

Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 14th November 2011, at 7.00pm in the Old Library, Kingston Maurward College

Present: Mr D Ruston (Chairman), Mr M Clarke, Mr H Grenville-Jones and Mrs P Pollard

In attendance: Mrs V Gifford (Clerk), District Councillors S East and A Chisholm, and 2 members of public.

Public Discussion Period

A moment of reflection was held in memory of Cllr David Pain to acknowledge his 26 year contribution to the Parish Council.

No other matters were raised.

60 Declarations of Interest

60.1 There were no declarations of interest.

61 Apologies for absence

61.1 The absence of Cllrs G Armstrong and C Davison were **approved**. County Councillor J Haynes also apologised for her absence.

62 Minutes of previous Meetings

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

- Parish Council meeting held on 12th September 2011
- Parish Council Meeting held on 17th October 2011

63 Matters arising from the above minutes

63.1 The Clerk reported that at that time there was no decision on the Park and Ride Planning application.

63.2 The Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged with Dorset Community Action to discuss funding for the Community Hall Project but had had to be postponed due to illness. It was agreed to keep this as a standing item on future Agendas.

63.3 Cllr Grenville-Jones reported that the regulations regarding septic tanks had been postponed by the Environment Agency.

64 SPEAKER - Mr Lawrence Weston, Ranger, Thorncombe Woods

64.1 Mr Weston updated the meeting on plans for the Ranger Base at Thorncombe Woods. The following matters were noted:

- A proposal had been submitted for a Hardy Cycle Route to promote the Hardy link, and reduce car travel. The plan was circulated and members were informed that discussions were taking place with Kingston Maurward College to provide alternative parking and the cycle hire. Most of the route was on existing rights of way, and way-marking would be kept to a minimum. The scheme would be implemented as soon as the go ahead was received, working with the Parish Council and the community. Concerns were raised regarding 'swarms' of cycles using the bridlepath past Hardys Cottage, which could be intrusive. Mr Weston alleviated fears advising that the project was to promote the whole site not just the cottage and effective management would be critical. The route past

the cottage was not included on the plan as the stop would be the Visitor Centre. All routes including the River Path would be monitored, and all advertising of the route would be low key to make it easier to monitor and change if necessary. The Parish Council supported the project and Mr Weston would continue with costing the way-marking signage.

- Mr Weston unveiled provisional plans for the Ranger base. It was agreed that this was an exciting project and support was given.

65 Planning Matters

- 65.1 Planning Consultation: 1/D/11/001729 – Greenwood Grange, Higher Bockhampton – Extend swimming pool building (Full) – It was agreed to give members further opportunity to consider this application and would be circulated to members.
- 65.2 Planning Consultation: 1/D/11/001745 – Greenwood Grange, Higher Bockhampton – Extend time limit for implementation of P.P. 1/D/08/002189 to erect single storey extension to Abbotsea Holiday Cottage (Full) - The Council resolved to **SUPPORT** this application.
- 65.3 Planning Consultation: 1/D/11/001766 – Egdon Cottage, Higher Bockhampton – Replacement garage (Full) - The Council resolved to **SUPPORT** this application.

66 Finance

- 66.1 The following items of expenditure were **resolved**:
- £30.00 DAPTC – Training (Clerks Seminar)
- 66.2 It was **resolved** that the draft budget be **approved**, subject to adding further ring-fenced sums for Neighbourhood Plan, Winter Maintenance and Community Hall.
- 66.3 It was **resolved** that a precept of £5,000 be set for 2012/13.

67 Village Hall Trust

- 67.1 The Village Hall Trust Report was **accepted**.

