

Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 10th January 2011, at 7.00pm in the Whatmoor Room, Kingston Maurward College

Present: Mrs P Pollard (Chairman), Cllr G Armstrong, Mr H Grenville-Jones, Mr D Pain and Mr A Thomson.

In attendance: Mrs V Gifford (Clerk), Cllr Mrs J Haynes (County Councillor), Cllr F Horsington (District Councillor), and two members of the public.

Public Discussion Period

The following matters were discussed:

- Lawrence Weston, the Ranger at Thorncombe Woods, updated the meeting on the Hardys Birthplace Project developed by Dorset County Council and the National Trust. Last year a consultation took place and a proposal submitted for Lottery funding to protect the heritage of Hardy landscape. The proposal included redevelopment of the ranger base, including a room for educational visits, toilets. Round 1 of the bid was successful, with £40,000 being granted for development of the project. Lawrence advised that there would be Partnership meetings with him as the Project Officer. The Parish Council requested that a member of the parish council be included in the meetings to enable input from the outset. Lawrence gave an update on work taking place within Thorncombe Woods which included continuation with clearance of the roman road, removal of cherry laurel, restoration of the heathland at the top of the site and grazing, linked with Duddle Heath would start at the end of February/March. Work was continuing with students from KMC and scout groups. It was hoped to develop the volunteer team and support them with training. It was agreed to hold a Parish Council Walk on **Monday 11th April**, and invite parishioners, to see the work that was ongoing within the woods. It would start at 4.30pm at the Ranger Station.
- A member of the public voiced reservations on the planning application for Hardys Cottage. The Parish council had not received the application but would take the comments on board when discussing the issue.

85 Declarations of Interest

85.1 No Declarations of Interest were received.

86 Apologies for absence

86.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs C Davison and Cllr D Ruston.

87 Minutes of previous meeting

87.1 It was **resolved** that the following minutes of Parish Council Meetings were a true record and signed by the Chairman:

- Parish Council Meeting 8th November 2010
- Planning Meeting 6th December 2010.

88 Matters arising from the above minutes

- 88.1 Item 70.1 – Allocation of Section 106 monies – Cllr Horsington advised the council to contact Maria Clarke or Jonathan Smith at West Dorset District Council.
- 88.2 Item 74.1 – The Clerk advised that the Race for Life organisers were keeping to the original route.
- 88.3 Item 78 – Cllr Haynes advised that there Dorset County Council had no budget or staffing to repair/replace fingerposts, and many Parish Councils were carrying out the work themselves.

89 Speaker – Mr Andrew Brown, Dorset County Council – Consultation on B3143 improvements.

- 89.1 Mr Brown gave details of the Local Transport Improvements to the B3143 with regard to the Rural Roads Protocol. This included better organisation of road signs, de-cluttering, clearing vegetation, improving markings to make visibility better. The Parish Council suggested other signage that was needed and Mr Brown noted these and advised he would be meeting the consultants within the next week to enable work to commence.

90 Planning Matters

- 90.1 Planning Consultation: 1/D/10/002054 Frome Whitfield Farm – Construct roof between agricultural buildings (Full) – It was **resolved** that the meeting **SUPPORTED** this application.
- 90.2 It was agreed that when the planning consultation was received for Hardys Cottage, an additional meeting would be held.

91 Finance

- 91.1 There were no matters of expenditure to approve.

92 Footpaths and Cycleways

- 92.1 The Clerk was requested to contact Mr Adam Bows to find out the current situation regarding the Cycle Strategy.

93 Traffic Management and Road Safety

- 93.1 Cllr Haynes advised that she was unhappy with the tone of the response from Dorset County Council regarding the rural roads within the parish and was arranging a meeting to discuss the matter further.
- 93.2 It was agreed to hold this item until the next meeting to enable the responses to be looked at in more detail.

94 Winter Maintenance

- 94.1 The grounds staff of Kingston Maurward College were thanked for clearing the road of snow fronting the sheltered housing at Knapwater. The College was also thanked for allowing the gate at the Old Manor to be open for parishioners to access the town safely through the college grounds. It was agreed to write a formal letter of thanks to the Chair of the Governors.
- 94.2 Full discussions took place with Cllr Haynes regarding the lack of gritting on the rural roads during the bad weather. It was agreed that communication needed to be improved.
- 94.3 It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council would hold a meeting with the Principal of the College to develop partnership working during bad weather. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Armstrong would attend the meeting.

95 Comprehensive Spending Review

- 95.1 **Dorset County Council** – Cllr Haynes advised that the County Council had received their budget settlement figure at the beginning of December which made them £1.6 million worse off than originally anticipated. They had saved £39 million over 3 years, had found further savings of £27 million but now had to find another £6.7 million. A budget working group was to be held on 5th January which would report to Cabinet on 2nd February. Legally DCC had to have a balanced budget.
- 95.2 **West Dorset District Council** – Cllr Horsington advised that WDDC had received a worse than expected cut, but had made savings over the last few years with the Westway Partnership and

Waste Partnership. The tender for the new WDDC offices had come in at £1 million below budget. No council tax rise for 2010/11 and no frontline cuts.

95.3 **Kingston Maurward College** – in the absence of Cllr Davison no matters were reported.

96 Clerks Items

96.1 The Clerk advised that Parish Council elections would be held on Thursday 5th May. Nomination packs would be circulated when received.

97 DCC Matters

97.1 No further matters were discussed

98 WDDC Matters

98.1 Cllr Horsington reported the following:

- Cerne Abbas Parish Council was a pilot for the new planning system along with Sherborne Town Council.
- The refuse collectors had been stopped working during the bad weather as it was unsafe for them to work.

99 Correspondence

99.1 No matters were discussed

100 Follow up Issues

100.1 Write to WDDC to find out the current situation regarding paintballing at Greys Wood, as the organisers were still advertising.

100.2 Black Bottom drainage had worked well but the channels were now silted up – contact the Forestry Commission to advise.

101 Other information for report only

101.1 No matters were discussed

102 Any Items for next meeting on 14th March 2011

102.1 Traffic Management and Road Safety

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman.....

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