

# Stinsford Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 10 October 2016 at 7.00pm in The Old Library,  
Kingston Maurward College**

**Present:** Mr George Armstrong (Vice-Chairman – in the Chair), Mr Chris Hext, Mr Will Molland and Dr A Stillman

**Also in attendance:** Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk) and 1 member of the public (Mr Adam Sultan-Petty).

## **127. Apologies for Absence**

127.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mr Michael Clarke, Mr Richard Wheal and Cllr Mrs Jill Haynes (Dorset County Councillor).

## **128. Declarations of Interest**

128.1 Mr Molland declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as the applicant for treeworks application WD/CA/16/00313 and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

## **129. Dorset County Council Matters**

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

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

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

## **131. Public Participation Time**

131.1 Mr Sultan-Petty provided the Parish Council with an overview of his proposals for his newly acquired property in Maurward Close, which was within the Conservation Area. Councillors wished him well with his proposals.

## **132. Minutes**

132.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of meeting held on 8 August 2016 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

132.2 Further to minute 123.1, the Clerk reported the receipt of an email from Steve Hellier, Asset Manager - Somerset and Dorset, Highways England in response to the Parish Council's concerns about the frequent tailbacks on Stinsford Hill and on the eastbound A35 and request for improved signage and markings.  
*Action by: Clerk to circulate.*

132.3 Further to minute 124.1, the Clerk reported that she had spoken with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue's Risk and Resilience Manager about the availability of water supplies in the event of an emergency. He explained that all appliances carried large tanks of water, that tankers of water were on standby at all times and that, if necessary, a hose could be run from the nearest hydrant for a distance of up to 2km. He had added that the Fire and Rescue Service had a standard requirement for the availability of hydrants for new building developments but for established areas, there was confidence that sufficient water supplies could be accessed. It was **resolved** that this information should be made available on the Parish Council's website.  
*Action by: Clerk to update website.*

### 133. Finance

#### 133.1 Expenditure

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

- HMRC (PAYE) (Quarter 2 2016/17) - £38.20
- Clerk's salary (Quarter 2 2016/17) - £484.82

#### 133.2 Accounts

The Parish Council received a mid-year update on the accounts.

### 134. Annual Audit 2015/16

134.1 The Parish Council **resolved** to receive the report of the External Auditor, BDO LLP, following their together with the issues arising report of the annual audit return for the financial year ended 31 March 2016. It was noted that no issues had been raised by the External Auditor and the Clerk was thanked for her work in completing the audit.

### 135. Planning Matters

135.1 WD/CA/16/00313 – Lower Bockhampton Farm, Bockhampton Lane, Lower Bockhampton – Treeworks: T1: Weeping Willow – reduce crown by 30%, remove bough protruding north over lane and neighbour's car parking area and T2: Norway Spruce – Fell  
*(Mr Molland withdrew during the consideration of this application by reason of being the applicant.)*

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

135.2 WD/D/16/001757 – Field east of Grey's Bridge, south of London Road, Dorchester – Relocate entrance

It was **resolved** to SUPPORT this application but to request that consideration be given to the consequent changes to the detection system for the traffic signals at Grey's Bridge being made without the cost falling upon the taxpayer.

135.3 WD/D/16/001985 – Birkin House, Stinsford – Form new entrance drive and access to public lane (Full)  
and  
WD/D/16/001986 – Birkin House, Stinsford – form new entrance drive and access to public lane (Listed Building Consent)

As limited documents relating to these applications were available on West Dorset District Council's planning portal, it was **resolved** to request an extension to allow for consideration of these to be deferred to the next meeting.

135.4 WD/CA/16/00345 – Bockton, Bockhampton Lane, Lower Bockhampton – Treeworks: 1 No. Pittsoporum – reduce to 2.5m in height and width. Shape to manageable size

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

### 136. Annual Inspection of Lower Bockhampton Play Area

136.1 The Parish Council received the report of the annual inspection of the Lower Bockhampton Play Area. It was noted that the overall assessment was of low risk but that a number of recommendations had been made to address the findings where maintenance was necessary to ensure that the level of risk did not increase. It was acknowledged that the equipment was reaching an age when it would need greater

maintenance and eventual replacement but that reserves had been set aside for this purpose. It was therefore **resolved** that:

- (i) Mr Armstrong and Mr Molland would outline a plan of work to be undertaken so that quotes could be sought; and
- (ii) clarification be sought about the inspection requirements set out in the Parish Council's insurance policy.

*Action by: Clerk to seek clarification about insurance; Mr Armstrong and Mr Molland to develop plan of work.*

### **137. Superfast Broadband**

137.1 Mr Armstrong reported that he, the Chairman and Dr Stillman had met with Sir Oliver Letwin MP the previous week. They had outlined the issues which had not yet been addressed by the Superfast Dorset Team or BT Openreach and Sir Oliver had undertaken to seek clarification for moving forward.

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

138.1 No current matters were raised pending a response to the email sent to the County Council's Coast and Countryside Service Manager, which was still awaited. It was noted that there had been no update on the planning application for the extension of the car park and the Clerk was asked to ascertain the latest position.

*Action by: Clerk*

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

139.1 No current matters were raised.

### **140. Consultation – Reshaping Your Councils**

140.1 The Parish Council considered its response to the current consultation on proposals for local government reorganisation across Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole. Mr Hext provided feedback from the consultation workshop he had attended as the Parish Council's representative. He explained that many of those present had expressed a preference for a single pan-Dorset unitary authority but this was not an option included within the consultation. Of the three options set out in the consultation for two unitary authorities, the preference had been for 2c (small conurbation and larger wider Dorset area).

140.2 It was **resolved** that a submission should be made stating that the wrong questions were being asked to inform the effective reorganisation of local government and that the proposed models for two unitary authorities were incompatible with viable, efficient local government for the rural areas of Dorset.

*Action by: Clerk to submit response.*

### **141. Correspondence**

141.1 No matters were raised.

### **142. Items for future Agenda**

142.1 It was resolved to add the following items on the agenda for the next meeting:-

- Development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Stinsford
- Succession planning for chairmanship

### **143. Date of next meeting**

143.1 It was **noted** that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 14 November 2016.

The meeting concluded at 8:25pm.

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