

Stinsford Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 13 February 2017 at 7.00pm in The Old Library,
Kingston Maurward College**

Present: Mr Chris Hext (In the Chair), Mr Michael Clarke and Dr A Stillman

Also in attendance: Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk)

19. Election of Chairman

19.1 In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr Chris Hext was elected Chairman for the meeting.

20. Apologies for Absence

20.1 An apology for absence was received from Mr George Armstrong, Mr Will Molland, Mr Richard Wheal, Cllr Mrs Jill Haynes (Dorset County Councillor) and Cllr Patrick Cooke (West Dorset District Councillor).

21. Declarations of Interest

21.1 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

22. West Dorset District Council Matters

22.1 In the absence of Cllr Cooke, the Chairman moved to the next item.

23. Public Participation Time

23.1 No members of the public were present.

24. Minutes

24.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of meeting held on 9 January 2017 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

24.2 Further to minute 8.2, the Parish Council noted that the planning application for the development of HM Prison Dorchester would be considered by West Dorset District Council's Planning Committee on Thursday 16 February 2017. It was **resolved** that Dr Stillman represent the Parish Council at this meeting.

25. Workplace Pension Scheme

25.1 The Parish Council considered whether it should participate in the Local Government Pension Scheme in order to comply with its legal duties in relation to workplace pensions and automatic enrolment. The Clerk outlined these duties and provided the Council with details of the proposed Scheme.

25.2 It was **resolved** that:

- (i) the Parish Council participate in the Local Government Pension Scheme on behalf of the Clerk, the required notice of this intention having been displayed on the parish notice boards; and
- (ii) participation in the Scheme commence on 1 March 2017.

26. Planning Matters

26.1 WD/D/16/002623 – Greenwood, Access to Hardy's Cottage, Higher Bockhampton, DT2 8QJ – Erect conservatory (Full)

It was **resolved** to SUPPORT this application.

- 26.2 WD/D/17/000024 – The Cottage, Bockhampton Lane, Lower Bockhampton, DT2 8Z – Rethatch roof (Listed Building Consent)

It was **resolved** to SUPPORT this application, subject to the use of a similar material to the thatch on neighbouring properties.

- 26.3 WD/D/17/000109 – Land at junction with Slyers Lane, Cokers Farm Road, Cokers Frome, DT2 7SD – Change of use of land to form a site for travelling showpeople, comprising seven plots for mixed residential and storage use with a new vehicular access and associated hard and soft landscaping (Full)

It was **resolved** to OBJECT to this application as there was a lack of information contained within the documents in relation to the size and types of the residential units for which permission was sought. Additionally, concerns were expressed that:-

- (i) Slyer's Lane and the lanes off of it are not suitable for the movement of large vehicles; and
- (ii) the storage of fuel and petrochemical products on the site could result in pollution of the aquifer below the site which is the main source of Dorchester's water supply and there is no mention of the control of such products to prevent this.

Whilst acknowledging the reasons for the applicants wishing to vacate their existing site at St George's Road, Dorchester, the Parish Council did not consider that the information provided was sufficient to make the case for the development of the proposed site off of Slyer's Lane. The Parish Council were, therefore, unable to support this.

- 26.4 WD/D/16/002761 - Home and Away Cattery, Frome Whitfield Farm, Frome Whitfield Farm Access Road Frome Whitfield, DT2 7RY – Removal of 6 cattery pens and erect extension to new reception and staff facility building for use as cat welfare room, plus minor amendment of existing plans with insertion of French doors to the building granted permission (WD/D/15/002822) (Full)

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council's SUPPORT for this application be confirmed.

27. Neighbourhood Planning

- 27.1 Dr Stillman reported that he, the Chairman and the Clerk had attended the meeting of Charminster Parish Council on 7 February 2017 at which a presentation had been given by Ms Hilary Jordan, Corporate Manager – Community and Policy Development, Dorset Councils Partnership about the review of the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan. She had explained that the allocation of additional homes to serve Dorchester was a major aspect of the review, as recommended by the Planning Inspector when the current Plan was examined. Due to the various constraints in place, it was most likely that development would take place north of Dorchester, in the parishes of Charminster and Stinsford.

