

Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 June 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 and Dr Andy Stillman.

Also in attendance: Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk) and one member of the public (Mr Chris Mervik).

81. Apologies for Absence

81.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mr Richard Wheal, Cllr Mrs Jill Haynes (Dorset County Councillor) and Cllr Patrick Cooke (West Dorset District Councillor).

82. Declarations of Interest

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

83. Dorset County Council Matters

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

84. West Dorset District Council Matters

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

85. Public Participation Time

85.1 Mr Mervik raised the issue of the bright pink waymarker paint along the river path. It was noted that this had been put in place for the Race for Life event but this was outside of the College campus and still very much in evidence. The Parish Council **resolved** to write to the College to request that such paint is not used again on paths outside of the campus.

Action by: Clerk

86. Neighbourhood Plan for Stinsford

86.1 The Chairman reported that he, Mr Armstrong and Mr Clarke had attended the recent meeting of the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan Co-ordinating Group at which the issue of funding was discussed. In terms of the wider costs, it was estimated that a budget of £3,000 was required to cover costs associated with meetings, printing, website and consultancy. This would be included within a bid for grant funding from Locality which was being drafted by the convenors of two of the theme groups.

86.2 The Parish Council noted that the neighbourhood plan website was now available at www.stinsfordnplan.org.uk. This provided details of the next meeting of the Co-ordinating Group on 3 July and a public meeting on 19 July relating to the North Dorchester Consortium proposals. A flyer containing this information would be circulated to local residents with the July edition of The Pilot.

86.3 Mr Mervik drew attention to the impact of the current review of the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Joint Local Plan on the timescale of completing the Stinsford neighbourhood plan. Whilst it was acknowledged that it was unlikely to complete all stages of the process to achieve the same timeline, it was suggested that having some policies drafted and agreed as soon as possible would enable the parish to contribute to the shaping of all possible development impacts. The Parish Council agreed that this was a sensible approach.

87. Minutes

87.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 14 May 2018 (Annual Parish Meeting of Electors and Annual Parish Council Meeting) be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

87.2 Further to minute 75.1, Mr Hext reported that the state of the culvert below St Michael's Church had degraded further and a log and board were now being used to allow walkers to pass. It was also reported that a local resident had scratched her leg badly attempting to traverse the river path. The Parish Council resolved that a further complaint be made to Dorset County Council about the safety of these rights of way, ideally supported with photo evidence, and that Cllr Mrs Haynes be made aware of this.

Action by: Clerk

87.3 Further to minute 75.2, Mr Clarke reported that it was his understanding that the Duchy of Cornwall was responsible for the land in London Road up to the edge of the pavement.

88. Finance

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

- Barker-Fox Associates – Fee for conducting 2017/18 internal audit - £22.50
- Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils – Annual subscription for 2018/19 - £140.17

88.2 The receipt of the following income was noted:-

- HMRC – VAT refund for 2017/18 - £50.75

88.3 The Clerk reported that she had contacted Mr Boyesen to seek a quote for the repair/refurbishment of the parish noticeboard at Lower Bockhampton which had recently fallen into disrepair. The quote received was £100-150. It was **resolved** to accept this quote and place an order for the work.

89. Approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2017/18

89.1 The Clerk introduced the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2017/18 for approval before it was published to comply with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The Parish Council also considered the report of the Internal Auditor including the one advisory recommendation made.

89.2 It was **resolved** that:-

- (i) the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) be approved;
- (ii) the Accounting Statements (Section 2) be approved: and
- (iii) the report of the Internal Auditor be received.

90. Planning Matter

90.1 WD/D/18/001153 – Former site of Watson Petroleum Ltd and Dorchester Collection Showroom, London Road, Dorchester DT1 1NE – Erection of 45 retirement living apartments (category II sheltered) with communal facilities, car parking and access from London Road (Full) (Adjoining parish consultation)

It was **resolved** to object to this application on the basis that the addition of this number of homes for older people would have a detrimental impact upon healthcare provision in Dorchester.

91. Road Safety, Traffic Management and Rights of Way

91.1 The Parish Council noted an approach from the Dorchester Men’s Shed, based at Kingston Maurward, in relation to the replacement or repair of the white fingerposts that were no longer supported by Dorset Highways. It was **resolved** to look at the fingerposts in the parish to identify any that were in need of replacement or repair and to then invite the Men’s Shed to quote for any work.

Action by: All

92. Hardy’s Birthplace Visitor Centre

92.1 Dr Stillman reported that the next meeting of the liaison group would take place on the following day and the agenda would include car parking, further tree cutting, the surface of the bridleway and use of drones. He anticipated that a representative of the National Trust would be present, in addition to the Countryside Rangers.

92.2 It was noted that since Dr Phil Sterling had moved on from his post as Coast and Countryside Service Manager, there had been a loss of continuity in liaison with senior management at the County Council in relation to the Visitor Centre and Thorncombe Woods. It was suggested that the new Service Manager, Ken Buchan, be contacted.

93. Superfast Broadband

93.1 The Parish Council noted that progress in the provision of superfast broadband to the various parts of the parish remained slow, despite the current installation at Higher Bockhampton. It was acknowledged that the availability of superfast broadband had implications for the neighbourhood plan and also development in the parish and it was suggested that any action to seek further progress be considered at the next meeting.

94. Correspondence

94.1 Mr Hext reported that, in his capacity as previous Chairman, he had received an email from the Principal of Kingston Maurward College inviting him to attend a meeting with the College’s planning advisors about a masterplan for the College. He had passed this to the Chairman, who reported that he had not yet received this invitation direct but that he would prefer that this take place as part of a meeting with the full Parish Council. It was **resolved** to write to the Principal to suggest this.

Action by: Clerk

95. Item for future Agenda

95.1 Action in respect of progressing superfast broadband provision in the parish.

96. Date of next meeting

96.1 It was noted that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 9 July 2018.

The meeting concluded at 8:40pm.

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