

Stinsford Parish Council

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

Present: Mr Will Molland (Chairman), Mr George Armstrong, and Dr Andy Stillman

Also in attendance: Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk), Mr Luke Rake (Principal – Kingston Maurward College) and 1 member of the public (Mr Hugh Grenville-Jones)

15. Apologies for Absence

15.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mr Michael Clarke, Mr Richard Wheal, County Councillor Mrs Jill Haynes and District Councillor Patrick Cooke.

16. Declarations of Interest

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

17. Dorset County Council Matters

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

18. West Dorset District Council Matters

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

19. Kingston Maurward College Matters

19.1 The Principal of the College provided the Parish Council with an update on current matters. His report is attached as the Appendix to these minutes.

19.2 In relation to the Masterplan for the Kingston Maurward Estate, Mr Rake thanked the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for their feedback. This would shortly be presented to the Governors for approval. He reiterated that the Masterplan was not a presumption to planning but a direction of travel and vision for the Estate for the next ten years. Individual applications would still need to be determined through the normal planning process. He confirmed that dialogue with residents would be continued as plans progressed.

19.3 The Parish Council noted that a close relationship between the Neighbourhood Plan and the Masterplan would advantage both the College and local residents. Mr Rake acknowledged this but reminded the Parish Council that the achievement of the proposals in the Masterplan was contingent on securing capital funding.

19.4 It was acknowledged that the proposed re-location of the dairy to Higher Bockhampton was the aspect of the Masterplan which concerned residents most and that any engagement and communication in relation to this would be an advantage. Mr Rake acknowledged this but explained that at the present time the Masterplan was intended to detail the aspirations for the Estate rather than provide detailed plans.

19.5 In relation to forthcoming events at the College, Mr Rake reported that Race for Life would not be hosted there in 2019. However, the 'music by the lake' concerts would be reinstated in June. The College was managing these events themselves, in conjunction with Weldmar, which would enable them to mitigate the risk. Mr Rake was informed of the issues that had occurred in relation to noise nuisance and traffic problems when such concerts were held in the past. He assured the Parish Council that all relevant environmental health guidelines would be followed and that, whilst

some noise was inevitable, every effort would be made to minimise this. He also confirmed that the management of traffic would be a major consideration in the planning of the events.

19.6 The Parish Council thanked Mr Rake for his comprehensive update.

20. Public Participation Time

20.1 Mr Grenville-Jones addressed the Parish Council in relation to the application of transfers to the letterbox at Higher Bockhampton by Royal Mail as part of a national Valentine's Day initiative. His concern was that the local sorting office had been unaware of this and that there had been a delay of 24 hours in the collection of mail which was in the box. He suggested that Royal Mail be requested to ensure the box was empty if such decoration was applied in the future.

21. Minutes

21.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

22. Finance

22.1 Expenditure

The following item of expenditure was **resolved**:

- Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd – professional planning support for development of Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan for period September 2018 – March 2019 (January 2019 invoice) - £456.20

22.2 Income

The Chairman confirmed receipt of an award of £150 from Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club and White Star running in recognition of the Parish Council's support to the 2018 Dorchester Marathon.

23. Planning Matters

WD/D/2018/002912 - Land known as Waterston Farm, Slyers Lane, Waterston - Erection of grain store (Adjoining parish consultation)

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

24. Neighbourhood Plan for Stinsford

24.1 The Parish Council considered the revised vision and aims proposed by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, which set out the overall aim as being 'to safeguard and enhance the parish's outstanding environment and heritage, whilst encouraging appropriate development and acknowledging the demands of climate change'.

24.2 Mr Armstrong reported that it was necessary for a new website to be created for the Neighbourhood Plan. It was proposed that this either be created as pages on the existing stinsford.org.uk website or a new standalone website be created on the Weebly platform, at a cost of £106 per annum. It was considered that a standalone website would be preferable.

24.3 Dr Stillman reported that he had met representatives of AECOM to discuss the services that could be provided for the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. These included development of seven research questions which would then be researched and a housing needs survey, which could include a site assessment in conjunction with the College to identify opportunities for development of affordable housing through a community land trust.

- 24.4 It was **resolved** to:
- (i) support the revised vision and aims of the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan; and
 - (ii) spend £106 per annum for a Weebly website to enable a new neighbourhood planning website to be built.

