

# Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 March 2018 at 7.00pm in  
The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College

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

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

## 30. Apologies for Absence

30.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mr Paul Wills and Cllr Mrs Jill Haynes (Dorset County Councillor).

## 31. Declarations of Interest

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

## 32. Dorset County Council Matters

32.1 The Parish Council noted the reason for Cllr Mrs Haynes being unable to attend the meeting and the Chairman moved to the next item on the agenda.

## 33. West Dorset District Council Matters

33.1 In the absence of Cllr Cooke, the Chairman moved to the next item on the agenda.

## 34. Public Participation Time

34.1 There were no members of the public present.

## 35. Minutes

35.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2018 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

## 36. Planning Matters

36.1 WD/D/18/000226 – Pump Cottage, Bockhampton Lane, Lower Bockhampton, Dorchester DT2 8PZ – Internal and external alterations; install external oil tank; extend width of access drive; replace rear extension roof with slate roof (Full) and  
WD/D/18/000227 - Pump Cottage, Bockhampton Lane, Lower Bockhampton, Dorchester DT2 8PZ – Internal and external alterations; install external oil tank; extend width of access drive; replace rear extension roof with slate roof (listed Building Consent)

It was **resolved** to SUPPORT these applications.

36.2 WD/D/18/3034 – Lidl, The Grove, Dorchester DT1 1XU – Demolish existing building. New Lidl foodstore (Class A1) with highway improvement scheme, associated vehicular access, parking, servicing provisions and landscaping. Relocation of operational parking for Lodgers servicing/garage to land north of Hangman's Cottage (Variation to condition 18 of planning permission ref 1/D/10/000674 regarding delivery hours)(Variation of condition) – Adjoining parish consultation

It was noted that this application sought a variation to the condition regarding delivery hours and it was **resolved** to SUPPORT this.

### **37. Neighbourhood Plan for Stinsford**

37.1 The Parish Council reviewed the outcomes of the public meeting held on 5 March 2018 to launch the Neighbourhood Plan for Stinsford. This had been attended by approximately 30 local residents and business owners and had resulted in the formation of four key theme groups:-

- (i) Transport and Housing;
- (ii) Environment and Heritage;
- (iii) Facilities and Identity; and
- (iv) Employment.

37.2 It was noted that there was potential for overlap between identity and heritage and that these groups may need to consider this once they completed their initial scoping.

37.3 The overarching structure was discussed. It was noted that there needed to be dialogue between the groups whilst the parish council would maintain oversight of the process. It was agreed that some sort of newsletter was needed to provide an update to both participants and local residents. The need for a common structure and/or template was also discussed, although some concern was expressed that this might constrain the groups. It was also suggested that there be an agreed timescale for the groups to work to.

37.4 It was **resolved** that the Parish Council revisit these aspects at a future meeting, once each of the groups had met.

### **38. Local Plan Review**

38.1 The Chairman reiterated the feedback that he had provided at the Neighbourhood Plan launch meeting about the meeting that he and Dr Stillman had attended with representatives of Dorchester Town Council and Charminster Parish Council on the Local Plan Review and, specifically, the North Dorchester Consortium proposals. Whilst all three councils would prefer not to see significant amounts of housing development north of the town, it was agreed that if this was to arise out of the current Local Plan Review, there was a need for a masterplan and a proper road.

38.2 Grave concerns had been expressed about the provision of sufficient infrastructure and the need for this to be agreed in advance of any planning permissions. The Chairman reported that he had written to the Town Council following the meeting to reiterate his concerns about limited access to any new development.

### **39. Local Government Reorganisation – Devolution of Services**

39.1 The Parish Council considered its corporate response to the email survey issued by West Dorset District Council to determine levels of interest of parish and town councils in participating in the operation and funding of locally important assets and services, such as public conveniences, tourist information and discretionary grants. It was noted that limited information was provided to support the survey, particularly in relation to discretionary grants.

39.2 It was **resolved** that a response be submitted by the Parish Council indicating that it was not currently interested in participating in the operation or funding of assets and services and stating that this exercise should be undertaken concurrently across both district and county tiers of local government with a clear list provided of both statutory and discretionary functions.

#### **40. Bad Weather Planning/Community Resilience**

40.1 Mr Armstrong reported that during the recent snow and ice, Kingston Maurward College had unlocked the back gate and gritted the road to Knapwater. However, as the College had been closed for the duration of the severe weather, the road through the campus had not been treated. Neither had the access from Bockhampton Lane to Knapwater, which had left vulnerable people in need of care isolated. Concern was expressed that Dorset County Council and Magna Housing had not taken responsibility to intervene to ensure that this did not happen.

40.2 Whilst the assistance from the College was appreciated, it was acknowledged that this was based on goodwill and there was a need for a more robust bad weather plan to be put in place to ensure that vulnerable residents could receive the care that they needed. It was suggested that Dorset County Council be asked if anyone within the parish participated in the community snowplough initiative.

*Action by: Clerk*

40.3 The Parish Council also discussed the impact of the recent severe weather on public transport networks and expressed their concern at the lack of resilience displayed by the major rail and coach operators.

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

41.1 The Parish Council noted the receipt of the 2018-22 Dorset Countryside management plan for Thorncombe Woods, Black Heath and the Visitor Centre and expressed some concern that the objectives to both enhance and maintain were contradictory. It was reiterated that the Parish Council and local residents should be involved in the shaping of future management plans through the Liaison Group.

41.2 The Parish Council considered the deterioration of the surface of the bridleway at Higher Bockhampton beyond the area previously tarmaced by the Visitor Centre. Mr Wheel explained that the erosion was worst where the tarmac abutted the gravel surface and ever deeper potholes were forming. The situation was exacerbated by the additional vehicle movements along the lane.

41.3 It was resolved to raise the issue with the Community Highways Officer (Dorchester Area), Dorset Highways and request that a 'shut' be installed.

*Action by: Chairman*

#### **42. Superfast Broadband**

42.1 Mr Molland reported that South West Internet had indicated that it was expected that fibre to premises would be available in Lower Bockhampton by July 2019.

#### **43. Road Safety and Traffic Management**

43.1 No matters were raised under this item.

#### **44. Correspondence**

44.1 The Clerk reported that the maintenance of the parish noticeboards had now been completed and the invoice for the works received. The following item of expenditure was therefore **resolved**:

- Mr P Boyesen - £175.00

#### **45. Items for future Agenda**

45.1 (i) Review of rights of way in the parish  
(ii) Lower Bockhampton Play Area

**46. Date of next meeting**

46.1 It was noted that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 9 April 2018.

The meeting concluded at 8:50pm.

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