

# Stinsford Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 July 2018 at 7.00pm in  
The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College**

**Present:** Mr Will Molland (Chairman), Mr George Armstrong, Mr Michael Clarke, Mr Chris Hext, Dr Andy Stillman and Mr Richard Wheal

**Also in attendance:** Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk) and two members of the public (Ms Sally Cooke and one other).

## **97. Apologies for Absence**

97.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Jill Haynes (Dorset County Councillor) and Cllr Patrick Cooke (West Dorset District Councillor).

## **98. Declarations of Interest**

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

## **99. Dorset County Council Matters**

99.1 In the absence of Cllr Mrs Haynes, her report received by email was noted.

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

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

## **101. Public Participation Time**

101.1 No matters were raised under this item.

## **102. Neighbourhood Plan for Stinsford**

102.1 The Chairman reported that the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan Co-ordinating Group had met on 3 July 2018 to consider the arrangements for the public meeting about the North Dorchester strategic development proposals to be held on 19 July 2018. Ms Cooke confirmed that a representative from the Dorset Councils Partnership's Planning Policy Team would be attending to present the North Dorchester option. She clarified that the aim of the meeting was to gauge the views of the local residents about the proposals and to manage expectations that the neighbourhood planning process could prevent or influence the Local Plan Review. It was acknowledged that the views gathered at this meeting could be used to inform the Parish Council's response to the Local Plan Review Preferred Options consultation.

102.2 Dr Stillman circulated a note of a meeting that he, Mr Armstrong and Mr Clarke had attended on 6 July 2018 with representatives from Fera Urbanism the planning consultants working with Dorchester Town Council on its response to the Local Plan Review, particularly in relation to the North Dorchester proposals. The key message arising from this was that as these proposals were strategic development, the neighbourhood plan would have little influence. The need to ensure that a masterplan for the development was put in place and adhered to had been emphasised. It was also noted that every effort should be made to encourage local residents to submit their views in response to the Local Plan Review Preferred Options consultation. In relation to the neighbourhood plan itself, it was suggested that various elements could be progressed separately through more appropriate channels and then these, together with statements and evidence, could be combined to form the plan. A 'portfolio' approach would enable a vision for Stinsford to be developed which would form the

basis of the neighbourhood plan and support the parish for years to come. The issue of training was also discussed and it was felt that those involved in the neighbourhood planning process and the Parish Council would all benefit from half a day of training on the process.

102.3 The Parish Council discussed how to approach responding to the Local Plan Review Preferred Options consultation which would commence on 13 August 2018 for a period of eight weeks. It was **resolved** to:

- (i) consider the response to the consultation at the next meeting on 13 August 2018;
- (ii) request a larger meeting room for this meeting; and
- (iii) suspend Standing Orders to restrict the agenda for this meeting to this item and any other decisions that were time-critical and could not be considered at the meeting on 3 September 2018.

102.4 It was noted that now that the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was up and running and work underway to apply for grant funding, there was a need for formal terms of reference to be agreed. This would be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Steering Group.

### 103. Minutes

103.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2018 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

103.2 Further to minute 85.1, the Parish Council noted the response received from the Principal of Kingston Maurward College in relation to the use of the pink waymarker paint by the organisers of the Race for Life event.

103.3 Further to minute 87.1, the members of the Parish Council expressed their frustration that no response had been received in relation to the complaints to Dorset County Council about the safety of certain rights of way in the parish. The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted the further complaint, together with photographic evidence, following the last meeting and had copied this to Cllr Mrs Haynes. The two rights of way had been assessed as a Priority 4 and that investigation would be undertaken within 8 weeks. The Parish Council considered that the safety concerns required an earlier investigation and it was **resolved** that a letter be written to the Director for Environment and the Economy, copied to the Chief Executive, expressing the Parish Council's frustration at a lack of timely response and that this also refer to the lack of response in relation to the potholes in the bridleway at Higher Bockhampton.  
*Action by: Clerk*

### 104. Finance

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

- HMRC (PAYE) (Quarter 1 18/19) - £112.00
- Clerk's salary and expenses (Quarter 1 18/19) - £460.46
- Society of Local Council Clerks – Clerk's membership renewal - £72.00
- Ms Sally Cooke – reimbursement for printing of Neighbourhood Plan fliers - £37.40

## **105. Planning Matter**

105.1 WD/D/18/001038 – 7 Stinsford House, Church Lane, Stinsford, Dorchester DT2 8PT – Internal and external alterations to the lower ground floor including erection of partition, minor alteration to ground floor bedroom and cloakroom and to replace three windows (Listed Building Consent)

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

105.2 The Clerk reported receipt that day of notice of a planning application at Greenwood Grange. The date of the next meeting was after the deadline for submissions. It was therefore **resolved** that the details of this be circulated by email and any comments provided to allow the Parish Council's comments to be submitted by the deadline. This would then be ratified at the next meeting.

*Action by: All*

## **106. Road Safety, Traffic Management and Rights of Way**

106.1 Further to the discussion at the last meeting about the identification of any fingerposts in the parish that were in need of replacement or repair in order to invite the Men's Shed to quote for any work, it was noted that most of the fingerposts were merely in need of a clean. However, the one at Bockhampton Cross had a number of letters missing and the one at the corner of Slyer's Lane and the Piddle Valley road pointing towards Frome Whitfield was no longer there. It was **resolved** to write to the Men's Shed about this and to invite them to quote for the work.

106.2 The Parish Council discussed the experience of local residents arising from the road closure put in place for the Kingston Maurward College Open Day. It was noted that this had resulted in a queue of traffic on the A35 and the Stinsford Hill roundabout as vehicles were unable to access the campus quickly enough. Concern was also expressed that Church Lane had been closed but this was not included in the formal road closure. Similarly, the road had not been opened at the time advertised on the notice.

106.3 It was suggested that in order to improve the process and better accommodate the traffic flow for future events, the College publicise the road closure in advance, traffic exit at the Lodge entrance and that tickets be made available specifying which entrance to use. It was **resolved** to write to the Principal with these comments.

*Action by: Clerk*

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

107.1 Dr Stillman referred to the notes of the liaison meeting which he had circulated by email. He drew particular attention to the issues raised with the National Trust about the use of a drone by a production company making a film about Hardy's Birthplace. This had passed over some houses and gardens without notice or consent.

## **108. Superfast Broadband**

108.1 The Parish Council welcomed the availability of superfast broadband at Higher Bockhampton. However, no information had been received recently in relation to the rollout in other parts of the parish. It was **resolved** to write to the Superfast Broadband team to ask when this would now be rolled out to Lower Bockhampton and Stinsford.

*Action by: Clerk*

## **109. Correspondence**

109.1 No correspondence was raised under this item.

**110. Item for future Agenda**

110.1 Response to the Local Plan Review Preferred Options consultation – August.

**111. Date of next meeting**

111.1 It was noted that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 13 August 2018.

The meeting concluded at 8:45pm.

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