

Stinsford Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors
held on Monday 8 May 2017 at 7.00pm in The Old Library,
Kingston Maurward College**

Present: Mr Richard Wheal (Chairman of Parish Council – in the Chair), five other members of Stinsford Parish Council and eight members of the public

Also in attendance: Cllr Patrick Cooke (West Dorset District Councillor) and Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk)

1. Welcome

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Wheal, welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Jill Haynes (Dorset County Councillor).

3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman presented his report for the year 2016/17.

4. Report from County Councillor

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

5. Report from District Councillor

Cllr Patrick Cooke reported the following:-

- (i) the deadline for registering to vote for the forthcoming UK parliamentary elections was Monday 22 May 2017;
- (ii) the Shire Hall redevelopment was on target to open in Spring 2018 but there was an opportunity to undertake a 'hard hat tour' in advance and anyone wishing to do so could register their interest on the website; and
- (iii) the Dorset Councils' Partnership had issued a progress report on its planning performance; he provided the Parish Council with a copy.

6. Report of the Village Hall Trust

Mr George Armstrong provided the report of the Village Hall Trust. He reminded those present that funds could be used for any communal project to enhance leisure within the parish and welcomed any proposals for the usage of these funds. There had been a small increase in the value of the charity bond shares over the past year, with an income of £39.00. The value of the holdings was now approximately £400.

It was **resolved** that Mr George Armstrong, Mrs Pat Cosgrove and Miss Kirsty Riglar be appointed as Trustees.

7. Public Discussion Period

No items were raised by members of the public.

NB The meeting was adjourned pending the arrival of the Principal of Kingston Maurward College and reconvened upon his arrival.

8. Kingston Maurward College – Refreshed Strategic and Heritage Plan

The Principal of the College, Mr Luke Rake, provided an update on the plans for a refreshed Strategic and Heritage Plan. He acknowledged that the College was a fundamental part of the local landscape and the heritage of the local area was very important. As such, he considered that it was very important to work in partnership with the local community and understand the possible implications of any development. In the short term, a strategy to open up the estate had begun. In the longer term, the heritage value of the estate and the subsequent planning restrictions were being investigated. He explained that it, in his opinion, the College needed to be run as both a country estate and an educational institution.

Mr Rake explained that the College was part of an area review of the further education offer within Dorset. As the only land-based college for 60 miles, the outcome of the review had reiterated the view of the Trustees that the College should remain independent and autonomous. There was, therefore, a need to look at what could be done and what was viable to ensure the College’s future but also what projects would also benefit local businesses and the wider economy of the area.

Mr Rake also outlined his involvement in the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership as Chairman of the Rural Enterprise Group and as a member of the Board. He was also involved in working with other counties in the South West through the Rural Productivity Commission. These roles increased the presence of the College in the wider economic context both within Dorset and the South West region.

In response to questions about the Dorset Studio School, Mr Rake explained that the facility provided education for students who were perhaps not best served by mainstream schools, that the College and the Studio School were working with the Parish Council to improve the volume and speed of traffic around the campus and undertook to speak to colleagues at the Studio School about concerns raised in respect of light pollution.

The Chairman of the Parish Council thanked Mr Rake for his update.

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