

# Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 December 2017 at 7.00pm in  
The Whatmoor Room, Kingston Maurward College

**Present:** Mr Chris Hext (Chairman), Mr George Armstrong, Mr Michael Clarke, Dr Andy Stillman, Mr Richard Wheal and Mr Paul Wills.

**Also in attendance:** Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk)

## **189. Apologies for Absence**

189.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mr Will Molland and Cllr Mrs Jill Haynes (Dorset County Councillor).

## **190. Declarations of Interest**

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

## **191. Co-option**

191.1 It was **resolved** that Mr Paul Wills be co-opted to fill the current casual vacancy on the Parish Council for the period to the next elections to the Parish Council in May 2019. Mr Wills signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

## **192. Dorset County Council Matters**

192.1 In the absence of Cllr Mrs Haynes the Parish Council noted her report submitted by email, which referred to the ongoing work in relation to local government reorganisation and the ongoing pressures on the budgets for both Children's Services and Adult Social Care.

192.2 The Parish Council noted the email received from the County Council's Chief Executive encouraging town and parish councils to submit expressions of support for local government reorganisation to the Secretary of State. It was **resolved** to not submit any views.

## **193. West Dorset District Council Matters**

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

## **194. Public Participation Time**

194.1 In the absence of any members of the public, the Chairman moved to the next item.

## **195. Minutes**

195.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2017 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

195.2 Further to minute 179.1, it was noted that the Certificate of Lawfulness had been issued for one caravan and two sheds for the land adjacent to Homesclose, Stinsford.

195.3 Further to minute 180.5, the Parish Council noted that the applications for rural exception site affordable dwellings at Bhompston Farm had been refused by West Dorset District Council.

## **196. Finance**

Expenditure

It was **resolved** to further defer a decision on the following item of expenditure, pending liaison with the College:

- Kingston Maurward College – room hire for 19 October 2017 - £144.00.

### **197. Neighbourhood Plan for Stinsford**

197.1 The Parish Council considered the arrangements for a public meeting to launch the neighbourhood plan process, encourage engagement and provide an interactive opportunity for local residents and stakeholders to input into the shape of the neighbourhood plan. Whilst it had been agreed at the last meeting that this be held in January, it was decided to postpone this until February to allow for adequate time to publicise this widely.

197.2 It was **resolved** that:

(i) a public meeting to launch the development of a neighbourhood plan and to seek initial engagement from local residents and stakeholders be held on 19 February 2018; and

(ii) a flyer be distributed within the parish explaining what a neighbourhood plan, why the Parish Council believe it would be an advantage to have one in place, the process for developing a plan and the need for input from residents and stakeholders.

*Action by: Mr Wheal*

### **198. Consultation – Draft Dorset Waste Plan**

198.1 The Parish Council considered whether to respond to the consultation on the Pre-Submission Dorset Waste Plan. It was noted that the land at Stinsford Hill was not listed as an allocated waste site within the Plan. The proposals to address waste management requirements in the Dorchester area were to improve the household recycling centre at Loudsmill and develop a waste transfer site and vehicle depot at the Old Radio Station on the A35. It was therefore **resolved** to not respond to the consultation.

### **199. Proposed installation of a community defibrillator**

199.1 The Parish Council revisited its previous decision to pursue the use of the adopted Lower Bockhampton telephone kiosk to house a community defibrillator, in view of the likely cost of purchasing a unit being in the region of £1,400 – 2,200 plus installation. It was suggested that Higher Bockhampton might be a better location for a defibrillator due to the number of visitors to Hardy's Birthplace and Thorncombe Woods and the likelihood of staff or volunteers with first aid training being present.

199.2 It was therefore **resolved** to not progress the purchase of a defibrillator for installation in Lower Bockhampton at this time but to raise the issue with Dorset County Council and the National Trust at the next liaison meeting to ascertain whether they would be willing to support the installation of a unit in Higher Bockhampton and contribute to the cost of this.

### **200. Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre**

200.1 Dr Stillman reported that the next liaison meeting would be held on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 3:00pm in the Visitor Centre. It was hoped that this would provide an opportunity to review activities undertaken during 2017 and for initial consultation on the Rangers' early work plan for 2018. An agenda for the meeting would be circulated to all members of the Parish Council.

200.2 He added that a representative of the National Trust had agreed to attend on this occasion but had requested sight of the terms of reference. As formal terms of reference had not been agreed, Dr Stillman would raise this with those attending the meeting.

200.3 The Chairman drew attention to the concerns expressed by a resident of Higher Bockhampton about the National Trust holding entertainment events in the Visitor Centre. Dr Stillman undertook to raise this at the meeting.

**201. Superfast Broadband**

201.1 It was noted that there had been considerable activity by Openreach in Higher Bockhampton. However, there had been a lack of broadband in Lower Bockhampton for three days during the previous week.

**202. Road Safety and Traffic Management**

202.1 The Parish Council noted that new rails had been added to the bridge and that a 'children in road' sign had been erected near to the entrance to the Dorset Studio School.

202.2 It was also noted that the carriageway markings around the Stinsford Hill roundabout were very faded, further exacerbating the issues with the incorrect use of the lanes by traffic on the A35. It was resolved to raise this with Highways England and request that arrows be added to improve clarity and therefore safety.

*Action by: Clerk*

**203. Correspondence**

203.1 The Parish Council noted that the application submitted by In Situ Concrete Ltd for a permit for activities on its site at the entrance to Birkin House had been withdrawn. However, there was uncertainty as to the implications of this for the current activities on the site. It was resolved to seek clarification from the Environmental Health Officer.

*Action by: Clerk*

203.2 The Parish Council noted the current consultation being undertaken by South Western Railways in relation to proposals to change the timetable for trains running between Weymouth and London Waterloo. Concerns were expressed that some areas would lose their direct route to London and that the changes signalled a further loss of public transport provision for smaller parishes, such as Moreton. It was **resolved** to submit a response to the consultation expressing these concerns.

*Action by: Clerk*

**204. Items for future Agenda**

204.1 No further items were identified for future agenda.

**205. Date of next meeting**

205.1 It was noted that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 8 January 2018.

The meeting concluded at 8:28pm.

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