25. Road Safety and Traffic Management

- 25.1 Mr Armstrong reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had considered a report on traffic issues in the parish, which had been circulated to the Parish Council. It was noted that the case for a systemic approach to setting local speed limits could be stronger given the number of vulnerable users.
- 25.2 The Parish Council were informed that the refurbishment of the white fingerpost at Higher Bockhampton was progressing and it was anticipated that this would be completed by the end of the month. A request for a quote using cheaper letters for the refurbishment of the Bockhampton Cross fingerpost had not yet been progressed.
- 25.3 The Parish Council noted that the damaged chevron signage and street lighting on the Stinsford Hill roundabout had not yet been repaired. It was **resolved** to write to Highways England to request that this be done as a matter of urgency.
- 25.4 Further to the recent cold weather and snow, it was proposed that the installation of a grit bin in Newcombe Land be pursued and the Parish Council's Cold Weather Plan be reviewed.
- 25.5 The Clerk confirmed that a request had been submitted to Dorset Highways to take action to remove the barbed wire fencing along the bridleway at Higher Bockhampton. As this was a right of way, the request had been passed to the Coast and Countryside Service to investigate.

26. Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre

- 26.1 The Parish Council thanked Dr Stillman for circulating the notes of the liaison meeting held on 18 December 2018.

27. Correspondence

- 27.1 The Clerk added that notification had been received that West Dorset District Council's Planning Committee would consider the application for the development of flats on the former Watson Petroleum site at its meeting on 14 February 2019 should anyone wish to speak on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 27.2 Mr Armstrong reported a resident of Lower Bockhampton had approached him in relation to the walnut tree opposite their property, which belonged to the Parish Council. It was **resolved** to prune this tree in the winter.

28. Items for next/future Agenda

- 28.1 Cold Weather Plan

29. Date of next meeting

- 29.1 It was noted that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 11 March 2019.

The meeting concluded at 8:30pm.

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

Kingston Maurward College

Update note for Stinsford Parish Council

Student Numbers

These continue to decline with regard to the number of adults enrolling onto programmes at the College, but our 16-18 numbers have held up pretty well. The former provides an in-year financial challenge which we are already tackling with appropriate prudence. Similarly, the national issues with apprenticeships affect us too, with recent figures showing that nationally just 14% of the Levy money has been spent by large employers, and smaller employers continue to find the new systems a challenge. The whole area is a massive sectoral headache, and we are not immune. The continued freeze since 2010 on funding rates continues to provide further challenges.

On 16-18, we hit the census date less than the demographic decline. The students who have joined have been significantly better in their attitude to learning and this supports my contention that a strong and demanding process of enrolment supports an effective learning culture. Numbers for open mornings are strong, with the most recent being the busiest ever, and with the highest number of applications on the day as well. Applications for 2019 entry are currently up 10%.

Studio School

Prior to Christmas the Headteacher and I had a very encouraging meeting with Andy Reid from DCC who has affirmed his support for the proposals to move to year 7/8 and cease sixth form entry to meet the already approved student numbers – this consultation continues with the Regional Schools Commissioner.

LEP

We have agreed terms on the loan for the Animal Park building which is on good rates and will enable us to maintain capital development alongside sensible cash reserves for day to day operations.

There is no further capital available at this time and what is coming down the track is unknown as Brexit dominates all. We continue to be well positioned, and I am now a frequent LEP board member for senior engagement, for example I was the LEP member on the interview panel for Dorset County Councils new senior appointments. I also represented the LEP with the Careers and Enterprise Company meeting and continue to Chair the SW Food and Drink work stream for the Great SW project.



