

**Minutes of a meeting of High Stoy Parish Council
Held at Hermitage Village Hall
At 7:00pm on Tuesday 10th September 2024**

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Colin Summerell (Chairman)
Cllr Peter Rowland (Vice Chair)
Cllr Philip Damon
Cllr Dawn Griffin
Cllr Caroline Smith
Cllr Derek Gordge

Clerk to the Parish Council

Mrs. A Sellick

Dorset Council:

None

High Stoy Parishioners & Members of the public: 3 members of the public including incoming new Clerk Mr. C Cook

Item Number	Item	Actioned By
1	Apologies for Absence: District Councillor Chris Kippax	Clerk to advise Mr Kippax date of next meeting
2	Registers of Interest of Parish Council Members (current meeting): There were no declarations of interest, and it was established that no one was recording the meeting. Clerk reminded that new electronic Register of Interest forms must be completed online and submitted.	Councillors who have not yet done so to complete forms
3	Public Discussion Period:	
4	Review of minutes from previous meeting: The minutes which had been circulated following the meeting held on 2 nd July 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 by Chairman.	Clerk to upload signed copy to website
5	Matters arising from last meeting: 5.1 Bailey Drove – DC Senior Ranger David Ackerley has visited the site and resolved that it was not easily passable by motorised vehicles but that the full BOAT classification should stand without further modification orders. Local residents have reported sitings to confirm that the Drove is being used by motorised vehicles (bikes). So far no damage has been reported. 5.2 Hermitage Flooding – still waiting for DC to respond. 5.3 Clerk informed that BT have confirmed Heritage K6 telephone booth is indeed owned by High Stoy PC. Existing insurance policy with First Choice Insurance covers Public Liability as part of the core package. If replacement is desired costs for this are estimated to be between £3,000-£4,000. If the Council wishes for the item to be covered under All Risks the additional premium would be around £15.00-£20.00/annum. Member of the public recalled from 2015 meeting that should a vehicle damage the telephone booth the vehicle drivers' insurance should cover the damage. 5.4 Hermitage road safety and speed: Chairman reported on discussions with and site visit by Dorset Council Collision Reduction Officer Mr Hussey. There were obvious concerns at the frequency of heavy goods vehicles passing through Hermitage and erosion of the highway verges particularly at three acute bends. The Chairman asked for the siting of prominent 'SLOW' markings on the highway at the 3 locations mentioned together	Clerk to enquire how long DC notices need to stay in place.

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	<p>with white lines on the edge of asphalt surface to emphasise the limit of the hard surface. DC have declined to provide the white lines to the highway edges as in their opinion they would have negligible effect. This decision has been questioned by the Parish Council. However, 'SLOW' markings will be placed at the approaches to the three bends. Dorset Council will also carry out an inspection of the highway defects that meet their criteria for repair and renew the worn Giveway markings at the three junctions along Hermitage Lane.</p>													
6	<p>Highway Matters: 6.1 Case 1239184 Hermitage Road pothole has been repaired (13th August). 6.1.1 Councillor Gordge noted a number of matters: 6.1.2 Junction at Lower Firs, between Calfay Cross and Hilfield road giveway road markings are incorrect and a pose a danger to motorists. 6.2.3. Batcombe, New Street, road along verge has washed away. 6.2.4 Batcombe, New Street between Oak Tree cottage and The Yews hedges need trimming 6.2.5 Case reference number: 1253812 at top of New Street bank is falling into track. 6.2 Proposed road closure to C45 in Hilfield, between junction with A352 and a point approx. 1075m North West, to facilitate tree trimming. Commencing 9th September and expected to be complete by 17th September. 6.3 Clerk emailed Roland Skeats (Laura Somers in copy), from DC to re-request Grit Bin to be positioned at the end of Great Head Lane, Batcombe. Slabs are in place and we are ready for delivery. We await a response from DC.</p>	Clerk to report matters to DC												
7	<p>Footpath Matters: 7.1 Nothing to report.</p>													
8	<p>Planning Matters: 8.1 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. 8.2 APP/D1265/W/24/3348354 Sunnymead Farm agricultural building conversion into 2 dwellings – appeal against refusal of application number P/PAAC/2024/01195.</p>	Parish Council to make representation on appeal by 9 th October.												
9	<p>Financial Matters: 9.1 Clerk reported that the account balance as of 10th September 2024: £8,935.74 Bank statements and reconciliations were made available for review. 9.2</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="248 1608 1235 1989"> <tr> <td>Closing Balance Lloyds Treasurers Acc 10.09.24</td> <td>£8,935.74</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less any unrepresented/uncleared payments</td> <td>£0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td>£8,935.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cash Book (receipts and payments)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Closing Balance Lloyds Treasurers Acc 10.09.24	£8,935.74		Less any unrepresented/uncleared payments	£0		Total		£8,935.74	Cash Book (receipts and payments)			
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	Opening Balance 02.07.24	£9,662.40		
	Add Receipts	£4.00	Community First Payment Refund	
	Less Payments	£713.96	June-August Clerk Pay	
		£16.70	Clerk petty cash reimbursement Apr '23- Jul '24	
			£8,935.74	
	No invoices payable to present. No Retrospective items for approval.			
10	<p>Correspondence: 10.1 Clerk reported correspondence from Toby Hartwell regarding Wriggle Valley Bus project. The project has received a DC grant and charity donation, and the bus service will be launched in coming months. It's proposed that the route will cover neighbouring villages of Chetnole and Leigh. The service will run for a 6-month trial period to assess usage. If usage is satisfactory, they will need to ensure funds are available to keep the service going. Toby requested that the Council consider making an allowance in the coming year's precept to contribute towards running costs or have any ideas on ways to raise funds. Clerk Christopher Cook informed of the service that NORDCAT already exists and offers a service covering the Parish. Membership is £5/year but each journey is then free of charge. The service collects you from your door and delivers you back home. It was agreed that publicity of the service to the Parish would be beneficial.</p>			<p>Clerk to find out further details and report back. Councillor Smith to make enquiries regarding awareness via Whatsapp group.</p>
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 7pm in the Hermitage Village Hall on 3rd December 2024.</p>			
	Meeting closed at 7.30 pm			

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

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