

Stinsford Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 September 2022
at 7.00pm in The Old Library at Kingston Maurward College**

Present: Mrs Sarah Pattison (Chair), Mr George Armstrong (Vice-Chair) and Mr Michael Clarke

Also in attendance: Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk) and one member of the public (Ms Sally Cooke).

64. Apologies for Absence

64.1 An apology for absence was received from Ms Sue Escott.

65. Declarations of Interest

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

66. Public Participation Time

66.1 No items were raised, so the Chair moved to the next item.

67. Stinsford Parish Council Priorities 2022/23

67.1 The Parish Council considered the final draft of the Communications Strategy and a proposed activities workplan. This was welcomed and Ms Escott thanked for her work on developing these documents.

67.2 Updated versions of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy documents were also considered. These reflected developments in the context and science relating to the emergency.

67.3 The Parish Council also considered the overlap between the seven projects identified in the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan and the Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy delivery plan in order to progress these to delivery. As the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had been very effective in developing the Plan, it was hoped that they would be willing to participate in the next steps. However it was recognised that several of the projects would require professional support and grant funding in order to bring them to fruition.

67.4 Ms Cooke reported that there had been little response from the members of the Steering Group to the idea of re-focussing its role to drive the projects forward. However, there had been some interest in potentially assisting with implementation. There was, therefore, a need to identify where the leadership of this work would lie. It was acknowledged that aligned to this there was a need to fill the three vacancies on the Parish Council and that a campaign to attract interest be developed.

67.5 It was noted that it had been intended to hold an event for local residents to launch the Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy in conjunction with the College, potentially linked to the opening of the new university hub. Members of the Parish Council considered that this was worth trying in order to engage local residents and local

interest groups in the work underway by the College to address the Climate and Ecological Emergency and participation in progressing the Neighbourhood Plan projects.

67.6 It was **resolved** that:

- (i) the Communications Strategy and the activities workplan be adopted;
- (ii) the updated Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy documents be adopted;
- (iii) the Principal of Kingston Maurward College be invited to a future meeting to provide an update on the Estate's carbon reduction activities and to explore potential liaison to progress the Parish Council's projects; and
- (iv) the Chairman approach the Principal about the proposed joint event.

68. Correspondence – Heritage Asset List

68.1 The Parish Council noted the email received from Dorset Council regarding the nomination list submitted for the Heritage Asset List. It was now requested that a list of the top ten assets on the group nomination list be submitted that the Parish Council would like to be considered as a priority for assessment by land use consultants. The deadline for submission of this priority list was 23 September.

68.2 It was **resolved** to agree a priority list via email for submission by the deadline.

Ms Cooke left the meeting at 7:55pm

69. Minutes

69.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 26 June and 11 July 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

70. Finance

70.1 There were no items of expenditure for approval.

71. Planning Matters

71.1 P/HOU/2022/04939 – Lower Bockhampton Farm, Bockhampton Lane, Lower Bockhampton DT2 8PZ – Insert black, powder coated bifold doors in the south east elevation of dwelling

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

71.2 P/FUL/2022/04855 – Higher Kingston Farm, Higher Kingston, Stinsford, Dorchester DT2 8QE – Installation of slurry separator, extension to fibre bunker and formation of sand bedding settlement area

It was **resolved** to support this application but, as National Highways had not yet responded to the consultation, to seek assurance that there would be no implications on the road network arising from the proposal at Higher Kingston Farm.

72. North of Dorchester Garden Community

72.1 The Parish Council noted that there had been little information about any developments in the masterplanning activity being undertaken by Hyas Associates over the summer.

- 72.2 It was also noted that the following the last meeting, a request was submitted to Hyas Associates that the Parish Council send an observer to future meetings of the Dorchester Garden Community Board. This was acknowledged and dates of any future meetings were now awaited in due course.
- 72.3 The Clerk reported that a complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman about the misrepresentation by Dorset Council of the Parish Council's 'support' for the Garden Community Bid had not yet been submitted but was underway.
- 72.4 The Chair reported that after the meeting about the Garden Community proposals she had attended with representatives of Charminster Parish Council, Dorchester Town Council and Chris Loder MP, he had requested to have a discussion with the Parish Council about the experience of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. It was **resolved** to invite Mr Loder to a meeting on the October reserve date and to extend the invitation to members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

73. Consultation

- 73.1 The Parish Council agreed its corporate response to the Dorset Council Bus Service Improvement Plan refresh survey.

74. Road Safety, Traffic Management and Rights of Way

- 74.1 The Clerk reported that she was progressing a meeting with the relevant agencies regarding the impact of diversion of traffic from the A35.
- 74.2 It was also resolved that Dorset Council be asked to improve the state of the tarmac surface of the pavement between Eagle Lodge and Stinsford Hill roundabout.

75. Correspondence

- 75.1 The Parish Council considered the correspondence received from Mr David Roberts about the proposed addition of a Philip Larkin poem to the noticeboard outside St Michael's Church, alongside that by Thomas Hardy. It was **resolved** to support this proposal, subject to the Parochial Church Council also supporting it at its meeting on the following day.

76. Date of future meetings

- 76.1 It was noted that future meetings were scheduled to be held on Monday 10 October (reserve date) and Monday 14 November 2022.

The meeting concluded at 8:31pm.

Chair **Date**