

# Stinsford Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 5 September 2016 at 7.00pm in The Old Library,  
Kingston Maurward College**

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

**Also in attendance:** Mr Dugald Lockhart (Superfast Dorset Team), Mr Grant Munn (BT Openreach), Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk) and 1 member of the public (Mr Hugh Grenville-Jones).

## **113. Superfast Broadband**

113.1 The Chairman welcomed Mr Lockhart (Superfast Dorset Team) and Mr Munn (BT Openreach) to the meeting. He noted that it had recently been announced that both Higher and Lower Bockhampton had been added to the expansion of the roll-out plans for 2017.

113.2 Mr Lockhart and Mr Munn explained that:

- (i) it was only Higher Bockhampton properties with a DT2 8QJ postcode and a handful of properties with a peripheral Lower Bockhampton postcode, not the majority of the settlement, which had been added to the programme for delivery in 2017;
- (ii) no formal planning and survey work had been undertaken to date but the Parish Council would be provided with more information as the plans were progressed;
- (iii) the settlement of Lower Bockhampton would come within the scope for procurement for the next delivery tranche for completion in 2017/18 and the outcome of this would be known in January 2017;
- (iv) to enable provision to Stinsford, the installation of extended range cards was viewed as the only option but would not be included within the first roll-out of this technology by BT Openreach;
- (v) the only alternative for properties within the Lower Bockhampton postcode of DT2 8PZ, pending the outcome of the next procurement process, was for residents to pursue a community initiative with BT but no indication of costings could be provided until an expression of interest was submitted by the local community; and
- (vi) there remained no plans nationally or within Dorset to reach 100% coverage of properties.

113.3 Members of the Parish Council expressed their concerns that there was a lack of transparency in the procurement process and the factors which resulted in the inclusion of specific settlements within this. They also expressed their frustration that Lower Bockhampton had been included within the most recent list of settlements to which superfast broadband would be rolled out and yet this was inaccurate. This was particularly frustrating as there had been previous indications on the dorsetforyou.com website that this would be the case.

113.4 In relation to the Dorset Studio School, Mr Munn undertook to look at the implications of including provision alongside any wider provision to Lower Bockhampton and assess whether any indications of cost for a community initiative could be provided.

113.5 The Chairman thanked Mr Lockhart and Mr Munn for attending the meeting and for their assistance to date.

113.6 The Parish Council noted that Oliver Letwin MP had offered to meet representatives on the subject of superfast broadband on Friday 30 September at 4.00pm. It was agreed that there was merit in sharing the latest position and concerns with him and requesting his intervention on specific aspects.

It was **resolved** that:

- (i) the Chairman, Mr Armstrong and Dr Stillman attend the meeting with Oliver Letwin MP to represent the Parish Council; and
- (ii) depending on the outcome of this meeting, the Parish Council consider whether to write to the Leader of the County Council expressing its ongoing dissatisfaction at the omission of Lower Bockhampton from the extended programme and the inaccurate information provided to the public by the Superfast Dorset team.

*Action by: Clerk to confirm attendance at meeting with Oliver Letwin MP.*

#### **114. Apologies for Absence**

114.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Jill Haynes (Dorset County Councillor) and Cllr Patrick Cooke (West Dorset District Councillor).

#### **115. Declarations of Interest**

115.1 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

#### **116. Dorset County Council Matters**

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

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

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

#### **118. Public Participation Time**

118.1 No further issues were raised under this item.

#### **119. Minutes**

119.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of meeting held on 8 August 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record, subject to the correction of the attendance list and apologies for absence to reflect that Mr Will Molland was present at the meeting and Mr Chris Hext had given his apologies and was, therefore, not present.

119.2 Further to minute 106, the Parish Council noted that Mr Hext would attend the consultation workshop about Local Government Reorganisation, arranged by the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils, which would be held on 8 September. He undertook to circulate his feedback by email.

119.3 Further to minute 110.1, Dr Stillman drew attention to the fact that the planning application for housing on the former HM prison site in Dorchester had been refused by the District Council's Planning Committee. However, he considered that the reasons given for refusal were not sufficiently robust to deter a further application being submitted in the future. The Parish Council agreed that it was appropriate to consider and comment upon any future applications.

#### **120. Planning Matter**

WD/D/16/00264 – Louds Mill, St Georges Road, Dorchester – Demolish existing GCS Agricentre Unit and adjoining Lawnmower Sales and replace with new GCS Agricentre and Country Store Unit. Relocate Lawnmower Sales to existing Country Store Unit (Full) – Adjoining Parish Consultation

It was **resolved** to SUPPORT this application but request that the District Council consider the following points in particular when determining the application:

- (i) concerns about the accuracy of the flood report and;
- (ii) the statements made about the road access to the site, in view of the fact that St George's Road is due to be closed to through traffic and access to this site would be via Lubbecke Way.

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

121.1 No current matters were raised pending a response to the email sent to the County Council's Coast and Countryside Service Manager.

#### **122. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Draft Waste Plan**

122.1 No current matters were raised.

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

123.1 The Parish Council expressed their concern about the frequent tailbacks on Stinsford Hill and on the eastbound A35 caused by the volume and speed of the traffic crossing the roundabout and filtering into a single lane. This was now occurring several times a day, not just at peak commuting times. It was **resolved** to write to Highways England to complain about the situation and request that the lanes and markings be changed to improve the flow of traffic and signage be improved to alert drivers to the need to reduce their speed and be aware of likely queues.

*Action by: Clerk*

#### **124. Correspondence**

124.1 Dr Stillman raised the issue of the location of the nearest fire hydrants for use by the Fire and Rescue Service in the event of a fire in Church Lane and Newcombe Lane, Stinsford. It was understood that the nearest hydrant was located at Stinsford Hill, which was a considerable distance from the Stinsford settlement. It was resolved to write to Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue to seek guidance about the availability of water supplies in the event of an emergency.

*Action by: Clerk*

#### **125. Items for future Agenda**

125.1 The Clerk reported that she would include the Local Government Reorganisation consultation on the next agenda.

#### **126. Date of next meeting**

126.1 It was **noted** that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 10 October 2016.

The meeting concluded at 8:45pm.

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