

# Stinsford Parish Council

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9 February 2015 at 7.00pm in The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College**

**Present:** Mrs L Pain (Chairman), Mr G Armstrong, Mr C Byrne, Mr H Grenville-Jones and Mr R Wheal

**Also in attendance:** Miss K Riglar (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

### **Public Discussion Period**

No matters were raised that were not included elsewhere on the agenda.

### **15. Dispensations**

15.1 No applications for dispensation were received.

### **16. Apologies for absence**

16.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Clarke and Dr A Stillman.

### **17. Planning Matters**

17.1 WD/D/14/003233 – Kingston Maurward House, Kingston Maurward House West Entrance L, Kingston Maurward DT2 8PY – Internal alterations for bedroom and toilet facility in annex building (Listed Building Consent)

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

18.2 WD/D/14/003242 – Land adjacent to Homesclose, Slyers Road, Stinsford DT2 8PS – (O/A) demolition of existing sheds and erection of single storey dwelling (Outline)

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

- (i) the development is contrary to the approved Parish Plan;
- (ii) no compelling need for this development is forthcoming i.e. it has not been specified that the proposed dwelling would be agricultural workers; and
- (iii) the site was declared unsuitable for the accommodation of a single caravan as an approved gypsy and traveller transit site, it is therefore unsuitable for a dwelling.

18.3 WD/D/14/003275 – Birkin House, Stinsford DT2 8QD – Renewal of rooflight, replacement of south elevation entrance door and replacement of north elevation fire escape door with window (additional plans)

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

## 18.4 Planning Appeal

The Clerk reported the receipt of notice that an appeal had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate against West Dorset District Council's refusal of application WD/D/14/001496 - installation of a solar energy facility on land east of Slyer's Lane, Stinsford at Higher Kingston Farm, Higher Kingston Farm Lane, Stinsford. She reminded the Parish Council that they had previously supported this application. Whilst it was not necessary to do so, the Parish Council were able to submit an additional representation, should they so wish.

It was **resolved** that a representation be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate reiterating the Parish Council's support for this application and setting out their preference for smaller scale renewable energy installations such as that proposed in the application.

## 19. Other items

19.1 In response to a councillor's question, the Clerk explained that work was underway on rebuilding the parish website using a Google platform but that this had been put on hold due to the number of meetings of the Parish Council held during recent months.

19.2 Mr Armstrong reported that he had spoken to the Trees Officer at West Dorset District Council about the process for applying for a tree preservation order for the avenue of trees leading northwards from Lower Bockhampton. He had been advised that the first step was for the Parish Council to identify the owner of the verge on which the trees were planted. The Clerk was asked to check the Parish Council's records to determine whether this information was recorded in relation to the planting of these trees as a project to mark the Millennium.

19.3 Councillors expressed their concerns about the number of dog waste bags being left in Thorncombe Woods and in the car park due to the bin being full and rarely emptied. It was **resolved** that a request be made to the Dorset Waste Partnership to ensure that this bin was emptied more regularly and a further bin installed at the far end of the lane. It was also agreed that Cllr Finney, the County Council's Cabinet Member for the Environment be informed of the problems in his capacity as Single Point of Contact in relation to the Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre.

19.4 Mr Grenville-Jones expressed his concern that the County Council had installed new fingerposts highlighting 'A35 Parking' in a track at the end of Snail's Creep and the potential impact upon access to the private land at the end of this track. It was **resolved** that the Countryside Service be asked to clarify to whom any obstruction of the track should be reported and whether there were any plans to install signs asking those parking to do so considerately.

## 20. Date of next meeting

20.1 It was **noted** that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 9 March 2015.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:35pm.

**Chairman.....**

**Date.....**