- 27.2 One of the questions asked following the presentation was about the status of neighbourhood plans in the context of this review. Ms Jordan had indicated that the Local Plan could override any extant or emerging neighbourhood plans, as it was necessary for all realistic options for development to be considered in order to meet the housing allocations numbers. The Parish Council therefore queried whether there was any advantage in progressing a neighbourhood plan for Stinsford. As the formal application for the designation of the neighbourhood area had not yet been submitted to West Dorset District Council, it was **resolved** that further clarification should be

sought about the status of neighbourhood plans in the context of the review of the Local Plan.

Action by: Clerk

27.3 It was noted that the first stage of the review of the Local Plan, the issues and options consultation, had commenced and this would be included on the agenda for the next meeting to allow for the Parish Council to consider its corporate response.

27.4 The Clerk also reported that a planning consultancy working on behalf of the Ilchester Estate and Persimmon Homes wished to meet with the Parish Council to engage with them on very early proposals in relation to land north of Dorchester. They had been invited to attend the scheduled meetings in February and March but had indicated that they were unable to do so, requesting that a separate meeting be arranged in the week commencing 28 February. The Parish Council **resolved** that it was not appropriate to arrange a separate meeting specifically for this.

28. Lower Bockhampton Play Area Maintenance

28.1 It was noted that Mr Armstrong was progressing the work plan to address the maintenance and to date one contractor had visited the site, with a view to making an estimate for the work.

29. Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre

29.1 The Parish Council considered the proposal from the Area Manager – West and North, Dorset Coast and Countryside, that the surface of the first 60m of the bridleway be more permanently repaired using tarmac. Whilst a more permanent surface was welcomed given the poor state of repair of the surface, concerns were expressed that the use of tarmac would encourage a greater number of visitors to drive down the bridleway, rather than turning into the car park, and that the more permanent surface would impact upon the rural streetscene. It was resolved that Mr Hext would seek the views of the Chairman as a resident of Higher Bockhampton before a response was sent.

Action by: Mr Hext

29.2 The charging policy for the use of the car park was also discussed. It was noted that, with effect from 2018, members of the National Trust would be able to use the QR code on their membership cards to entitle them to park.

30. Superfast Broadband

30.1 The Parish Council noted the updates received from the Superfast Broadband team and BT in response to the letters sent since the last meeting. It was confirmed that Higher Bockhampton remained in the programme for 2017 but it was not yet known when this would be progressed.

31. Road Safety and Traffic Management

31.1 Further to the discussion at the last meeting, the Clerk reported that the thresholds set out in the County Council's petition scheme were:

(i) a petition supported by 50 – 1,000 signatures would be considered by a panel of County Councillors; and

(ii) a petition supported by over 1,000 signatures would be debated at a meeting of the full Council.

31.2 Consequently, the Clerk had contacted the Health and Safety Adviser at Kingston Maurward College to ascertain whether the College would be willing to support a petition seeking a speed restriction on the road near the entrances to the College campus and the Studio School, as it would be necessary to seek a large proportion of

the signatures from staff and students. She reported that the Principal, Mr Luke Rake, had responded to say that he did not feel that a petition was the most appropriate way forward but would prefer a strong approach to local councillors and MPs jointly by the College, the Studio School and the Parish Council.

31.3 The Parish Council resolved to support this approach.

Action by: Clerk to inform Mr Rake and discuss the drafting of a letter to local councillors and MPs.

31.4 The Clerk also reported the receipt of a message from the Community Highways Team Leader, Dorset Highways, in response to the Parish Council's request for a width restriction on Bockhampton Bridge. Whilst it was not felt appropriate to install any form of physical barrier on or adjacent to the bridge, it was proposed that a carriageway 'lining' on the bridge and either side would give the impression of narrowing and encourage slower, more cautious driving. Similar approaches had been taken elsewhere in Dorset with some success. An order had been raised for this 'lining' and it was hoped that it would be in place shortly.

32. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Draft Waste Plan

32.1 No current matters were raised.

33. Correspondence

33.1 The Clerk reported the receipt of an offer from Mr Rake to attend a future meeting to discuss the College's plans for a refreshed heritage and strategic plan. It was **resolved** that he be invited to attend the next meeting.

Action by: Clerk

34. Items for future Agenda

34.1 No further items were raised for inclusion in future agenda.

35. Date of next meeting

35.1 It was **noted** that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 13 March 2017.

The meeting concluded at 9:00pm.

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