68 Reports

- 68.1 **WDDC New Local Plan Consultation Event** – Cllr Clarke had attended this event and gave an update to the meeting.
- 68.2 **Thomas Hardy Steering Group** – Cllrs Clarke and Grenville-Jones had attended the last meeting of this group, and it was agreed that they should continue to attend these meetings as the group had requested consistency. The Parish Council was pleased to be involved in these meetings to promote a balanced view.
- 68.3 **Superfast Broadband** – Cllr Grenville- Jones had attended an update on this matter and reported that Parish Councils could not legally contribute to the scheme at the present time. It was agreed to write to WDDC to support the scheme, but to request the 10% 'hard to reach' areas be included from the outset.

69 Neighbourhood Plan

- 69.1 It was **agreed to support** Neighbourhood Planning and to complete a plan for the parish in due course when regulations were confirmed.

70 Winter Maintenance

- 70.1 It was **noted** that there was a lack of confidence in the DCC Winter Maintenance Plan. It was agreed to invite an officer to the next meeting.
- 70.2 The Clerk reported that two dumpy bags of grit had been requested from DCC. One to be stored at Hampton Business Park, Higher Bockhampton, and the other at Kingston Maurward College to assist the College with gritting the parish roads.
- 70.3 A request had been received from DAPTC on the Parish Councils stance on grit bins. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not supply grit bins as it was a County Council responsibility, and due to the rural nature of the parish.

71 Traffic Management and Road Safety

- 71.1 It was agreed that Mr Phil Hardy Bishop of the Highways Agency should be invited to a future meeting once the Olympic Traffic Management Plan was known, as it was felt that promises regarding traffic signage had been unfulfilled.

72 Footpaths and Cyclepaths

- 72.1 It was agreed to request an update from Dorset County Council on the Cycleway Plan.

73 Diamond Jubilee

- 73.1 The Clerk reported that grants were available from WDDC to hold events in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee. It was agreed to look into the possibility of holding an event on College land.

74 Clerks Items

- 74.1 The Clerk informed the meeting that WDDC had been informed of the Parish Council vacancy. Statutory Notices had been placed on notice boards to request whether an election was to be called. Members would be updated at the next meeting.

75 DCC Matters, inc Comprehensive Spending Review

- 75.1 Cllr Haynes had sent a written report in her absence, to update the meeting.

76 WDDC Matters, inc Comprehensive Spending Review

- 76.1 Cllr East reported the following:

- The partnership between WDDC and Weymouth and Portland was going ahead with appointments now being made to the fourth tier of officers.
- New Local Plan - The trial of Neighbourhood Planning was being carried out by Cerne Valley Parish Council and they had agreed to help with any queries. Local planning stream groups were now meeting to take matters forward. There would be transitional arrangements between plans.

- 76.2 Cllr Chisholm reported the following:

- Cllr Chisholm reported that he had been elected on his views of the new WDDC council office building. He advised that now the building was well into development an opportunity existed to enhance the Assizes Court within the current building, and WDDC was considering this as a visitor attraction.
- Stratton House had originally been accommodation and it was hoped that it would return to residential housing in due course.
- Information for the draft Local Plan was currently being collected and there would then be a full consultation.
- Cllr Chisholm informed the meeting that he would be holding drop in sessions for parishioners to raise any concerns.

77 Kingston Maurward College Matters, inc Comprehensive Spending Review

- 77.1 No update was received due to the absence of Cllr Davison.

78 Correspondence

- 78.1 There were no matters discussed.

79 Follow up issues

- 79.1 The Clerk informed the meeting that Fields in Trust were a subsidiary part of the National Playing Fields Association, not a separate body.

80 Other information for report only

- 80.1 It was noted that the College were now using double decker buses, and the drivers should be encouraged to drive carefully with the narrowness and fragility of the road verges.

81 Any items for next Agenda and dates for 2012 meetings

81.1 An officer from DCC be invited to the next meeting to discuss the Winter Maintenance Plan.

81.2 The following dates were agreed for 2012 meetings:

- Full meetings: 9th January, 12th March, 14th may (Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting), 9th July, 17th September and 12th November
- Planning meetings (if necessary): 13th February, 9th April, 11th June, 13th August, 8th October and 10th December.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chairman.....Date.....