11.5 **P/HOU/2023/02678** - Hilfield Manor. Erect single storey side extension (swimming pool). DW updated that it would be visible from the gate but it will be in keeping with the house. DW proposed no objections and this was supported.

12 **Financial Matters:**

12.1 Clerk reported that the account balance as of 30th May 2023: £8639.77.

Bank statements and reconciliations were made available for review.

12.2

Closing Balance Lloyds Treasurers Acc 01.04.23	**£6962.00**	
Less any unpresented/uncleared payments	£0	
	£0	
Total		**£6962.00**
Cash Book (receipts and payments)		
Opening Balance 01.04.23	£6962	
Add Receipts	£3421.31	
Less Payments	£1743.54	
		£8639.77

Receipts include £400 Finger Post Grant re-imbursement from Dorset CPRE and HMRC VTR (VAT repayment) £154.81.
Payments include new Laptop, Audit expenses, Clerk Pay, DAPTC subscription and donation towards gifts for outgoing Councillors.
The Chair and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined and it was resolved to accept to pay them.

Parish Clerk CiLCA Part 4 Re-imbursement	£62.50

Retrospective items for approval:

Community First Insurance	£139.42
Colin House – Internal Audit	£30

12.3 Accounts and supporting documents were reviewed by Internal Auditor and agreed. Chair and RFO signed

12.4 Annual Governance Statement was reviewed and signed by Chair and RWO

12.5 Accounting Statements were reviewed and signed by Chair and RFO.

12.6 Certificate of Exemption for Limited Assurance Review was signed by Chair and RFO

Clerk to make documents publicly available and advertise period of Exercise of Rights.
Certificate to be returned to External Auditors

13 **Correspondence**:

	due to be placed at the bottom of Great Head Lane and the first grit box will be delivered here. KP updated that we are awaiting slabs in Hermitage. Stakes are in place to mark where they need to go. 8.4 Yeovil Rivers Community Trust (YRCT): DW updated that he attended meeting 23rd February at Friary to discuss organisation and plans for Wriggle Valley as well as a forming a formal stake holder association. A number of Parish Councils plan to establish this association. It was agreed that High Stoy will get involved as necessary and keep up with correspondence.	
9	**Highway Matters:** 9.1 No road damage/issues reported. Clerk reported blocked drain on Great Head Lane, Batcombe. Dorset Council have visited and have so far been unable to clear blockage. At the previous meeting DW agreed to report the deformation on Hermitage Lane near Yew Tree House to Dorset Council. This was done and Dorset Council reported that the issue has been permanently repaired'. DW reported that no repair has been made. District Cllr Mary Penfold asked for the information to be forwarded to her and that she would investigate. 9.2 No planned road closures.	DW to forward the relevant emails for District Councillor Mary Penfold to follow up
10	**Footpath Matters:** DW agreed to continue in the role of ROWLO for the Parish Council for the time being. 10.1 ROWLO (DW), updated that missing posts with footpath and bridleway signs have not yet been replaced. 10.2 DMMO case 779: Case was bought to Clerks attention on 25th March. The application was made by a local horse rider. Formal consultation has not yet begun and a delay is anticipated due to a backlog. Parishioners and interested parties have been invited to submit any relevant evidence for consideration. 10.3 DMMO and Statement Modification Order 3308921: Clerk received notification from Helen Sparks, DEFRA ROW, that this case has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural affairs for determination. The start date was 2nd May. Alastair Dennis has agreed to continue to liaise on behalf of Leigh and High Stoy Councils and will submit objections as previously agreed. All objections must be received by 8th August.	DW to follow up
11	**Planning Matters:** 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. 11.2 **P/FUL/2021/03669 –** Common Farm, Hermitage. Erection of butchery unit and conversion of existing outbuilding to office/staff room. PC Objection. DC: Rejected (Decision date 23.02.23) 11.3 **P/FUL/2022/02931 –** Knapp Farm, Load Lane, Hilfield. Erect agricultural workers cottage. DC: Withdrawn. 11.4 **P/HOU/2023/00637** – Hilfield Manor. Erect single storey rear extension. DC: Granted.	District Councillor to follow up and check status. Clerk to update website.

Minutes of a meeting of High Stoy Parish Council
Held in the Hermitage Village Hall
At 7:00pm on Tuesday 30th May 2023

PRESENT

Council Members:
Cllr Mr Colin Summerell (CS) (Chair)
Cllr Mr Charles D Whiteoak (DW)
Cllr Mr Kevin Pescott (KP)
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	**Election of Chair:** KP proposed CS, seconded by EJ and unanimously supported. CS took position of Chair for remainder of the meeting.	
2	**Election of Vice-Chair:** No members were proposed. To defer to the next meeting.	Clerk to complete DAPTC Membership Survey 2023
3	**Acceptance of Office**: Chair Forms were signed by CS and Clerk as Proper Officer to the Council	Clerk to load to website and hold form on file
4	**Apologies for Absence:** Dawn Griffin, Peter Rowland	
5	**Declarations 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.	
6	**Public Discussion Period:** Flooding at the bottom of Hermitage Lane was bought up. KP updated. Paul Thatcher is aware.	
7	**Review of minutes from previous meeting:** The minutes which had been circulated following the meeting held on 7th February were reviewed. DW 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 DW.	Clerk to upload signed copy to website
8	**Matters arising from the meeting held 7th February 2023**: 8.1 Proposal to extend 40mph speed limit at Three Gates: DW updated that Dorset Police (Road Casualty Reduction Officer – Jason Green), have now viewed and considered the points raised by Leigh Council and concluded to remain with their original decision as they consider that there isn't sufficient evidence to justify extending the speed limit. Dorset Police's view is that there are no recorded incidence (i.e. no serious events), due to lack of near misses and/or accidents reported to the Police. This item is now considered closed. 8.2 Collapsed drain and consequent flooding in Hermitage: KP reported that there has been no progress. The Council sent a detailed, evidence supported letter to Dorset Council in December 2021. There have been a number of stumbling blocks since this and we are no further forward. 8.3 Grit Boxes: following request to Dorset Council for 2 grit boxes the Parish Council have been asked to take delivery as soon as possible. While we await slabs in Hermitage, Batcombe slabs are	KP to send a letter to local MP, copying in District Councillor.