC Support).	
11	Actions from correspondence: 11.1 Dorset Council Partnerships communication re. 2019 election expenses. Notification that there will be re-charges to Parish Council for administering town and parish by-elections. 11.2 Notice from WDDC informing of funds secured from Section 106 available to Parish from development at Knapp	Clerk to follow up re. what our charge is likely to be Councillors to think

	<p>Farm: £1,107.45. Mary Penfold notified of funds available for WW1 centenary. Signage to Church, memorial plaques and restoration works to graves stones of serving offices in church yards were mentioned as possible projects.</p> <p>11.3 WDDC launch of New Online Planning systems, due to go live on 16th April has been delayed.</p> <p>11.2 PCSO communicated that there have been few incidents to report over past few months. However to note was incident on 21st March a light coloured Ford Focus was reported to be taking video footage of properties in Batcombe. Out buildings are said to be most likely targets for crime. PCSO Alex Bishop advised those in attendance to be vigilant and, if concerned, to contact him. He also requested that any incidents, like the aforementioned, to be reported to him (101 or via Dorset Police website www.dorset.police.uk).</p> <p>11.3 DAPTC's request for PC's views on unitary council arrangements: specifically which 57 items raised on DAPTC's form should realistically be retained were discussed and voted on (A=Essential, B=Preferrable to retain and C=Not to be provided by the public sector), as well as how we would like to see local decision making operate.</p>	<p>if there are any projects. Cllr Kevin Pescott to follow up and John Damon to look into relevant graves.</p> <p>Clerk to submit to DAPTC by 20th May</p>
12	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>12.1 Account balance: as of 18th April 2018, £2,617.14</p> <p>12.2 Risk Assessment, Annual Return and Explanation of differences 2017/18 was reviewed and signed by Chairman, Financial Monitor and RFO</p> <p>12.3 Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 approved and signed by Clerk and Chairman</p> <p>12.4 Accounting Statement 2017/18 reviewed and signed by Chairman</p> <p>12.5 Items for Payment were approved: <i>Retrospectively:</i> DAPTC Annual Conference - £70.00 Internal audit to Colin House - £30.00 Zurich Municipal Insurance – c. £164.52 (as per 2017) <i>Forthcoming:</i> Clerk Pay HMRC</p>	<p>Clerk to publish notices for the exercise of public rights before submitting Audit.</p> <p>Clerk to make payments</p>
13	<p>Any other business: Asset Devolution: Chairman Grazebrook and District Councillor Mary Penfold attended a meeting on 2nd May and reported to Parish Council on this. Tourism information centres (generally currently run</p>	<p>Chairman George Grazebrook to follow up on who</p>

	<p>by towns), Public Conveniences, Grants to Arts and Museums (District Council are talking to these individually), Economic development and Street Cleaning (Conversations are taking place). Parish Councils will inevitably be asked to contribute financially to aspects used in towns. These will be reviewed as and when they arrive. View is that Precepts are unlikely to be capped, however, if they are to be capped they will not cap the elements that are being passed down from Town/District Councils. The number of Councillors is currently 206 altogether (175 District Councillors is reducing to 82). 1st April 2018 County Council and District Council will disappear and from May the 82 District Councillors will be elected. Query was raised re. ownership of parkland at top of Batcombe Hill, possibility that Parish Council may need to maintain this area. District Councillor Mary Penfold mentioned that some Parish Councils are planning to group as well as potential movement of ward boundaries.</p> <p>Chairman Grazebrook reported that Alabama rot has arisen with 7 cases within 20 miles of Hermitage (at least 1 in Yetminster and 1 in Ryme Intrinsica).</p> <p>CLlr David Whiteoak reported that Dorset are updating Area of Natural Beauty Area management plan. Dave attended meeting on this. Dave has spare copy of the current Framework for Future document for review.</p> <p>Date for next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 4th September 7.30pm at Hermitage Village Hall.</p> <p>Date for next AGM meeting: 14th May 2019 7.30pm at Hermitage Village Hall.</p>	<p>owns park land at top of Batcombe Hill.</p> <p>Grazebrook to follow up with local vet to obtain information and notices for noticeboards.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 8.50pm.</p>	

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

Signed; 