

Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 January 2022
at 6.30pm at Kingston Maurward College

Present: Mr Michael Clarke (Chairman), Ms Liz Crocker (Vice-Chairman), Mr George Armstrong, Ms Susan Escott and Ms Sarah Jane Pattison

Also in attendance: Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 No apologies for absence were received.

2. Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interest.

3. Resignation

- 3.1 The Parish Council formally noted the resignation of Mrs Julie Martin as a member and the publication of the notice of vacancy.
- 3.2 The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Mrs Martin for her contribution since her co-option.

4. Minutes

- 4.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record, subject to the following amendments:

Minute 96.1 – deletion of the words “...which is likely to make the proposed dwelling uninsurable”.

Minute 103.3 - to read “It was **resolved** to arrange a meeting with Dorset Police and Highways England about the impact of diversions off the trunk road on the rural areas through the parish.”

5. Finance

Expenditure

- 5.1 The following payment approved under Delegated Powers following consultation with the Parish Council was noted:
Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd – Neighbourhood Plan consultancy support
(November 2021) - £732.54
- 5.2 The following items of expenditure were **resolved**:
- Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd – Neighbourhood Plan consultancy support
(December 2021) - £732.54
 - HMRC (PAYE) (Quarter 3 2021/22) – £120.00
 - Clerk’s salary (Quarter 3 2021/22) + expenses + operational expenses for
2021/22 - £798.89

5.3 **Budget and Precept**

The Parish Council considered a report by the Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, setting out a proposed draft budget for 2022/23 and recommending a precept of £5,500. This was the same as for the current year and equated to a Council Tax charge of £37.90 for a Band D property. In the current year this was £39.40 due to the slightly smaller taxbase.

It was **resolved** that:

- (i) the proposed draft budget estimates for 2022/23 be approved; and
- (ii) a precept of £5,500 for 2022/23 be approved.

6. Lower Bockhampton Play Area – Annual Inspection

6.1 The Parish Council considered the annual inspection report for 2021. It was noted that whilst this identified mainly low or very low risks but moderate risks were identified in relation to the swings and the overall risk rating was 'moderate'.

6.2 It was noted that the maintenance plan developed following consideration of the 2020 inspection report, which addressed many of the latest findings, had not been progressed. Mr Armstrong undertook to devise a revised maintenance plan in order to approach the usual contractor.

6.3 Consequently, it was **resolved** that:

- (i) the annual inspection report be received; and
- (ii) a maintenance plan be developed to respond to the recommendations; and
- (iii) a quote be sought from the usual contractor for the identified maintenance.

6.4 Mr Armstrong reminded the Parish Council that previous consideration had been given to re-pointing the boundary wall but due to the specialist nature of the mortar this was likely to be very expensive. He would therefore investigate alternatives and report back in due course.

7. Planning Matter

P/LBC/2021/05575 – Mohuns Little Bridge, Burton Road, Dorchester – To carry out repairs to Mohuns Little Bridge

It was **resolved** to support this application.

The meeting concluded at 6:45pm.

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