

# Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 23 August 2021 at 7.00pm in The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College

**Present:** Mr Michael Clarke (Chairman), Mr George Armstrong, Ms Sue Escott, Mrs Julie Martin and Mrs Sarah Pattison

**Also in attendance:** Ms Sally Cooke (Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) and Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk)

## 66. Apologies for Absence

66.1 No apologies for absence were received.

## 67. Declarations of Interest

67.1 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interest.

## 68. Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan

68.1 The Parish Council considered the final version of the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan, recommended by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for submission to Dorset Council. This incorporated amendments made in response to the Regulation 14 consultation process held earlier in the year.

A number of amendments were proposed to specific sections of the document (set out in the Appendix to these minutes).

It was **resolved** that these amendments be made to the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan and this be presented to the next meeting for approval to be given for its submission to Dorset Council.

The Parish Council expressed their gratitude to the Steering Group and, in particular, Ms Sally Cooke and Ms Jo Witherden for the amount of work in preparing the Plan document.

## 69. Date of next meeting

69.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 6 September 2021.

The meeting concluded at 8:30pm.

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

## Appendix – Amendments to be made to the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan

**Para 3.9** – Insert a reference to National Character Areas (as per the comment from Natural England) unless there are strong reasons not to, e.g. if it would weaken our policy position.

*(Reason - to make clear that Waterston Ridge is part of the same landscape that further north is deemed worthy of AONB status.)*

**Para 5.6** – Add: This total is slightly more than the number expressed in early consultations with local residents as set out in 5.4 above. There were no alternative sites promoted through the Local Planning Authority's latest call for sites that were assessed as being potentially suitable for development.

**Para 5.8** – Amend to read: Whilst the need for a masterplan for the future development and expansion of Kingston Maurward College within the college estate is proposed in the new Dorset Council Local Plan, this will not come into effect until such time as the Local Plan and masterplan have been adopted (so most likely mid to late 2023 at the earliest). It is therefore important that the Parish Council continue to liaise and work with the College to help shape their proposals, to ensure that the aspirations of the College and the community are aligned. It is possible for this Neighbourhood Plan to support elements of the emerging KMC masterplan that would have community support, where it could help these to come forward in advance of the Local Plan. However any such policies would still need to be in general conformity with the adopted Local Plan. The following policy has therefore been drafted, that would potentially enable one or more sites for affordable housing to be considered (with some open market) subject to certain criteria. This is similar to the Local Plan policy for rural affordable housing exception sites, but more tailored to the issues pertinent to the parish and the issues raised through the community consultation. The sites put forward in the draft KMC masterplan have not been tested in terms of the environmental impacts or necessarily have the full support of the community. Therefore, whilst the principle of broadening the affordable housing policies to enable some open market housing is proposed, this should not be misconstrued as endorsing the specific sites in the masterplan or providing evidence for an 'enabling element' to fund the ongoing maintenance of the wider College estate, both of which would need further detail and consultation (the outcomes of which could be incorporated into a future review of this plan). As a statutory consultee, the Parish Council will scrutinise and respond to individual planning applications as they come forward.

**Project P4** – Amend to read: The Parish Council will continue to engage and liaise with Kingston Maurward College and Dorset Council in the development of a masterplan to secure the long term future of the College., enabling it to remain a viable and vital part of the Stinsford Parish in which it sits, and including the potential provision of open market and affordable housing to meet local needs.

**Project P7** – Amend to read: The Parish Council will work with local landowners and the Highways Authority and take account of the views of local residents to bring forward the cycle route improvements identified in Table 9 as funding and resources permit.

**Policy SNP7** - Amend to read: Development should preserve the significance of the many non-designated heritage assets and associations with Thomas Hardy (see Appendices 3-4 and Figure 5) and other designated and non-designated heritage assets, taking into account the balanced judgement required under national policy. Proposals which enhance or would lead to a better appreciation of these assets will be looked on favourably.

**Figure 5** – Add Fiddler’s Green to map

**Appendix 3** – Add reference to Fiddler’s Green