

Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 June 2019 at 7.00pm in
The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College

Present: Mr George Armstrong (Chairman), Mr Michael Clarke and Dr Andy Stillman

Also in attendance: Mr Luke Rake (Principal – Kingston Maurward College), Cllr David Taylor (Dorset Councillor) and Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk)

74. Apologies for Absence

74.1 No apologies for absence were received.

75. Declarations of Interest

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

76. Dorset Council Matters

76.1 The Chairman welcomed Cllr Taylor to his first meeting of the Parish Council since his election to Dorset Council representing the Charminster St Mary's ward. Cllr Taylor explained that he was very pleased to represent the parish and wanted to help local people get the best out of Dorset Council, building on his experience of being an active member of Dorset Town Council. He provided an outline of the committees to which he had been appointed.

77. Kingston Maurward College Matters

77.1 The Principal of Kingston Maurward College provided the Parish Council with an update on current matters. His report is attached as the Appendix to these minutes.

77.2 In relation to the Open Day on Sunday 23 June 2019, Mr Rake drew attention to the road closure and traffic management measures which would be put in place. However, his attention was drawn to the activities of BT Openreach who were installing cables over the same period.

77.3 The Chairman drew attention to concerns raised by residents of Lower Bockhampton about the behaviour of students of the College in the play area and parking issues. He suggested that the students' code of conduct could be amended to include the following:

- (i) all cars and motorcycles should be parked on the College campus and not in nearby villages; and
- (ii) students are expected to display the behaviours set out in the code of conduct in the neighbouring communities.

Mr Rake acknowledged that there had been some issues with a very small minority of students and welcomed these suggestions. He explained that the students' code of conduct was regularly updated and that a code of conduct for staff would be introduced from September.

77.4 The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Mr Rake for his comprehensive report.

78. Public Participation Time

78.1 There being no members of the public present, the Chairman moved to the next item.

79. Minutes

79.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 20 May 2019 (Annual Parish Meeting of Electors and Annual Parish Council Meeting) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

80. Finance

80.1 Expenditure

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

- Ms S Cooke – reimbursement for printing of Neighbourhood Plan business survey - £52.75
- Barker-Fox Associates – Fee for conducting 2018/19 internal audit - £22.50

80.2 Further to minute 67.3/2019, the Clerk reported that the annual fee for the survey software to be used in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan would cost £290; more than anticipated. However, this could be subscribed to for a monthly fee of £30 which could be cancelled at any time. It was considered that six months would be required to complete the surveys. It was **resolved** that the Clerk sign up to pay a monthly fee of £30 which she would then claim back from the Parish Council.

80.3 Financial Regulations

The Parish Council were informed that it would be possible for its current bank account to be amended to provide for a debit card but that it was necessary for the Financial Regulations to be amended to reflect that only one signatory was required in order to make payments in this manner.

80.4 It was **resolved** that Section 6 of the Parish Council's Financial Regulations be amended to reflect that the Clerk may act as single signatory for payments made by means other than cheque, including by debit card or internet banking, in accordance with a resolution of the Council up to a maximum of £1,000.

81. Approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2018/19

81.1 The Clerk introduced the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2018/19 for approval before it was published to comply with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The Parish Council also considered the report of the Internal Auditor including the three notes included for reference.

81.2 It was **resolved** that:-

- (i) the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) be approved;
- (ii) the Accounting Statements (Section 2) be approved; and
- (iii) the report of the Internal Auditor be received.

82. Planning Matters

82.1 WD/D/19/000997 – 4 Access to Hardy's Cottage, Higher Bockhampton, Dorchester DT2 8QJ – Erect single storey extension between house and outbuilding

The Parish Council **resolved** to confirm the comments submitted in support of this application prior to the meeting in order to meet the consultation deadline.

82.2 WD/D/19/001198 – Homesclose, Stinsford, Dorchester DT2 8PS – Garage conversion to form additional ground floor accommodation with loft conversion over, linking proposed loft conversion to existing loft room and installation of 2.No dormer windows

The Parish Council **resolved** to support this application.

82.3 The Parish Council noted that a rainwater drain and drainage hole outside of Bridge Cottage in Lower Bockhampton appeared to have been blocked by cement, etc from the construction work at Gardener's Cottage. It was **resolved** to report this to Dorset Council.

