

# Stinsford Parish Council

## Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 December 2023 at 7.00pm in  
The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College

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

**Also in attendance:** Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

- 1.1 No apologies for absence were received.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

- 2.1 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interest.

**3. Public Participation Time**

- 3.1 As there were no members of the public present, the Chair moved to the next item.

**4. Minutes**

- 4.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**5. Planning Applications**

- 5.1 P/TRC/2023/06690 – The Old Vicarage, Church Lane, Stinsford DT2 8PS – T1 Eucalyptus – Pollard to 10ft (Retrospective approval of ‘no comment’ submission)

**Resolved** that the submission of ‘no comment’ in respect of this application be retrospectively approved.

- 5.2 P/HOU/2023/06819 – 4 Maurward Close, Stinsford DT2 8PU – Erect single storey side lean-to extension

**Resolved** to support this application.

- 5.3 P/TRT/2023/07058 – 1 Maurward Close, Stinsford, DT2 8PS – Sycamore (T1) – Fell all three stems

**Resolved** to object to this application on the following grounds:

- (i) There is no evidence that the tree is unsafe and presents a danger to people or property sufficient to warrant overriding the Tree Protection Order.
- (ii) The tree contributes to the screening of the properties in Maurward Close from the heavy traffic flow on Hollow Hill. The proposed retention of basal suckers and self-sown saplings and infill will provide considerably less screening and will, in effect, be more of a hedge.
- (iii) There is negligible impact on the health and safety of road users from this tree.

- (iv) The tree is located within the Stinsford Conservation Area.
- (v) Felling of the tree will be contrary to the following sections of the adopted Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan:

- 2.2 The aim of the Neighbourhood Plan is to safeguard and enhance the Parish's outstanding environment and heritage, whilst encouraging appropriate development and acknowledging the pressures associated with climate change, by pursuing the following objectives:

... to play its part in tackling climate change and helping the UK to reach its goal of net zero emissions by 2050 through the protection and enhancement of its trees, woodland and forest;

- Policy SNP2 - Local Landscape Character

Development will respect and where possible enhance the rural character of the local landscape. In particular:

- the peaceful, tranquil character of much of the countryside should be retained, and measures supported to reduce noise disturbance from existing sources; ....
- the network of lanes and tracks should remain rural in character, and not become urbanized (for example through the introduction of lighting, kerbed pavements or large metal signage); ...
- areas of ancient and local historic woodland should be retained, and additional woodland and hedgerow planting should be sought, characteristic of the scale and species found in the area. Where appropriate this should be used to soften the visual impact of more visually intrusive development in wider views:
- new roads should be tree lined, unless there are compelling reasons to the contrary.

- SNP Project 1 - 2 Local Landscape Character:

1 Woodland Survey and Planting

The Parish Council will investigate undertaking a survey of the parish's woodlands, so that appropriate management can be encouraged.

The Parish Council will work with landowners, businesses and residents to:

- encourage the appropriate planting of trees, woodland creation and other activities to help combat climate change and further enhance our natural environment;
- use public spaces (such as recreational areas and verges) to improve climate resilience and enhance the environment through rewilding and other initiatives;
- assess and manage the environmental and ecological impacts of potentially damaging activities in woodland areas (such as mountain biking, horse riding and other recreational pursuits) with a specific focus on reducing any detrimental impacts on soil carbon and habitat quality.

(v) Felling of the tree will be contrary to the Stinsford Parish Council Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy and Action Plan which supports the aims and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting concluded at 7:10pm.

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