

Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 March 2019 at 7.00pm in
The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College

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

Also in attendance: Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk) and 3 members of the public (Mr Theo Hawkins, Mr Michael Jones and Mr Rouse)

30. Apologies for Absence

30.1 An apology for absence was received from County Councillor Mrs Jill Haynes..

31. Declarations of Interest

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

32. Dorset County Council Matters

32.1 In the absence of Cllr Mrs Haynes, the Chairman moved to the next item.

33. West Dorset District Council Matters

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

34. Public Participation Time

34.1 Mr Michael Jones raised the poor state of the passing places along the length of Cuckoo Lane from Hampton Farm Business Park to Bockhampton Cross, particularly the deepening ruts, and the potential for damage to vehicles. It was **resolved** to report this to Dorset Highways but the Parish Council encouraged anyone with concerns to also do so.

34.2 Mr Theo Hawkins raised the availability of broadband in Lower Bockhampton. He had been told that works to bring fibre to the premises (FTTP) were planned for 2018/19 and asked if the Parish Council were aware of any firm dates, as he had been unable to access a BID UK grant for alternative provision. The Chairman responded that he had been informed that fibre would be installed in July 2019 but this was not definite. It was noted that a fibre cable had recently been installed in Newcombe Lane but it was likely to be at least two months before this was connected. It was **resolved** to seek an update from Superfast Broadband.

34.3 Mr Jones also asked about the Kingston Maurward College Masterplan, as the proposed relocation of the dairy would impact upon his business interests at Hampton Farm Business Park. The Parish Council explained that the Masterplan was a work in progress and a draft of this could be viewed on the Parish Council's website.

35. Minutes

35.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record, subject to the amendment of minute 24.3 to read "Dr Stillman reported that he had spoken to representatives of AECOM...".

36. Finance

36.1 Expenditure

The following items of expenditure were **resolved**:

- Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd – professional planning support for development of Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan for period September 2018 – March 2019 (February 2019 invoice) - £456.20
- Ms sally Cooke – reimbursement for payment for Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan website hosting plan with Weebly (2 years) - £129.00
- Mr Chris Mervik – reimbursement for printing of Neighbourhood Plan leaflets - £31.54
- Normtec (RDB) – repair and refurbishment of Higher Bockhampton fingerpost - £353.50

37. Planning Matters

(a) WD/D/2019/000202 – Pump Cottage, Bockhampton Lane, Lower Bockhampton, DT2 8PZ – Proposed two storey extension, alteration to rear single storey extension and repairs

(b) WD/D/2019/000203 - Pump Cottage, Bockhampton Lane, Lower Bockhampton, DT2 8PZ – Internal and external alterations

The Parish Council were informed that local residents had expressed some concern about the relocation of the pump itself as this was within the curtilage of a Grade II Listed Building.

Mr Rouse, owner of Pump Cottage, explained that the pump itself was not listed as a particular item within the information about the Listed Building status on the Historic England website. He informed the Parish Council that the pump had not been used for over 40 years and the well was dry when it was last inspected. He explained that the relocation of the pump and the stone sink to a site in front of the cottage would ensure that this was could still be viewed from the road whilst improving visibility onto the road from the driveway. It was proposed to install park fencing at the front of the building and a suggestion was made that a gap in this would ensure that the pump was visible to the public.

It was noted that the District Council’s Conservation Officer was still in discussion with the architect but it was considered that the quality of the house was not impacted by the relocation of the pump.

It was **resolved** to make no objection to these applications.

38. Neighbourhood Plan for Stinsford

38.1 The Parish Council noted progress on the development of the Neighbourhood Plan by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Particular attention was drawn to the new website which was being rapidly populated with information. Information about the Neighbourhood Plan had also been included in The Pilot.

38.2 It was noted that there had been some difficulty in confirming the number of houses which should be allocated within the Plan, as the housing requirement from within the parish itself was small. However, surveys over the summer would identify the actual level of need from within the parish itself. Consideration was also being given to including a policy within the Plan to ensure that new properties were to be used as primary homes only.

39. Cold Weather Plan

39.1 Mr Armstrong explained that the Parish Council originally had a detailed cold weather plan held by and developed in conjunction with Kingston Maurward College, which

included the importance for access to Knapwater by carers. It was previously agreed that in the event of snow and ice, the College would clear a route through the campus but this had not been instigated during the recent snow due to the early closure of the College itself.

- 39.2 It was **resolved** to approach the College's Estate Manager about reviewing and updating the plan in advance of winter 2019. It was noted that both Magna Housing and Tricuro should be asked to contribute to this to ensure that it would enable continuity of care to the residents of Knapwater.
- 39.3 The Clerk reported the response received from the Community Highways Officer about the possibility of having a grit bin installed in the Church Lane / Newcombe Lane area. It was suggested that the Officer meet with a representative of the Parish Council to discuss where this could be located and then she could seek a price for purchase and installation. She could then score it to see if it was considered to be a Community or Strategic bin. If it was a Community salt bin, Dorset County Council would fill it once a year and any further top-ups would be the responsibility of the Parish Council. Dr Stillman agreed to arrange to meet with the Officer.
- 39.4 It was noted that the slope down to the Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre was dangerous in snow and ice and it was **resolved** to raise this with the Countryside Rangers to ascertain their responsibilities in relation to this.

40. Road Safety and Traffic Management

- 40.1 The Parish Council noted that the refurbished white fingerpost at Higher Bockhampton was now in situ. The contractor had asked whether the Parish Council wished to have a plastic cap added to this to complete the job or whether a metal cap was required. It was **resolved** to request that a plastic cap be installed but prices for the triangular metal cap and roundel be sought.
- 40.2 The Clerk reported that a response had been received to the request for a reduced quote for the refurbishment of the Bockhampton Cross fingerpost. This suggested that use of volunteer time could reduce the cost based on a revised total of approximately £4 letter to cover costs of materials, consumables and other expenses. This would save at least £250.
- 40.3 Following discussion of this response, the Parish Council **resolved** to seek to undertake this work itself to reduce the cost to the parish.
- 40.4 The Clerk also reported that confirmation had been received from Dorset Highways that the white fingerposts should be added to the Parish Council's asset register. It was also suggested that this should also be reported to the Parish Council's insurers.

41. Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre

- 41.1 Mr Wheal reported that the new temporary buildings for use by the Rangers and volunteers had arrived earlier in the day but there had been problems in moving these from the transportation onto the site.

42. Correspondence

- 42.1 The Parish Council noted correspondence received from a resident of Higher Bockhampton in relation to the need for refurbishment of the noticeboard there. It was acknowledged that further refurbishment was also required on the noticeboard at Frome Whitfield and that the one on Church Lane was difficult to open following the recent wet weather. It was **resolved** to identify alternative providers of noticeboards and seek quotes for refurbishment or replacement.

43. Items for next/future Agenda

43.1 No specific items were identified.

44. Date of next meeting

44.1 It was noted that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 8 April 2019.

The meeting concluded at 8:15pm.

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