83. Neighbourhood Plan for Stinsford

83.1 The Parish Council noted progress on the development of the Neighbourhood Plan by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The business survey would be launched imminently and the Group had recently received a presentation by the Dorset Area Community Land Trust.

83.2 One of the Parish Councillors raised the possibility of the piece of land next to Birkin House being zoned for the provision of a small settlement, which would improve the immediate area. It was suggested that this be raised with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

84. Consultations

84.1 Modifications to the Pre-Submission Draft of the Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Mineral Sites Plan

The Parish Council noted that the only site close to the parish was Woodsford Quarry, Woodsford where an extension was proposed of an existing quarry onto predominantly agricultural land to the north east of the current site.

It was **resolved** to submit a response to the consultation to request that the Climate Emergency declared by Dorset Council was being considered as part of the modifications and finalising of the Mineral Sites Plan.

84.2 Request for information from Chairman of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils

The Parish Council noted that the requested information related to services provided by local councils to their community and this was not directly relevant in Stinsford. However, it was noted that the development of the Neighbourhood Plan could be viewed as a community project.

85. Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre

85.1 Dr Stillman reported that it was not intended to arrange the next meeting of the Liaison Group in September. He also considered that it was important that there be engagement with the Countryside Rangers on the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

86. Road Safety and Traffic Management

86.1 The Parish Council noted that the gridlock on the A35 heading east appeared to be more frequent and impacted upon Kingston Maurward College and the flow of traffic between Dorchester and Stinsford. It was also noted that there continued to be noise nuisance arising from large numbers of motorbikes travelling along the A35 on Sundays. It was **resolved** to contact the local Police Community Support Officer to explore whether traffic cameras with noise detectors could be deployed to reduce this problem.

87. Correspondence

87.1 No items of correspondence were raised.

88. Items for next/future Agenda

88.1 Future pattern of meetings of the Parish Council.

88.2 Consideration of a formal resolution to declare a Climate Emergency.

89. Date of next meeting

57.1 It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 8 July 2019.

The meeting concluded at 8:15pm.

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

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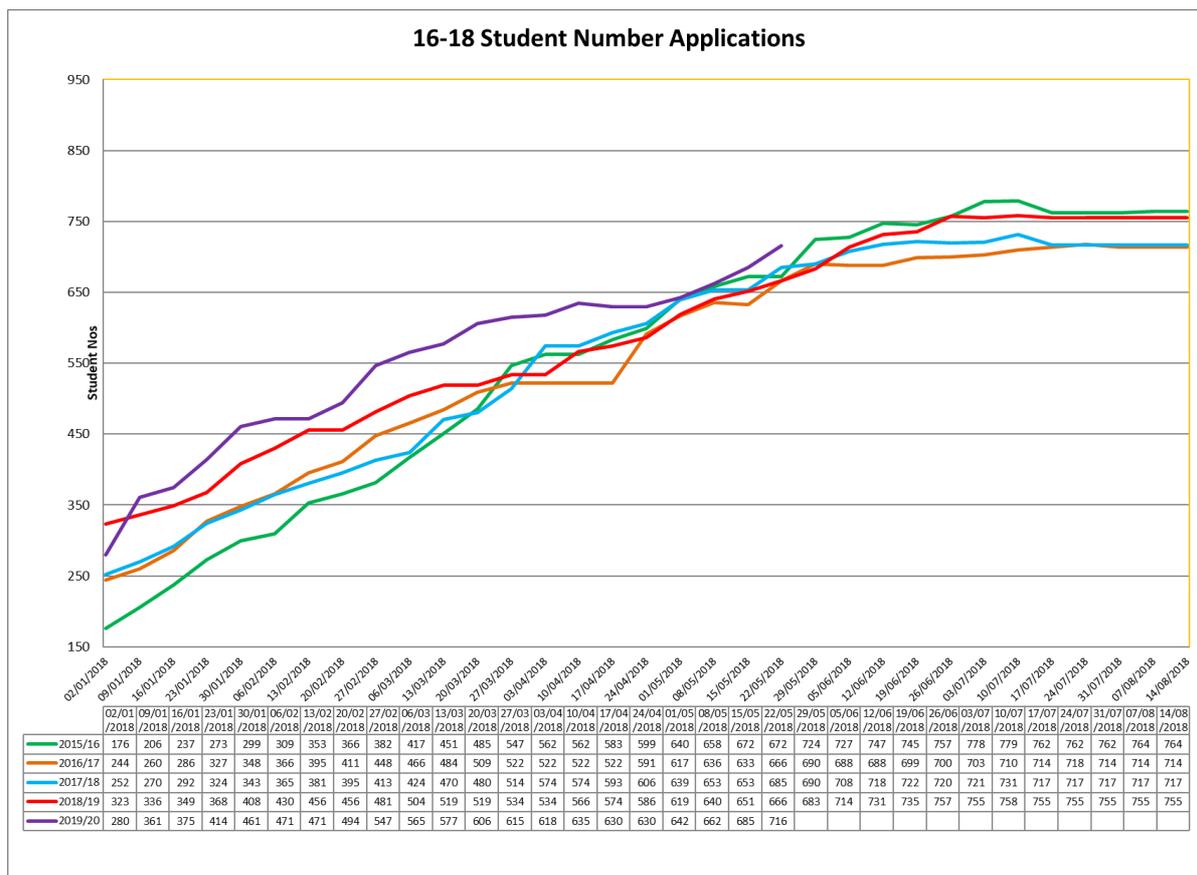
Update note for Stinsford Parish Council March-June 2019

