

# Stinsford Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011, at 8.00pm in the Old Library, Kingston Maurward College

**Present:** Mr D Ruston (Vice-Chairman), Mr G Armstrong, Mr M Clarke, Mrs C Davison, Mr H Grenville-Jones and Mr D Pain

**In attendance:** Mrs V Gifford (Clerk), Cllr S East (District Councillor) and 2 members of public.

### Public Discussion Period

No matters were raised:

### 01 Appointment of Chairman

01-1 In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr David Ruston Vice-Chairman, opened the meeting and requested nominations for the appointment of the Chairman. Cllr George Armstrong was proposed and as there were no other nominations Cllr George Armstrong was elected unanimously as Chairman of the Parish Council. The Acceptance of Office of Chairman was signed.

### 02 Co-option of Councillor

02.1 It was **resolved** that Mr David Ruston be co-opted to the Parish Council, and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed

### 03 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

03.1 Cllr David Ruston was proposed and as there were no other nominations Cllr David Ruston was elected unanimously as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

### 04 Declarations of Interest

04.1 Cllrs Clarke and Davison declared a personal interest in any matters relating to Kingston Maurward College.

### 05 Apologies for absence

05.1 The absence of Cllr P Pollard was **approved**, due to illness

### 06 Minutes of previous Meetings

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

- Full Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011
- Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011
- Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011

### 07 Matters arising from above minutes

07.1 The following matters were discussed:

- A draft letter was **agreed** relating to the Olympic Route Network and agreed that it would be sent to the Highways Agency and Dorset County Council.

- The absence of the Higher Bockhampton on the new finger post at Bockhampton Cross would be reported to DCC.

## **08 Accounts for 2010/11**

- 08.1 Copies of the draft final accounts were circulated to all councillors. It was **resolved** that Sections 1 and 2 of Annual Return be approved.
- 08.2 Mr Michael Clarke, Internal Auditor, was thanked for his work. It was noted that a new Internal Auditor would have to be appointed for the future as Mr Clarke was now a councillor therefore not independent.

## **09 Finance**

- 09.1 The following items of expenditure were **resolved**:
- £262.50 to Came and Company for a annual insurance premium
  - £75.00 to Charminster PCC for donation towards 'The Pilot' Newsletter

## **10 Planning Matters**

- 10.1 There were no planning applications to consult on.

## **11 Traffic Management and Road Safety**

- 11.1 It was noted that since roadworks had been completed at Stinsford Roundabout there had been a reduction in traffic using Lower Bockhampton.
- 11.2 It was agreed to contact the Highways Agency regarding planting on the roundabout, re-visiting box markings on the roundabout and the obstruction to vision by the red triangle sign at the end of Church Lane.
- 11.3 the Clerk was requested to contact Higher Kingston Farm to establish a completion date for their new play centre and access road, so that signage to Higher Kingston can be followed up.

## **12 Comprehensive Spending Review**

- 12.1 Dorset County Council – within the County Councillors Report during the Parish Meeting.
- 12.2 West Dorset District Council – within the District Councillors Report during the Parish Meeting.
- 12.3 Kingston Maurward College – Cllr Davison reported that the situation was challenging for the foreseeable future. A replacement scheme for the EMA was still awaited and the effect on the College.

## **13 Community Resilience Plan**

- 13.1 It was **resolved** not to complete a Community Resilience Plan at the present time. Further information was necessary regarding the principal authorities plans in the event of an emergency. However it was agreed that the College would be the focus for any emergency within the parish.

## **14 Clerks Items**

- 14.1 The attendance of Cllr Michael Clarke at the forthcoming New Councillors Seminar was **agreed**.

## **15 Correspondence**

- 15.1 There were no actions from any correspondence received not on the Agenda.

## **16 Follow-up issues**

- 16.1 There were no follow up issues.

## **17 Other Information for report only**

17.1 Cllr Pain informed the meeting that there were still problems with horses using the River Path and not taking due consideration of other users.

**18 Any items for next Agenda**

18.1 It was agreed to consider any action regarding 17.1.

18.2 The National Trust be invited to give a presentation of their work in the area.

**19 Date of next meeting**

19.1 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 7pm in the Old Library

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

**Chairman.....Date.....**