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Other Events

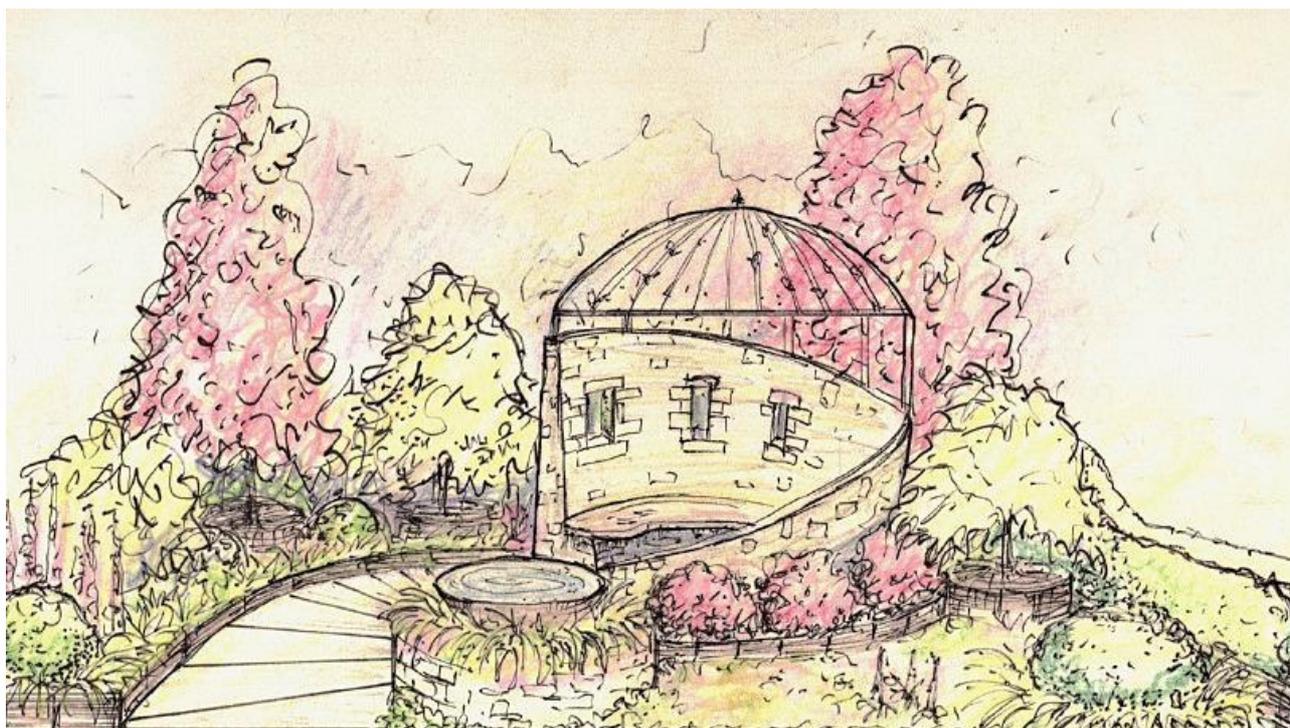
The college has had approval for registration with the Office for Students enabling it to continue with HE provision.

The College has been approved to have its own Cadet Force, with effect from September 2019. This is very pleasing, and involved a significant amount of work. As we will be only the second college in the SW with one of these, and given our recent signing of the Military Covenant and ongoing engagement as a hub for the county's services this promises to be a significant USP in the locality.

We have been involved in a major bid to Innovate UK regarding Biofilms in association with the University of Southampton, Tesco and other partners. This was sadly unsuccessful but has led to more collaboration and this helps raise profile.

The College won the Best Wedding Venue Award at the Annual Dorset Wedding Suppliers Awards.

We have had a garden approved for The RHS Chelsea Flower Show, this is huge news and a significant feather in our cap – a design is shown below:



As part of our “Skills for a Chelsea Garden” programme we are offering Spring garden master classes in the artisan skills we are using to create our Chelsea 2019 garden. Guests can choose from a selection of morning and afternoon sessions to immerse yourself in a day or half day or activity and learn skills that you can put to use in your own garden



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Masterplan

This is in the final stages. We have had extremely helpful feedback from both the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Planning group which will help guide our developments over the next decade. We are now just waiting for a single statutory respondee to give us feedback. This Masterplan with thus shortly will be submitted to the Board for approval as to the broad aims for the College to enable a genuinely suitable 21st century learning estate, and then for incorporation into the local plan.

Major Events

For information – we have the following ‘big’ things lined up this year (more details will come but just in case you wanted to know a good time to be here (or elsewhere!)). I think this covers everything that is likely to impact locals. Usual processes are in place for road closure notifications etc but thought you’d appreciate the forewarning!

- 2/3 March Lambing weekend as usual
- Sun 5th May – Knob Throwing Festival on behalf of Cattistock (day only)
- Sun 19th May – Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Half Marathon (this is being flagged elsewhere already:
<https://justracinguk.com/event/dorchester-half-marathon/> - map here
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/28791933> Will be done in 3 hours.
- Sun 23rd June – our big Open Day
- 2-4th August Music by the Lake returns. In association with Weldmar Hospice; probably the only one which would involve ‘noise’ that might reach neighbours.
<https://www.weld-hospice.org.uk/events/music-by-the-lake-elton-john-abba-tributes/>
<https://www.weld-hospice.org.uk/events/music-by-the-lake-bon-jovi-and-queen/>
<https://www.weld-hospice.org.uk/events/music-by-the-lake-dorset-sinfonia/>

We will have students undertaking National Citizens Service camping on the sports field in August but would be surprised if there’s any noise or issues from that, it’s literally just camping.

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