

# Stinsford Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 4 July 2016 at 7.00pm in The Old Library,  
Kingston Maurward College**

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

**Also in attendance:** Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk) and 1 member of the public (Mr Hugh Grenville-Jones).

## **89. Apologies for Absence**

89.1 An apology for absence was received from Mr Will Molland.

## **90. Declarations of Interest**

90.1 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

## **91. Public Participation Time**

### **91.1 Presentation on Dorchester Marathon - 28 May 2017**

The Parish Council received a presentation from Mr Colin Grist of the Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club which was organising the inaugural Dorchester marathon in association with White Star Running. Mr Grist explained that:-

- (i) the event would feature the Dorchester Marathon and Casterbridge Half Marathon starting and finishing at Cokers From Showground;
- (ii) the race would pass through Dorchester early and then through the Frome Valley, passing through the parish of Stinsford;
- (iii) target participation was 1,800 runners;
- (iv) it was anticipated that income in excess of £10,000 would be achieved which would then be distributed to local charities and organisations;
- (v) the event would contribute to the local economy by bringing an additional 4,000 visitors to the area for the event and would raise the profile of Dorchester and West Dorset;
- (vi) a significant number of local sponsors had already been secured;
- (vii) there would be a mass start at 08:30 for the full marathon (09:30 for the half marathon) and the route would pass through the town first in order to reduce disruption to residents; and
- (viii) advance warning signs of road closures would be placed out two weeks before the event, the route would be marshalled and controlled throughout the route and closures would be lifted as soon as the final runners had passed.

In response to questions, it was explained that the organisers hoped to recruit local volunteer marshals to work alongside the licensed marshals at each road closure so as to provide local knowledge of alternative routes, etc. Mr Grist also confirmed that all properties and businesses on the route would be written to and it was hoped to engage with them about their movement needs on the day in the hopes that these could be accommodated. It was also explained that plans would be put in place to ensure the health and safety of the participants within the runners' village at the Showground.

The Parish Council welcomed the presentation and requested that signage on Bockhampton Cross be placed early enough to ensure drivers reduced their speed in good time before reaching the road closure. The Chairman thanked Mr Grist and his

colleagues for their presentation and for engaging with the Parish Council so far in advance of the event.

- 91.2 The Parish Council noted the email received from Ms Claire Dinsdale, resident of Lower Bockhampton about the abuse of the play area by students from Kingston Maurward College. Mr Clarke reported that the Deputy Principal of the College had responded to Ms Dinsdale explaining that term had ended before the particular incident had occurred but confirming that students would be made aware of their responsibilities to the local community when term commenced in September. The Parish Council welcomed this but considered that this message needed to be provided in strong terms to prevent further incidents. It was noted that, whilst the College did respond to concerns about the abuse of the play area by students, it was now slower in doing so as the message was passed from the switchboard. It was **resolved** that the new Principal be asked to nominate a single point of contact within the College's staff who could be contacted by the Parish Council in relation to this type of incident or other issues.

*Action by: Clerk*

## **92. Dorset County Council Matters**

- 92.1 In the absence of Cllr Mrs Jill Haynes, the Chairman moved to the next agenda item.

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

- 93.1 In the absence of Cllr Patrick Cooke, the Chairman moved to the next agenda item.

## **94. Minutes**

- 94.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of meeting held on 13 June 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record subject to the amendment of the second sentence of minute 77.3 to read '*Whilst it was noted that the weight restriction signs had now been installed, these related to unladen weight*' and the reference to Grey's Bridge in minute 86.2 to read "*Grade II Listed Structure*".

- 94.2 Further to minute 77.2, the Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer at West Dorset District Council had advised that the issues raised by the Parish Council were public health issues and he had passed the case to the relevant section. It was resolved that Mr Armstrong would contact the appropriate Technical Officer to discuss the issues further.

*Action by: Mr Armstrong*

- 94.3 Further to minute 86, the Clerk confirmed that she had submitted the Parish Council's comments. It was noted that the consultation was difficult to locate online; the Clerk confirmed that she had put a discrete page on the Parish Council's website linking to this. Following further discussion, it was **resolved** that:-
- (i) the development of the Draft Waste Plan and site allocations be added as a standing item to the agendas for future meetings;
  - (ii) the question be asked whether the site on Beacon Hill, at the rear of Puddletown Forest, opposite Troy Town had been considered as a possible site for a waste management centre – and if not, why not; and
  - (iii) a letter be sent to the Hon Charlotte Townshend to ask whether, as patron of St Michael's Church, Stinsford, she is aware of the proposals to develop a waste management centre on the land owned by the Ilchester Estate.

*Action by: Clerk*

## 95. Finance

### 95.1 Expenditure

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

- Dorset Association of Parish and Town councils – annual subscription - £135.38
- Society of Local Council Clerks – Clerk’s membership renewal - £77.00
- HMRC (PAYE) – 1–30 April 2016 - £34.40
- HMRC (PAYE) – 1–31 May 2016 - £34.40
- HMRC (PAYE) – 1–30 June 2016 - £34.80
- Clerk’s salary (Quarter 1 2016/17) (£419.42) plus expenses (£27.50) - £446.92

## 96. Planning Matter

### 96.1 WD/D/16/001238 – Hardy’s Visitor Centre, Higher Bockhampton – Extension of car park to provide eight additional car parking spaces

It was **resolved** to OBJECT to this application on the following grounds:-

(i) the provision of further parking spaces will not resolve the fundamental problem at this site, namely the congestion created by access to the site by many vehicles which are then unable to park but then find it difficult to turn and exit the site on the narrow lane;

(ii) work to clear and prepare the site has already commenced before permission has been granted;

(iii) there is evidence that the proposed extension of the car park will impact upon designated Ancient Woodland which has specific protection under the National Planning Policy Framework;

(iv) the proposed southern extension is stated to be 8m deep and 9.5m wide in order to provide 6 parking spaces, however, this area is insufficient to provide 6 parking spaces of the proposed size and the clearance already undertaken measures closer to 15m deep; and

(v) to request that Dorset County Council withdraw the planning application on the basis of the first two points made above and revisit and implement the agreed Travel Plan for the Hardy’s Birthplace Visitor Centre which will resolve both the congestion and parking issues at this site.

## 97. Superfast Broadband

### 97.1 The Parish Council noted that the further information that the representatives from BT and the Superfast Dorset Project had undertaken to provide had not yet been received. It was resolved to write to Robert Gould, Leader of the County Council, in the event that this had not been received by the agreed date of 6 July 2016 to inform him of this.

*Action by: Clerk*

## 98. Hardy’s Birthplace Visitor Centre

### 98.1 No further matters were raised in relation to the Visitor Centre.

## 99. Consultation – Review of the Registration Service

### 99.1 The Parish Council considered its response to Dorset County Council’s consultation on the review of the Registration Service. It was **resolved** to submit comments in respect of the proposals set out in the consultation document, particularly that as people tended to visit a Registration Office at times of stress and difficulty, any closures should be objected to and in particular the proposed closure of the office in Weymouth. This would have a significant impact upon those in the Dorchester area needing to access a Registration Office and would present difficulties in transport for those living on Portland.

**100. Items for future Agenda**

100.1 It was resolved to add that the following items be added to the agenda for the next meeting:

- (i) presentation on local government reorganisation
- (ii) Draft Waste Plan progress (standing item)
- (iii) management of Thorncombe Woods

**101. Date of next meeting**

101.1 It was **noted** that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 8 August 2016.

The meeting concluded at 9:00pm.

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