

Stinsford Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 November 2017 at 7.00pm in
The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College**

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

Also in attendance: Cllr Mrs Jill Haynes (Dorset County Councillor), Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk) and one member of the public (Mr Paul Wills).

174. Apologies for Absence

174.1 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Patrick Cooke (West Dorset District Councillor).

175. Declarations of Interest

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

176. Dorset County Council Matters

176.1 Cllr Mrs Haynes reported that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government had now indicated that he was 'minded to' approve the proposals for local government reorganisation in Dorset. There was now an opportunity for representations or alternative submissions to be made by 8 January 2018. However, the proposed implementation date remained 1 April 2019 and a great deal of work was necessary to achieve this.

176.2 She also reported that:

- (i) the County Council continued to experience challenges with the budgets for adult social care and children's services;
- (ii) an interim Director for Children's Services was now in post;
- (iii) Public Health had received a grant towards helping older people live well and live better;
- (iv) the Dorset Waste Partnership was forecasting an underspend of £1.3M in the current year; and
- (v) further integration with health services was being progressed.

176.3 In response to a request from the Parish Council, Cllr Mrs Haynes undertook to encourage a response from the Coast and Countryside Service regarding a date for the next meeting of the liaison group relating to the Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre and Thorncombe Woods.

177. West Dorset District Council Matters

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

178. Public Participation Time

178.1 No issues were raised under this item.

179. Planning Matter

179.1 WD/D/17/002375 – Land adjacent to Homesclose, Stinsford, DT2 8PS – Use of land for B8 storage purposes (Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing))

It was **resolved** to OBJECT to this application for a certificate of lawfulness on the following grounds:-

- (i) there is a discrepancy in the boundaries of the site between the District Council's mapping and the map submitted by the applicant;
- (ii) there is a lack of evidence to justify this site having a commercial use; there has only been evidence of domestic storage on this site; and
- (iii) this site is visible from the highway and any storage buildings beyond those currently present will impact upon the local area.

179.2WD/D/17/002415 – Hampton Farm Business Park, Bockhampton Lane, Higher Bockhampton – Commercial unit extension B1(c) use (Full)

Mr Wheal reported that the residents of the neighbouring residential property were concerned that the extension would result in overshadowing. However, it was noted that the site was screened by an existing laurel hedge, provided employment in the technological sector within the parish and there had been no noise nuisance in the past.

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

179.3WD/D/17/002310 – The Oasthouse, St George's Road, Dorchester DT1 1PB – Alterations and extensions to create two flats and a further separate dwelling and renewal of consent to form trackway to serve the development (Full) (adjacent parish consultation)

and

WD/D/17/002311 – The Oasthouse, St George's Road, Dorchester DT1 1PB – Alterations and extensions to create two flats and a further separate dwelling, with the retention of The Oasthouse, which is already a dwelling, and renewal of the consent to form trackway to serve the development (Listed Building Consent) (adjacent parish consultation)

It was **resolved** to SUPPORT this application, subject to more up to date information about the flood risk than that included in the application being considered when it is determined by West Dorset District Council, as the information provided by the applicant dated from 2010.

180. Minutes

180.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record, subject to the following amendments-

157.2(ii) to read *“this be ring-fenced as contribution towards cost of installation of a community defibrillator in Lower Bockhampton, to be discussed alongside the opportunity for one at the Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre.”*

160.3 to read *“Mr Luke Rake, Principal of Kingston Maurward College, reminded the Parish Council ...”*

161.1(viii) to read *“nettles on the boundary be strimmed at the beginning of the growing season ...”*

168.1 to read *“It was **resolved** that this offer be acknowledged but no invitation be extended at the present time.”*

180.2 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2017 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

180.3 Further to minute 157.2, it was decided to revisit the proposal to install a public defibrillator in the parish at the next meeting.

180.4 Further to minute 164.1, it was noted that a 'school' hazard sign had now been erected near to the eastern side of the entrance of the Dorset Studio School.

180.5 Further to minute 173.1, the Parish Council discussed the value of viewing the sites which were the subject of planning applications but was advised by the Clerk that, in order to avoid any claims of bias, councillors should wherever possible avoid viewing a site with any particular party, whether applicant or objector. It was recognised that councillors may be approached by residents either supporting or objecting to a particular application and that it was entirely appropriate to listen to their views and discuss any concerns, providing that no opinion was given and an open mind was retained.

181. Finance

Expenditure

It was **resolved** to defer a decision on the following item of expenditure, pending liaison with the College:

- Kingston Maurward College – room hire for 19 October 2017 - £144.00.

182. Neighbourhood Plan for Stinsford

182.1 The Parish Council considered the next steps for the progression of the development of a neighbourhood plan for Stinsford. It was acknowledged that, whilst the Parish Council had given some initial consideration to the themes to be focussed upon, it was necessary to engage with local residents and stakeholders in order to agree these as the starting point of the process.

182.2 It was agreed that a public meeting should be held to launch the process, encouragement engagement and provide an interactive opportunity to input into the shape of the neighbourhood plan.

182.3 It was **resolved** that:

- (i) a public meeting to launch the development of a neighbourhood plan and to seek initial engagement from local residents and stakeholders be held on Monday 15 January 2018; and
- (ii) at the next meeting the Parish Council consider arrangements for the launch event to engage with local residents and stakeholders to encourage involvement in the process.

183. Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre

183.1 Dr Stillman reported that he was seeking to secure a date in January for the next liaison meeting to provide an opportunity to review activities undertaken during 2017 and for initial consultation on the Rangers' early work plan for 2018. It was hoped that a representative of the National Trust would be present on this occasion.

184. Superfast Broadband

184.1 There were no updates under this item.

185. Road Safety and Traffic Management

185.1 The Chairman noted that there was currently signage on Cuckoo Lane indicating that this was a single track road with passing places. He would therefore not further pursue the installation of passing place signs at the present time.

186. Correspondence

186.1 The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from Dorchester Civic Society expressing a wish to meet with members of the Parish Council as part of the development of Neighbourhood Plan for Stinsford. It was **resolved** not to progress this until the process was launched formally.

187. Items for future Agenda

187.1 No further items were identified for future agenda.

188. Date of next meeting

188.1 It was noted that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 11 December 2017.

The meeting concluded at 9:07pm.

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