Ofsted

The College was visited by Ofsted this term to review the pastoral and social care provided to students, in particular those who are resident, and I am pleased to confirm the College has improved its grade to Outstanding from Good. This is a great achievement for all concerned and confirms our commitment to student experience, progression and overall safety. The report can be found here: <https://files.api.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50082477>

Student Numbers

Looking forward we are anticipating roughly similar numbers of students at the College from September as we have this year. This would be a performance ahead of the demographic curve, which will reach its nadir this September. Thereafter numbers will increase across the county, primarily within Bournemouth and Poole. The teenage population in West Dorset continues to decline for the next few years. As this means a likely reduction in the numbers of traditionally 'farming' oriented students, the curriculum of the college will possibly shift a little to reflect the nature of the student body; sport and public services continues to be a focus for growth.



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Studio School

The school has had its age change approved and will thus enrol year 7 and 8 pupils from this September. These will not affect the total planned capacity of the school, but will mean the growth is more rapid than it has been thus far, with an anticipated extra 120 pupils on site from September.

LEP

The barn is progressing well in the animal park with cladding and various activities occurring at time of writing. An invitation to the PC will be made to view upon completion.

Conferences and Engagement

The College continues to grow its reputation as a conduit for knowledge exchange.

- The college was pleased in March to welcome the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, along with senior Army Officers to a major resettlement conference in March, the first to be held at the college.
- Partners at Bournemouth University held a conference on Natural Capital and environmental improvement during April.
- A significant recent conference on Digital Dorset was held on June 14th, at which the Principal shared the platform with the CEO of Dorset Council.
- Another event will occur on June 18th to raise the profile of the need for collaborative climate change adaptation working in Dorset. As a LEP board member the Principal will open and host this event, with key partners from environmental bodies, public sector organisations and business.

Major Events - Review

As local residents will sadly experienced, the Knob Festival drew enormous and unexpectedly large crowds for which we were arguably not sufficiently prepared in terms of traffic management. Unlike our Open Day where we have a licenced road closure to mitigate the traffic flow, particularly exiting town from Grey's Bridge, the planned numbers caught us completely off-guard – rather as they did the first time we made Open Day free. We have reviewed this event and are currently debating whether it should continue in its current form, or indeed at the site. The decision will be communicated to the PC in due course, but if it returns, a very different traffic system will need to be considered.

Lambing Weekend went with fewer issues – we at least had a good weather event this year!

Major Events to come

- Sun 23rd June –Open Day. Please be aware of road closure notices (shared separately).
- 2-4th August Music by the Lake returns. In association with Weldmar Hospice; probably the only one which would involve 'noise' that might reach neighbours.



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Masterplan

This has been approved by the governing body.

