

Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 March 2022
at 7.00pm in The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College

Present: Mr Michael Clarke (Chairman), Mr George Armstrong and Ms Sarah Jane Pattison

Also in attendance: Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk)

8. Apologies for Absence

8.1 Apologies for absence were received from Ms Sue Escott and Dorset Councillor David Taylor.

9. Declarations of Interest

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

10. Dorset Council Matters

10.1 In the absence of Dorset Councillor David Taylor due to incapacity, the Chairman moved to the next item.

11. Public Participation Time

11.1 No members of the public were present, so the Chairman moved to the next item.

12. Minutes

12.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

13. Finance

Expenditure

13.1 It was **resolved** to retrospectively approve the following payments made in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.1:

Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd – Neighbourhood Plan consultancy support (February 2022) - £732.54

13.2 The following payment approved under Delegated Powers following consultation with the Parish Council was noted:

Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd – Neighbourhood Plan consultancy support (January 2022) - £732.54

13.3 The following item of expenditure was **resolved**:

Clerk's salary – Backdated pay for the period 1 April – 31 December 2021 following the national Pay Agreement reach on rates of pay applicable for 2021/22- £30.60

14. Planning Matter

14.1 P/FUL/2021/05755 – Land at Church Lane, Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester DT1 8PY – Installation of a substation and cable extension

Following a site meeting on 7 March 2022 with local residents, the Parish Council understood that a revised application or elements of the application were likely to be submitted by the applicant. Whilst the objections of local residents were

acknowledged, it was resolved that the Parish Council consider this application fully at that stage.

- 14.2 P/HOU/2022/00989 – The Old Vicarage, Church Lane, Stinsford DT2 8PS – Erect single storey artist’s studio (demolish existing garden room)

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

15. Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan

- 15.1 The Parish Council received the following updates about the
- (i) an appropriate space for a drop-in session for residents in advance of the referendum was being sought at Kingston Maurward College; and
 - (ii) quotes were being sought for copies of the plan and leaflets to be distributed ahead of the referendum which was due to be held on 5 May 2022.

16. North of Dorchester Garden Community

- 16.1 It was noted that the first meeting of the Garden Community Board had been held with Cllr David Walsh, Dorset Council’s Cabinet Member for Planning, taking the Chair. Whilst both the Parish Council and Dorchester Town Council had resolved not to participate in the Board, it was noted that Charminster Parish Council was being represented by Cllr Tim Yarker.

- 16.2 It was also noted that the Dorset Deserves Better campaign had now changed its position on supporting Dorset Council’s call for an extension of time to develop the Local Plan.

17. Local Heritage List – nomination of assets

- 17.1 The Parish Council considered submitting nominations for designation of assets for inclusion on the Local Heritage List. The correspondence about the nomination en bloc of the non-designated assets listed in Appendix 3 of the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan between Jo Witherden and Dorset Council was noted.

- 17.2 It was **resolved** to submit nominations for:
- (i) the non-designated assets in Appendix 3 of the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan (including Fiddler’s Green); and
 - (ii) Limekiln Copse.

- 17.3 The Parish Council also considered whether to support the submission of a nomination by Dorchester Civic Society relating to the area of the proposed North of Dorchester development, having regard to the additional information provided by the Society’s Chairman.

- 17.4 It was **resolved** to support this nomination, in principle, subject to seeing a map of the proposed area.

18. Consultations

- 18.1 Dorset Council Community Governance Review – It was **resolved** not to submit any comments.

- 18.2 Dorset Council Parking Order Public Notice - It was **resolved** not to submit any comments.

19. Lower Bockhampton Play Area

19.1 Mr Armstrong reported that a contractor had made a site visit and a quote for the maintenance work was awaited. It was noted that the works might need to be undertaken in two stages due to the bird nesting season.

20. Road Safety, Traffic Management and Rights of Way

20.1 The Parish Council noted that the pavement had been cleared from Eagle Lodge, improving the width. It was suggested that Dorset Council be thanked for this work but the resurfacing of the pavement be requested as a matter of urgency.

20.2 The Parish Council noted the information provided by the Clerk to Puddletown Area Parish Council regarding the process for progressing a traffic survey on specific roads. It was proposed that a survey of the route from Grey’s Bridge to Bockhampton Cross and Slyer’s Lane and Higher Waterston be sought.

21. Correspondence

21.1 No items were raised under this item.

22. Urgent item – Extension of Delegation of Powers

22.1 The Parish Council reviewed the decision initially made on 24 May 2021, that
(i) authority be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to take any actions necessary with associated expenditure to protect the interests of the community and ensure council business continuity, informed by consultation with members of the Parish Council; and
(ii) the scheme of delegation be reviewed no later than September 2021.

22.2 It was considered that as Covid case rates were currently rising and the progress of the pandemic was uncertain, it was sensible to retain the option to operate via delegation to the Clerk if it was felt that in-person meetings were not appropriate. It was **resolved** that the scheme of delegation should remain unchanged and be reviewed again in September 2022.

23. Date of future meetings

23.1 It was noted that future meetings were scheduled to be held on Monday 11 April (reserve) and Monday 16 May 2022 (annual meeting).

The meeting concluded at 8:04pm.

Chairman..... Date.....