

**Minutes of a meeting of High Stoy Parish Council
Held in the Hermitage Village Hall
At 7:00pm on Tuesday 29th August 2023**

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Colin Summerell (CS) (Chair)
Cllr Peter Rowland (PR)
Cllr Dawn Griffin (DGr)

Clerk to the Parish Council

Amy Sellick (AS)

New, Co-opted members:

Derek Gordge (DGo)
Caroline Smith (CS)
Phil Damen (PD)

High Stoy Parishioners & Members of the public: 3

Item Number	Item	Actioned By
1	New Councillors Co-Option: New Councillors self-certifications were reviewed. Chairman Summerell proposed to co-opt new members: Derek Gordge (Batcombe), Caroline Smith (Hermitage), Phil Damen (Hilfield), which was unanimously supported.	
2	Declaration of Acceptance of Office - New Members: Forms were completed and signed in the presence of Proper Officer of the Council.	Clerk to hold signed forms on file and update website
3	Election of Vice-Chair: Chairman proposed PR for role of Vice-Chair which was unanimously supported. DGr agreed to be additional signatory on the Parish Council Business bank account.	Clerk to hold form on file and update website. Clerk to set DGr up as signatory.
4	Register of Interest: New Parish Council Members: New Councillors to sign declaration online. Pre-Existing Councillors: There were no new declarations of interest. It was established that no one was recording the meeting	Clerk to send forms electronically
5	Apologies for Absence: Mary Penfold	
6	Public Discussion Period.	
7	Review of minutes from previous meeting: The minutes which had been circulated following the meeting held on 30 th May were reviewed. Chairman proposed that they should be accepted as true to record of the proceedings and his proposal was unanimously supported. The minutes were duly approved and signed.	Clerk to upload signed minutes to website.
8	Matters arising from the meeting held 30th May 2023: 8.1 Grit Boxes: following request to Dorset Council for 2 grit boxes the Parish Council has been asked to take delivery as soon as possible. We await slabs in Hermitage and Batcombe (at bottom of Great Head Lane). 8.2 Bailey Drove DMMO and Statement Modification Order 3308921: Helen Sparks, DEFRA, notified that this case has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural affairs for determination. Period for comment has now closed. Alastair Dennis submitted objections on behalf of High Stoy and Leigh Parish Councils. Alastair Dennis has continued to liaise on behalf of Leigh and High	Chairman to follow up Hermitage Clerk to follow up Batcombe

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	<p>Stoy Councils and has submitted objections, as agreed, on our behalf.</p> <p>8.3 Hermitage Flooding: Chairman updated that he met Roland Skeats from Dorset Council, onsite on 24th August. Mr Skeats agreed to resolve the flooding. This morning DC began work onsite.</p>																									
9	<p>Highway Matters:</p> <p>9.1 No road damage/issues reported.</p> <p>9.2 No planned road closures.</p>																									
10	<p>Footpath Matters:</p> <p>10.1 Report of condition of footpaths gratefully received from Dave Whiteoak and John Damon. Nothing specific to report and all seems in useable order.</p> <p>10.2 Damage to finger post outside Hilfield Manor has been reported. Normtec reported that this type of finger post is not possible to restore as it has been cheaply made, but offered to replace the finger post for c. £2k.</p> <p>10.3 DMMO case 779: Batcombe - Case notified in March '23. Footpath from just below Dyers Farm to Pleck. Formal consultation has still not begun.</p> <p>10.4 DMMO case 787: Batcombe - Case notified in May '23. Footpath passing Dyers Farm and joining existing BOAT. Formal consultation has not begun.</p>	<p>Clerk to approach Normtec to see if it's possible to have onsite meeting with Chairman.</p>																								
11	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>11.1 WD/D/19/002710- Change of use of land and erection of luxury holiday lodges at The George Albert Hotel. PC: Objected DC: Under consideration.</p> <p>11.2 P/HOU/2023/02678 - Hilfield Manor. Erect single storey side extension (swimming pool). DC: Granted.</p> <p>11.3 P/HOU/2023/01553 – Oak Tree Cottage, Batcombe. To remove existing lean to and provide replacement single storey extension. DC: Granted</p> <p>11.4 P/HOU/2021/03669 - Common Farm: period for appeal has now passed.</p>																									
12	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>12.1 Clerk reported that the account balance as of 29th August 2023: £7927.27.</p> <p>12.2</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Closing Balance Lloyds Treasurers Acc 29.08.23</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">£7927.27</td> <td style="width: 40%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less any unrepresented/uncleared payments</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7927.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Cash Book (receipts and payments)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Opening Balance 01.06.23</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8639.77</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Add Receipts</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less Payments</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£712.50</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Closing Balance Lloyds Treasurers Acc 29.08.23	£7927.27		Less any unrepresented/uncleared payments	£0			£0		Total		£7927.27	Cash Book (receipts and payments)			Opening Balance 01.06.23	£8639.77		Add Receipts	0		Less Payments	£712.50		<p>u</p>
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	<p>No Receipts this quarter Payments included Clerk Pay and final CiLCA time re-imbusement.</p> <p>Retrospective items for approval:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Na</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Na				
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13	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>13.1 River Wriggle Improvement Group: The group has been set up initially to reduce the incidence of flooding of villages within the wriggle catchment area. They aim to work with other groups, organisations, and landowners to improve the health of the rivers. They are looking for representatives from each Parish Council. CS volunteered to be a representative.</p> <p>13.2 Bus Service: Toby Hartwell from Yetminster: running a group with a view to improving bus services in the Wriggle Valley. A zoom meeting took place on 21st August. Toby is looking for a representative from High Stoy to attend future meetings and represent the views and needs of our parish.</p>	Clerk to advise the group.				
14	Other information for report only:					
15	<p>Next Meeting of the Parish Council: The next meeting of the High Stoy Parish Council will be held at 6pm at Hilfield Friary, Recreation room, 5th December 2023.</p>					
	Meeting closed at 7.35 pm					

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

Signed:.....