

Stinsford Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 November 2018 at 7.00pm in
The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College**

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

Also in attendance: Cllr Mrs Jill Haynes (Dorset County Councillor), Mr Luke Rake (Principal – Kingston Maurward College) and Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk).

158. Apologies for Absence

158.1 An apology for absence was received from Mr Richard Wheal.

159. Declarations of Interest

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

160. Dorset County Council Matters

160.1 Cllr Mrs Haynes reported that:

- (i) the County Council had been short-listed for three environmental awards, including for its approach to verge management;
- (ii) positive performance against the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework indicators achieving top position out of 150 councils; and
- (iii) the Shadow Executive Committee had agreed the logo for the new Dorset Council, which had been developed by in-house graphic designers.

160.2 In response to a question, Cllr Mrs Haynes explained that anyone seeking social care underwent two assessments in relation to the payment for this. She explained that anyone with savings of more than £23,500 or who owned their own home and were not living in it would not receive assistance. The cost of care in Dorset was driven by the private market for self-funders and there was a lack of places due to the size of care homes, the difficulty in recruiting staff and the need to comply with the requirements of the Care Quality Commission. There were very few new build care homes in Dorset and the driver for seeking to develop care villages using councils land and funding from social investors in areas such as Bridport and Wareham.

161. West Dorset District Council Matters

161 .1 In the absence of Cllr Cooke, the Chairman moved to the next item.

162. Public Participation Time

162.1 No members of the public had attended for this item.

163. Kingston Maurward College Masterplan

163.1 The Principal of the College, Mr Rake, provided an update on the development of the Masterplan. The draft version 3 would be presented to the Governing Body in December for ratification. He reiterated that the ambition was to gain as much pragmatic profit as possible from the housing sites proposed in the document. He welcomed the views of the Parish Council on the types of housing that it would wish to see developed, noting that a mix of housing would be appropriate to generate sufficient capital to enable the projects outlined in the Masterplan but that this needed to be pragmatic in relation to the need for affordable housing in the area.

163.2 The Parish Council informed Mr Rake of concerns related to access to both the site of proposed housing in Lower Bockhampton and the proposed dairy site near Hampton Farm. Mr Rake acknowledged these and confirmed that the College was willing to look at all options. He also noted concerns in relation to noise and pollution from the proposed business units/workshops and explained that the vision was that these would be aimed at technology or retail businesses.

163.3 The question of the status of the Masterplan within the planning system was raised and whether there was prior acceptance of the proposals contained within the document and therefore bypass the normal process for determination of planning applications. It was also queried whether the adoption of the Masterplan would change the development boundaries of the parish. It was agreed to raise this question with West Dorset District Council.

163.4 The Parish Council considered the draft response to the Masterplan drafted by the Chairman and **resolved** to amend this to reflect the concerns about connectivity within the estate and the need for early consultation with local residents, particularly in relation to the proposed housing developments. This would then be submitted to the Principal.

Action by: Chairman

164. Neighbourhood Plan for Stinsford

164.1 The Parish Council noted that progress being made through the Steering Group. Whilst some members of the Parish Council sat on the Group, it was agreed that it would be useful for all parish councillors to receive minutes of meetings to ensure that everyone was kept updated.

164.2 The request received from West Dorset District Council to support a Garden Communities Bid for the North Dorchester development was discussed. It was noted that, in view of the tight timescale, a response had been sent on behalf of the Parish Council reiterating its strong objections to option DOR15 in the recent Local Plan preferred options consultation document but stating that, if the development was forced to go ahead, then the Garden Village Scheme should meet most if not all of these objections and, in this respect, supporting the bid application.

164.3 Particular attention was drawn to the recent publication of the report arising from Sir Oliver Letwin MP's review of housing build-out and the increasing focus being placed upon off-site construction.

165. Minutes

165.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2018 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

166. Finance

166.1 Expenditure

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

- Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd – professional planning support for development of Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan for period September 2018 – March 2019 (October 2018 invoice) - £456.20
- GeoXphere Ltd – Parish Online mapping services - £60.00

167. Lower Bockhampton Play Area – Maintenance

167.1 Mr Armstrong reported that he had contacted Pryce Countryside Services who had previously undertaken maintenance of the play area. Together with Mr Pryce, a schedule of works options would be developed to address the issues raised by the

annual inspection for consideration by the Parish Council. This was likely to be submitted for consideration early in 2019.

168. Lower Bockhampton Phone Box

168.1 The Parish Council noted the information circulated prior to the meeting from BT about the specification of the paint to be used on such kiosks and the cost of such paint. It was **resolved** to revisit the purchase of specialist paint in the spring and to seek volunteers from within the local community to assist with the painting of the kiosk.

169. Road Safety, Traffic Management and Rights of Way

169.1 The Parish Council noted that to date no quote had been received for replacement of the white fingerpost at Higher Bockhampton and refurbishment of the fingerpost at Bockhampton Cross. The Parish Council therefore **resolved** to defer further consideration pending receipt of the quote.

169.2 It was acknowledged that residents of Higher Bockhampton were concerned about the lack of signage pending the repair of the fingerpost and it was agreed to contact Dorset County Council about the possibility of a temporary sign.

169.3 The Parish Council considered the further damage done to the river path recently caused by a vehicle driving along the route. It was noted that no further updates had been received from either Dorset County Council or the Environment Agency in relation to repair of the path and it was **resolved** to contact both organisations to press for action to be taken as soon as possible.

Action by: Clerk

170. Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre

170.1 Dr Stillman reported that the next meeting of the Liaison Group would be held on 18 December 2018 in the Visitor Centre and items currently on the agenda included repair of the fingerposts, an update on coach and car parking and training for National trust staff and volunteers.

171. Correspondence

171.1 The Parish Council considered correspondence received from a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which drew attention to a recent news article from the Dorset Councils Partnership about bringing empty homes back into use. It was noted that there were at least two such properties in Lower Bockhampton but that as there were mechanisms in place to pursue these through council tax collection, the Parish Council would take no action in relation to empty homes at this time.

171.2 The Parish Council considered correspondence received from Turner Associates in relation to the North Dorchester development and inviting Parish Councillors to undertake a site visit to the site of an alternative proposed community hub. Following discussion, it was **resolved** to approach Charminster Parish Council to ascertain whether a joint site visit was possible.

Action by: Clerk

171.3 The Clerk reported receipt of correspondence seeking information about burials at Stinsford and asked to whom the correspondent should be signposted. It was noted that this was a Parochial Church Council matter.

172. Items for next/future Agenda

- (i) Refurbishment/replacement of white fingerposts – December 2018
- (ii) Maintenance of Lower Bockhampton phone box – March/April 2019

173. Date of next meeting

173.1 It was noted that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 10 December 2018.

The meeting concluded at 8:55pm.

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