Estate Access

A reminder to local residents that there is no formal public right of way across the Estate from Church Lane to the bridleway by the Old Manor, other than the Permissive ROW along the valley floor (main drive). The Principal is very happy for local residents to take advantage of the estate as a whole with his consent, including walking past the private properties and Animal Park. However, there have been a number of instances recently of people walking through Stinsford Farm, which is definitely both unsafe to do with working machinery and not a ROW. We have also recently had a sheep being injured by a dog off the lead. If neighbours see people from outside the area trespassing where they should not, or dogs off the lead on the estate, please do let them know of the informal agreements we have, and in cases of persistent issue or suspicious activity contact the Principal or Estates Manager, or the Police on 101.

Final Notes

Since the last meeting we have had RHS Chelsea with our Silver Gilt and huge BBC coverage, an extremely well attended 'Next Steps' event with over 50 employers, a visit to Buckingham palace for Duke of Edinburgh's Award, some new rugby posts and a rather decent Ofsted visit. This was a commentary on the College as a whole and its ethos than a simple assessment of residential students. It has been a superb month or two overall.

We also celebrated student achievements and success last week with our first ever Rugby Awards evening. A lovely event where the focus was on achievement and participation, as much as any note of results, matching beautifully our ethos and feel throughout the campus that I believe is palpable and the Ofsted inspectors also felt.

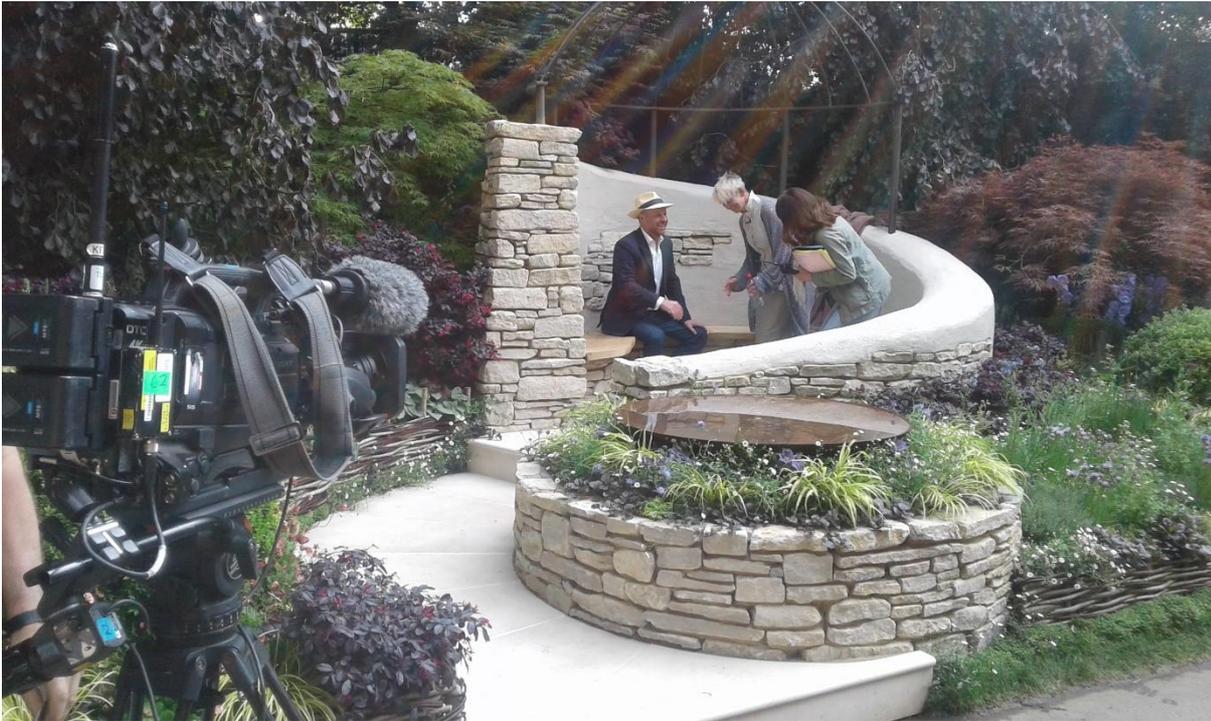
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BBC's Joe Swift interviewing Michelle Brown



Chelsea madness...



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Rugby dinner



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