

**Minutes of a meeting of High Stoy Parish Council  
Held in the Hermitage Village Hall  
At 7:00pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**PRESENT**

**Council Members:**

Cllr Mr Charles D Whiteoak (DW) (Chair)  
Cllr Mr Colin Summerell (CS)  
Cllr Mr Kevin Pescott (KP)  
Cllr Mr Peter Rowland (PR)  
Cllr Mrs Dawn Griffin (DG)  
Cllr Mrs Eveline Jones (EJ)

**Clerk to the Parish Council**

Mrs Amy Sellick (AS)

**Dorset Council**

District Cllr Mrs Mary Penfold

**High Stoy Parishioners & Members of the public: 3**

Item Number	Item	Actioned By
1	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> None	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest of Parish Council Members</b> (current meeting): There were no declarations of interest, and it was established that no one was recording the meeting.	
3	<b>Public Discussion Period:</b>	
4	<b>Review of minutes from previous meeting:</b> The minutes which had been circulated following the meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> December were reviewed. Chairman Whiteoak proposed that they should be accepted as true to record of the proceedings and his proposal was unanimously supported. The minutes were duly approved by a unanimous vote and signed by Chairman Whiteoak.	Clerk to upload signed copy to website
5	<b>Matters arising from the meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022:</b> 5.1 Proposal to extend 40mph speed limit at Three Gates: Chair Whiteoak updated that the matter is being re-considered now that the police have a copy of the letter that Chair of Leigh PC (Alan Bennett), wrote regarding the case. 5.2 Collapsed drain and consequent flooding in Hermitage: Councillor Pescott reported that he was awaiting a response from District Councillor Mary Penfold following his email in November 2022. 5.3 Power Cut Emergency Action Plan: Chair Whiteoak updated that he has a draft plan, which he intends to circulate along with an SSEN leaflet. Hermitage Village Hall plan to buy a generator, a calor gas heater and a hob so that if there is a prolonged power cut there will be a 'community hub' with heating and lighting in some form. 5.4 Hermitage Grit Boxes: sticks are in place to mark where the grit boxes are to go and we are awaiting slabs. Councillor Rowland updated that Lower Farm, Hilfield, have also requested and Clerk reported that 2 further bins have been requested in Batcombe (at the bottom of Great Head Lane and outside Scotley Farm. Commitment to fund these bins was proposed by Chair Whiteoak and this was unanimously supported.	District Councillor Mary Penfold to follow up.  Chair to circulate the plan to parishioners.  Councillor Rowland to investigate locations.



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	<b>Cash Book (receipts and payments)</b>		
	Opening Balance 01.04.22	£5959.07	
	Add Receipts	£5512.79	
	Less Payments	£3727.26	
			<b>£7905.86</b>
	The Chair and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined and it was resolved to accept to pay them.		
	Parish Clerk Pay Jan-Mar '23	£650	
	Petty Cash re-imburement	£24.30	
	Snow clearance invoice expected as well as grit boxes.		
	Retrospective items for approval:		
	Vision ICT Website Hosting & Support '-23-'24	£161.26	
10	<b>Correspondence:</b> 10.1 Clerk informed of an email from Chris Loder MP (dated 3 <sup>rd</sup> January), expressing interest in attending local Parish Council meetings in-order to share insights from Westminster as well as take feedback. He requested to know if our Parish Council would like him to attend our next Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Interest was expressed by Councillor Pescott and Summerell and this was unanimously supported. Councillor Summerell proposed an extraordinary meeting, seconded by Councillor Pescott and unanimously supported.		Clerk to invite Chris Loder to attend next meeting or to an extraordinary meeting in March or April.
11	<b>Other items which the Chairman deems of importance:</b> All covered within the meeting.		
12	<b>Next Meeting of the Parish Council:</b> The next meeting of the High Stoy Parish Council will be held at the Hermitage Village Hall on 30 <sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm.		
	Meeting closed at 8:00 pm		

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

Signed: D. White

30<sup>th</sup> MAY '23



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	<p>5.5 New Council members: An article has been placed in Wriggle Valley Magazine and notices put up in Notice Boards in Hermitage, Hilfield and Batcombe but we have not yet received a response. Councillor's will discuss with potentially interested parties in Hermitage and Batcombe to see if they would be interested in joining the Parish Council</p> <p>5.6 Yeovil Rivers Community Trust (YRCT): Chair reminded that there will be a meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> February at Friary, 10.30 am. Chair intends to attend the meeting.</p>	<p>Councillor Rowland, Councillor Jones and Clerk to follow up with interested parties.</p>												
6	<p><b>Highway Matters:</b></p> <p>6.1 No road damage/issues reported. Councillor Pescott reported pot holes in Hermitage – these have been filled in.</p> <p>6.2 No planned road closures.</p>	<p>Chair to report road damage near Yew Tree House.</p>												
7	<p><b>Footpath Matters:</b></p> <p>7.1 Chair Whiteoak reported that new posts with signs were put up in Hilfield by DC but within a month these have disappeared. This has been reported to DC.</p>													
8	<p><b>Planning Matters:</b></p> <p>8.1 <b>WD/D/19/002710</b>- Change of use of land and erection of luxury holiday lodges at The George Albert Hotel. PC: Objected DC: Under consideration.</p> <p>8.2 <b>P/FUL/2021/03669</b> – Common Farm, Hermitage. Erection of butchery unit and conversion of existing outbuilding to office/staff room. PC Objection. DC: Under consideration. The next full Dorset Council Northern Area Planning Committee meeting is 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm. The Parish Council plan to attend the meeting with others from the village and speak within the allotted 3 minutes.</p> <p>8.3 <b>P/FUL/2022/02931</b> – Knapp Farm, Load Lane, Hilfield. Erect agricultural workers cottage. DC: Under consideration.</p> <p>8.4 <b>P/HOU/2023/00637</b> – Hilfield Manor. Erect single storey rear extension. Deadline for comment 27<sup>th</sup> February.</p>	<p>Chair Whiteoak to continue to check when the application will come up at Planning Meeting. District Councillor Penfold to phone DC and see if there is likely date at which this item will come up at Planning Meeting.</p>												
9	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b></p> <p>9.2 Clerk reported that the account balance as of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023: £7,905.86 Bank statements and reconciliations were made available for review.</p> <p>9.3</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="311 1691 1157 1982"> <tr> <td><b>Closing Balance Lloyds Treasurers Acc 28.01.23</b></td> <td><b>£7905,86</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less any unrepresented/uncleared payments</td> <td>£0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>£7905.86</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Closing Balance Lloyds Treasurers Acc 28.01.23</b>	<b>£7905,86</b>		Less any unrepresented/uncleared payments	£0			£0		<b>Total</b>		<b>£7905.86</b>	
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