

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of High Stoy Held 5th February 2019 at Hermitage Village Hall 7:00

pm

Present: Councillors George Grazebrook (Chairman), Dave Whiteoak, Eveline Jones, Dawn Griffin, Peter Rowland, Kevin Pescott, District Councillor Mary Penfold, Amy Sellick (Clerk), members of the public including RoWLO - John Damon, Wendy Hounsell, Tom Buck, Alan Ward and Derek Gordge.

Item Number	Item	Actioned By
1	Apologies: PC Alex Bishop	
2	Minutes from meeting held on 4 th December 2018 were confirmed and signed by Chairman.	Clerk to post on website
3	<p>Matters arising from the meeting held 4th December 2018:</p> <p>3.1 Pothole at GreatHead, Batcombe repaired and blocked gully at Clump Junction, Batcombe resolved 23rd December 2018. Flowers Farm pot hole resolved. Hermitage blocked drain on the corner is not yet resolved</p> <p>3.2 Parish Clerk reported that Section 106 funding has been approved by DDC for 3 x signage to churches in Hermitage and Batcombe and finger post at Hilfield (£495 quoted Muddy Waters), and replacement/repair to notice boards at Hilfield and Batcombe (£420 quoted Leo Letts). Muddy Waters to do additional quote for repairs to sign posts in Batcombe and Hilfield.</p> <p>3.3 Clerk reported progress on Harris Farm planning application: Ian Cozens, Case Officer from DCC, acknowledged delay in all applications but, notwithstanding this, reported current discussions and review of the application with the agents on this development. The current application design is felt to detract from the rural character of the building. DCC hope a re-design, moving away from domestic features towards retaining original barn features, will be achieved. With changes to National Planning Policy July/August 2018 surrounding development of old barns and local authority need 5-year land supply, DCC hope to be in a position to approve this application.</p> <p>3.4 Cllr Pescott gave an update on Broadband progress. Penny Siddell from BT WDDC has provided information. There are 2 cabinets in Hermitage (box 2 and 4), placement dependent on BTs legacy work. Only some Hermitage (as well as Batcombe), residents have fibre. OpenReach will investigate the number of Hermitage residents without Broadband. It's thought 9 houses are currently excluded. OpenReach thought it may cost between £13,000-£31,000. There is a Gigabite voucher scheme which provides £500 per residence without Broadband and £2,500 per business which can go towards funding OpenReach.</p> <p>3.5 Cllr Whiteoak gave an update on 2019 Spring Litter Pick. Mike Haynes from Dorset Waste Partnership has instructed that we can pick up equipment for the pick from the depot. This is likely to be in April.</p>	<p>DClr to follow up with Paul Thatcher.</p> <p>Cllr Pescott to investigate GVS scheme, which residents (Batcombe and Hermitage), may be interested in joining it. Meet with Penny to see what else we can do. Discuss with Mike Williams from Batcombe. Cllrs Whiteoak and Rowland to investigate case in Hilfield. Cllr Whiteoak to follow up in March.</p>
4	High Ways Matters:	

