

# Stinsford Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011, at 7.00pm in the Old Library, Kingston Maurward College

**Present:** Mr M Clarke, Mrs C Davison, Mr H Grenville-Jones, Mr D Pain, Mrs P Pollard and Mr D Ruston

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

### Public Discussion Period

No matters were raised:

### 20 Appointment of Chairman

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

### 21 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

21.1 Cllr George Armstrong was proposed and as there were no other nominations was elected unanimously as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

### 22 Declarations of Interest

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

### 23 Apologies for absence

23.1 The absence of Cllr G Armstrong was **approved**.

### 24 Minutes of previous Meetings

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

- Annual Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011
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### 25 Matters arising from above minutes

25.1 The following matters were discussed:

- To request accounts from the Village Hall Trust.

### 26 Finance

26.1 The following items of expenditure were **resolved**:

- £61.00 for Membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks
- £82.21 for membership of Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils
- £50.00 + £10.00 VAT to BDO Stoy Hayward for Audit Fee
- £20.00 to Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils for training seminar.

## **27 Annual Audit**

- 27.1 It was **resolved** to approve and accept the Annual Return completed by BDO Stoy Hayward for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

## **28 Planning Matters**

- 28.1 Planning Consultation: 1/D/11/000857 – Hardys Cottage, Higher Bockhampton – Install underground fire tank – The Council resolved to **SUPPORT** this application. It was also agreed to contact the National Trust to request that if necessary the tank be used for residents in Higher Bockhampton as well.
- 28.2 Planning Consultation: 1/D/11/000985 – Egdon Cottage, Higher Bockhampton – Garage on existing hard standing - The Council resolved to **SUPPORT** this application.
- 28.3 Planning Consultation: 1/D/11/001023 – 3 Higher Bockhampton – Side extension – The Council resolved to **SUPPORT** this application, but supported the case officers comments on the previous application regarding fenestration.
- 28.4 **Section 106 agreements and related monies** – Mr Tony Hurley, Community Support Team Leader at West Dorset District Council attended the meeting to explain how Section 106 agreements and their associated obligations were agreed. There was a new approach to enable communities to have the benefit of larger sums to carry out work. An audit of facilities would be carried out and councils could then apply for grants which would be put forward to a panel from the Dorset Area Partnerships for assessment of the projects.

## **29 WDDC Parish Development Survey**

- 29.1 It was agreed to show interest in all points on the form, for further consideration when there was more information from WDDC.

## **30 Traffic Management/Road Safety/ORN**

- 30.1 It was agreed to leave a response to DCC on Traffic Management until a later date when re-organisation within DCC was complete.
- 30.2 It was agreed to highlight the response from the Highways Agency on the Olympic Route Network on the parish website.

## **31 Thomas Hardy Steering Group**

- 31.1 It was agreed that when an invite was received for the next meeting of the Steering Group the Clerk would request the Terms of Reference and minutes of the last meeting to give more information. The date of the meeting would be circulated to all members to establish who was available to attend.

## **32 Footpaths and Cyclepaths**

- 32.1 It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the Section Lead for Equine at Kingston Maurward College to highlight the problems with horses using the River Path and how the problem could be resolved.
- 32.2 It was noted that funding was available for cyclepaths and the Clerk was requested to write to DCC to establish further information.

## **33 Comprehensive Spending Review**

- 33.1 Dorset County Council – Cllr Haynes explained that DCC had completed a lot of work to agree a budget, however a further £6 million of savings had to be found. Considerable reviews were being carried out in Highways, Childrens Services who were reducing managers by grouping into 6 areas for the 0 – 19 age groups and Outdoor Education. Cllr Haynes was involved in teh review for Adult Services in collaboration with the NHS. A consultation on Day Care Services would be carried out and the process would be challenging. In the future DCC would have many changes and work differently and there would be one strong decision making process rather than picking at the problem. There was no time for lengthy debate due to time restraints in setting the future budget.
- The work of Parish Maintenance Units was being reviewed to make them more effective.

The division of Business Rates for DCC/WDDC was being reviewed but no detail at the present time.

33.2 West Dorset District Council – Cllr East made the following points:

The managers for the WDDC/Weymouth and Portland partnership had been appointed, with possibly 10-20 redundancies across the two authorities. The permanent Park and Ride was on hold over difficulties with the preferred site. The bus from the Weymouth Park and Ride was currently being monitored to see how it worked before any decisions were made. There would be 5 temporary Park and Ride sites for the Olympics, one being Kingston Maurward College.

The pilot Neighbourhood Plan at Cerne Abbas was progressing.

Three members of the public had questioned the value for money of the new council offices, therefore KPMG would be carrying out an external audit into procurement, decision making, information supplied, consultation and communication. Wollaston Fields Car Park had been changed to short term parking during the works.

33.3 Kingston Maurward College – Cllr Davison explained that future budgets would be shrinking which would make things difficult. The College now understood that the areas for Adult Funding had been changed, moving the College within Solent, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

**34 Clerks Items**

34.1 It was **AGREED** to change the email address of the parish council to link to the website, to save the hosting fee for the .gov address.

**35 Correspondence**

35.1 The inspection report for the Lower Bockhampton Play Area had been circulated previously. It was noted that Cllr Armstrong had agreed to carry out some work that was necessary and Cllr Clarke agreed to help. It was agreed to establish a price for a sign to make it clear that the play area was only suitable for under 14's.

**36 Follow-up issues**

36.1 It was agreed to follow up the following issues:

- Request clarification of the Greys Wood Article IV.
- To request clarification from DAPTC on the each councillor having to be register under Data Protection.

**37 Other Information for report only**

37.1 There was no further information to report.

**38 Any items for next Agenda**

38.1 National Trust

**39 Date of next meeting**

39.1 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011, 7pm in the Old Library

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm

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