

Minutes of High Stoy Parish Council Meeting Held 28th November 2019 at Hermitage Village Hall 7:00

pm

Present: Councillors George Grazebrook (Chairman), Dave Whiteoak (Vice Chairman), Dawn Griffin, Kevin Pescott, Peter Rowland and Amy Sellick (Clerk), Unitary Councillor Mary Penfold (arrived late), members of the public including RoWLO - John Damon, Brother Hugh and Wendy Hounsell.

Item Number	Item	Actioned By
1	Apologies: Alex Bishop, Eveline Jones.	
2	Minutes from meeting held on 27 th August 2019 were signed by the Chairman.	Clerk to post on website
3	<p>Matters arising from the meeting held 27th August 2019:</p> <p>3.1 An update on progress of the application to claim the Hermitage footpath through Prince's Wood was given by RoWLO John Damon. Confirmed ownership of the land. Next steps are to confirm list of people who have walked the path and collect evidence from them. Chairman Grazebrook informed that he has a list of 12 people who have walked the path.</p> <p>3.2 Footpath around Hermitage Green, Trustees have confirmed that they own the car park. Councillor Grazebrook indicated that the relevant forms could be signed at the next Village Green Trustee meeting.</p>	<p>RoWLO and Councillor Grazebrook to co-ordinate obtaining evidence from those who have walked the path. Councillor Pescott to assist.</p> <p>Councillor Grazebrook to co-ordinate signing relevant forms.</p>
4	<p>High Ways Matters:</p> <p>4.1 Scheduled road closure to Wriggle River Lane 2nd to 6th December.</p>	
5	<p>Footpath Matters:</p> <p>Update from RoWLO:</p> <p>5.1 Large beech branch fallen out of Lyons Wood, needs resolving.</p> <p>5.2 Bridleway at Hurdley Moor Farm to A352 Lyons Gate Caravan Park, blocked by fallen trees in several places.</p> <p>5.3 Gunville Lane to Williford bridleway, impassable due to flooding at bridge at start of bridleway.</p> <p>5.4 Hermitage Village Hall to Higher Holnest Drove, since improvement, Drove is standing up well to recent high rainfall. Some difficult patches but otherwise passable.</p>	
6	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>6.1 WD/D/19/001913 – garage in garden of Roecombe House. Parish Council 'No objections', Dorset Council 'Approved'.</p> <p>6.2 WD/D/19/002154 – Single Story extension, Buck Cottage, Hermitage. Parish Council 'No Objections', Dorset Council 'Approved'.</p> <p>6.3 WD/D/19/002710 - Change of use of land and erection of luxury holiday lodges at The George Albert Hotel. Planning application was discussed and there was concern that the phone mast with Broadband transmitter on the plot could be removed from the plot.</p>	Councillor Grazebrook to discuss with Wessex Internet. Councillors Jones and Griffin to review application.
7	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>7.1 Clerk informed Councillors of communication from St John's Ambulance requesting a donation. Councillor Grazebrook suggested that we send a donation of £100, seconded by Councillor Whiteoak and supported by Councillor Pescott.</p> <p>7.2 Clerk reported that Dorset Council have stipulated Accessibility</p>	Clerk to send cheque £100.

	<p>regulations for Council website. These regulations relate to ensuring that the website complies with ease of navigation and accessibility standards as far as possible for each Council. Clerk has arranged for VisionICT (web designers), to review website in line with regulations and add Accessibility Statement early 2020. Further work necessary will be outlined then and either completed by VisionICT or Clerk according to complexity.</p> <p>7.3 Dorset Council set out proposed priorities in October 2019 Plan. Councillor Grazebrook invited other Councillors to review ahead of deadline.</p>	<p>Clerk to liaise with VisionICT regarding changes in the New Year.</p>
8	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>8.1 Bank Balance as at 18th November 2019 was £5758.44</p> <p>8.2 Bank Statements for the calendar year were reviewed and approved by Chairman.</p> <p>8.3 Retrospective items for payment: Clerk Pay and HMRC: £396.09 and £99.00 respectively</p> <p>8.4 Forthcoming items for payment: Salt? Village Hall Hire: £40 Charitable Donation: £100 Website Hosting Cost: £150 Snow Clearance: £118.80 AntiVirus Software: £39.99 Accessibility Website Upgrade: £102</p> <p>8.4 2020-2021 Financial forecast was reviewed. Clerk provided Council with review of costs and projected costs for next financial year. Councillor Pescott suggested increasing budgeted amount for Accessibility upgrade to £300. Councillors expressed concern about dipping into reserves and letting spend exceed income in 2020-2021 with current uncertainty and website requirements. Councillor Pescott suggested increasing Precept by £500, seconded by Councillor Whiteoak, agreed unanimously. Precept was set at £4500.</p>	<p>Clerk to make payments respectively. Councillors Griffin and Rowland to indicate whether we need more salt.</p> <p>Clerk to submit Precept request to DC.</p>
9	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>9.1 P.C.S.O Alex Bush informed that between the 25th and 26th September there was a theft of an electric fence and battery from a farm in the Hilfield area. This led to livestock getting out of their penned area. Between then 12th and 13th November some power tools were stolen from a portacabin on a premise in Melbury Bubb. P.C.S.O reminded the parish to be vigilant to any suspicious behaviour and if you notice any, please call us at the time on 101, or you can report online at www.dorset.police.uk.</p> <p>9.2 Councillor Pescott requested it to be noted that members of Hermitage are on Broadband voucher scheme and are making progress. Parish Council had agreed to be a legal entity to support the scheme. A number of people have mentioned that on the corner of Gunville lane when it rains hard overflow is completely missing the drain/gully and then blocks up drains further down. Puddle down Osmond lane is not resolved with the wrong side of the lane having been filled in, so water is still building up. This could cause an issue if the puddle freezes.</p> <p>9.2 Date for next meeting 11th February, 7pm at Hermitage Village Hall.</p>	<p>Councillor Grazebrook to add Clerk to Hermitage Neighbourhood watch list.</p> <p>Councillor Pescott to put on Dorset for you.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 8pm</p>	

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

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