

Minutes of a meeting of High Stoy Parish Council

Held at Hermitage Village Hall

At 7:00pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2024

PRESENT

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Council Members:

Cllr Mr Colin Summerell (CS) (Chair)

Cllr Phil Damon

Cllr Peter Rowland

Cllr Dawn Griffin

Cllr Caroline Smith

Cllr Derek Gordge

Clerk to the Parish Council

Mrs Amy Sellick (AS)

Dorset Council:

None

High Stoy Parishioners & Members of the public: None □

Item Number	Item	Actioned By
1	Election of Chair: PD proposed CS, seconded by PR and unanimously supported. CS took position of Chair for remainder of the meeting.	
2	Election of Vice-Chair: PR proposed himself which was unanimously supported.	
3	Acceptance of Office: Chair Form and Vice Chair forms were signed accordingly by Councillors and Clerk as Proper Officer to the Council	Clerk to load to website and hold on file
4	Apologies for Absence: None	
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. Clerk reminded that new electronic Register of Interest forms will be circulated for completion post the meeting.	Councillors to complete forms
6	Public Discussion Period:	
7	Review of minutes from previous meeting: The minutes which had been circulated following the meeting held on 14 th May were reviewed. CS 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 CS.	Clerk to upload signed copy to website
8	Matters arising from the meeting held 14th May: 8.1 Bailey Drove – Decision regarding status of the BOAT still under consideration with DC. Councillor DG informed that in the past couple of weeks he noted signs that vehicles have tried to access the Drove, moving gates.	Clerk to inform DC David Ackerley DC Senior Ranger
	8.2 Hermitage Flooding – still waiting for DC to respond.	
9	Highway Matters: 9.1 Damage to road in Hermitage is still unrepaired	Chairman

9.2 Road Closure Hilfield Lane 3rd-5th July for urgent Wessex Water works

requested that CC take responsibility for communications to Hermitage on village Whatsapp

10 **Footpath Matters:**

10.1 Nothing to report

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/2024.01720** - Land adjacent to Hermitage Village Hall to carry out external alterations to barn and convert and facilitate permitted commercial use. PC: Objected DC: Refused

Clerk to update website.

11.3 **P/PABA/2024/02997** – Dyers Farm, Batcombe – Erect agricultural barn DC: Prior Approval Not Required

12 **Financial Matters:**

12.1 Clerk reported that the account balance as of 2nd July 2024: £9662.40

Bank statements and reconciliations were made available for review.

12.2

Closing Balance £9,662.40

Lloyds Treasurers

Acc 02.07.24

Less any £0

unpresented/uncleared payments

Total £9662.40

Cash Book (receipts and payments)

Opening Balance £10380.36

14.05.23

Add Receipts £150.00 CPRE Grant Finger Post

Less Payments £30.00 Colin House -Internal Audit

£658.37 Normtec Finger Post

Community First

£179.59 Insurance

£9662.40

The ownership of Hermitage phone kiosk was queried. Clerk to investigate.

There were no current invoices payable to present.

Retrospective items for approval:

13 **Correspondence:**

13.1 Toby Hartwell updated regarding plan to try and establish a one/week bus service to Yeovil/Sherborne from local villages: they received 90 positive responses to the survey they sent out to establish interest in potential service. Key findings to follow.

The plan is to use the ECT charity bus operator PlusBus, who successfully run a number of routes in Dorset for villages who have lost their bus service over the years.

The next step is to establish funding for a 6 month trial which would potentially start in October. Toby applied to DC for an initial grant which, if received, would get this off

the ground, along with some local charity donations. If successful we will plan the route, pick up locations, timetable etc.

Ongoing operation would require sufficient fare income (from the survey we established that people would be prepared to pay circa £5 for a round trip) and support from grants, fundraising and Parish Councils contribution in the villages that would have the service.

A once/week service will cost about £110 a week (£5,610 per annum). The six-month trial would determine whether people who say they will use it, do in fact travel regularly.

- 14 **Other information for report only:** Chairman commented that there have been some complaints regarding the speed of large tractors in the villages and consequential damage to verges. Chairman suggested that he write an open letter to DC road safety officer, Tony Burden, asking for advice, with some photographs of skid marks to illustrate problem.

DG suggested if necessary, having an open meeting on the matter to inform community what we can and can't do legally.

- 15 **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 10th September 2024.

Meeting closed at 7.40 pm

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

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