	4.1 Temporary Road closure of Woolcombe Railway Bridge, Melbury Bubb on 30 th March between 9am-3pm.	Clerk to ensure notices are up.
5	<p>Footpath Matters: RoWLO John Damon gave an update.</p> <p>5.1 Church Farm, Hermitage. Bridleway N14/4. There is a storm water pipe emerging from the bank at the side of Church Farm Cottage that appears to come from the road gully near Church Farm. During heavy rain, water from the road runs from this drain into the Bridleway and finds its way into the stream. There is a ditch, on the right-hand side of the path 15m further down, but the water tends to stay on the path all the way. If the ditch was cleaned out this would help but would not completely solve the problem.</p> <p>5.2 Remedy House. Footpath N14/6. The broken stile has been repaired on the path towards Hartley Manor Farm, December 16th 2018. Stile step had collapsed (adjoining gate very difficult to open).</p> <p>5.3 Route from Hermitage to Lyons Gate, Minterne Magna via Bridleway S31/23. Gates to Lyons Gate Caravan Park are padlocked closed so there is no access to the bridleway from the A352. There is a note saying that the park is closed until 8th February. The BR runs between Lyons Gate and Middlemarsh Common. The problem was reported to High Stoy RoWLO on Sat 19 Jan and checked out on 21st. Jan.</p>	
6	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>6.1 WD/D/17/002763 Harris Farm, Stile Way, Batcombe (PC Support, DCC Under Consideration)</p> <p>6.2 WD/D/18/001055 Land adjacent to Hermitage Village Hall, Hermitage - demolition of agricultural shelter and erection of dwelling (Withdrawn on 30th January 2019)</p> <p>6.3 WD/D/18/001662 Yew Tree House, Hermitage: Demolition of existing cottage & outbuildings, the re-location of one existing shed structure & construction of 1no. replacement dwelling. (Variation of conditions 1 of planning permission WD/D/18/000417 Amended plans). (PC Support, DCC Approved).</p> <p>6.4 WD/D/18/000610 Knapp Farm, Hilfiled – erection of agricultural building (PC Support, DCC Approved)</p>	Clerk to update website
7	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>7.1 Email from Councillor Services to notify that as part of our response to planning proposals we need to give a material planning reason for our comments, be they of support or objection. Simply stating "No Objection" or "support" is insufficient as there is a requirement to give the reasons for that decision. We need to expand to explain the thought process that resulted in that recommendation.</p> <p>7.2 Clerk received instructions regarding 2nd May 2019 elections, from DDC: Notice of Election published on 15th March (Pre-Election date), needs to be displayed on noticeboards with effect from this date. Nomination packs will be available to download from dorsetforyou website from mid-February. Completed nomination papers can be submitted, by hand, to the Returning Offices at any time from Monday 18th March up to the deadline of 4pm Wednesday 3rd April. Appointments need to be made to submit papers to South Walks House in Dorchester. Nomination papers need to be signed by a proposer and a seconder (for whom home address and elector numbers are required). The statement of persons nominated (or notice of uncontested elections,</p>	Clerk to email Nomination forms to Councillors when received. Clerk to collate and take to Dorchester offices by appointment. Clerk to put posters up to advertise elections once received.

	where relevant), will be e-mailed to Clerk on 4 th April for display locally. The final formal notice to be published will be the Notice of Poll, which needs to be published no later than Wednesday 24th April . Polling will take place on Thursday 2 nd May between 7am and 10pm. Any Councillor elected in May 2019 will serve a 5 year term of office.	
8	Financial Matters: 8.3 Account balance as of 18 th January 2019: £4,048.03 8.2 Items for Payment were approved: Parish Clerk Pay Jan-Mar 2019 (£396.09) and HMRC (£99.00) Petty Cash expenses Mar 2019-Mar 2019 (est. £26.15) Anti-Virus Software annual subscription (£39.99)	
9	Any other business: 9.1 Alastair Dennis forwarded e-mail update to Clerk re. 2018 joint submission about Bailey Drove (DCC ref T338), and subsequently letter from DCC was received. Evidently DCC Rights of Way Officers accept that the application does not qualify for exemption from extinguishment of motorised vehicles. These Officers are now of the opinion that the original application was non-compliant with the regulations, with evidence submitted too long after the original application was made in 2004. If the Committee agree, and if its decision is not appealed, it is thought that Bailey Drove will end up as a Restricted Byway - i.e. while accepting that vehicular rights once existed these have been extinguished and no motorised vehicles may use the way in future but use on foot or on horseback is permitted. The case goes to Committee for decision later this year. High Stoy and Leigh Parish Councils and the Green Lanes Protection Group (Mr Dennis) have registered wishes to address the Committee before it makes its decision, depending upon Officers' Brief and TRF's reaction to the recommendation. 9.2 Clerk reported that DCC Process team have advised that the new planning portal is now live (from 31 st January 2019). 9.3 PC Alex Bishop reported that there fortunately are no crimes to report in the area. Usual vigilance is encouraged.	Clerk to follow up with Alastair Dennis as to why this application is different from when Trial Riders appealed the previous application. Clerk to re-register High Stoy PC Cllr Grazebrook to look in to Neighbourhood watch for Hermitage.
10	The next meeting will take place on 14 th May 2019, at 7.00pm, Hermitage Village Hall.	
	Meeting closed at 8.10pm	

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

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