

# Stinsford Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 June 2017 at 7.00pm in  
The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College**

**Present:** Mr Chris Hext (Chairman), Mr George Armstrong, Mr Michael Clarke, Mr Will Molland and Dr Andy Stillman.

**Also in attendance:** Cllr Mrs Jill Haynes (Dorset County Councillor) and Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk).

## **90. Apologies for Absence**

90.1 No apologies for absence were received.

## **91. Declarations of Interest**

91.1 Mr Molland declared a personal interest in the planning application for Gardener's Cottage, Lower Bockhampton, as he lived in the neighbouring property.

91.2 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

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

92.1 Cllr Mrs Haynes reported that:-

- (i) following the elections in May, the County Council's Cabinet was smaller, with more cross-cutting portfolios; she was now Cabinet Member for Health and Care as well as Acting Deputy Leader of the Council;
- (ii) the County Council's Children's Services budget remained very overspent due to the increasing number of complex cases requiring expensive care provision;
- (iii) a lot of work was being undertaken to increase integration with healthcare to try and make savings; and
- (iv) there was likely to be little progress on local government reorganisation following the recent UK parliamentary election.

92.2 Cllr Mrs Haynes informed the Parish Council that she had spoken to the Head of Coast and Countryside about establishing a liaison group for the Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre to improve communication with local residents and stakeholders, such as The Hardy Society. He had tasked the Area Manager – West and North, Dorset Countryside with progressing this but Cllr Mrs Haynes undertook to raise it further at the next meeting of the County Council's Country Parks Policy Development Panel.

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

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

## **94. Public Participation Time**

94.1 In the absence of any members of the public, the Chairman moved to the next item.

## **95. Minutes**

95.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 8 May 2017 (Annual Parish Meeting of Electors and Annual Parish Council Meeting) be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

95.2 Further to minute 84, the Parish Council noted the draft Affordable Housing Policy circulated by Mr Molland. This would be included on the agenda for the next meeting for approval.

- 95.3 Further to minute 85, Mr Armstrong reported that the maintenance work to the Lower Bockhampton Play Area had been completed to a good standard. To his knowledge, the annual inspection had not yet been carried out.

## **96. Finance**

### **96.1 Expenditure**

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

- Barker-Fox Associates – Fee for conducting 2016/17 internal audit - £30.00
- Pryce Countryside Services – maintenance of Lower Bockhampton play area - £725.00

## **97. Approval of Annual Audit Return**

- 97.1 The Clerk introduced the Annual Audit Return for 2016/17 for approval before it was submitted to the External Auditor. The Parish Council also considered the report of the Internal Auditor, including the recommendations made.

- 97.2 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.

## **98. Planning Matters**

- 98.1 WD/D/17/001008 – Kingston Maurward Agricultural College, Kingston Maurward DT2 8PY – Demolish existing building and erect replacement building as Interpretation Centre for Animal Park at Kingston Maurward College

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

- 98.2 WD/D/17/001095 – 2 Maurward Close, Stinsford DT2 8PU – Variation of condition 3 of planning permission WD/D/16/002360 – to allow use of an alternative brick (Weinerberger Smeed Dean Aldwych Yellow Rustica)

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

- 98.3 WD/D/17/001197 – Frome Whitfield Farmhouse, Frome Whitfield Farm Access Road, Frome Whitfield DT2 7RY – Replace roof and side cladding of two dwellings

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

- 98.4 WD/D/17/100307 – Gardener's Cottage, Bockhampton Lane, Lower Bockhampton DT2 8PZ – Detached garage outbuilding (Certificate of Lawfulness - proposed)

Taking into account information and comments received from residents of Lower Bockhampton, it was **resolved** to OBJECT to the application for a proposed certificate of lawfulness for the following reasons:-

- The assertion made in the revised documents submitted by the agent that there has been only one extension to the dwellinghouse is incorrect. The Parish Council are aware of the following planning history (available on [Dorsetforyou.gov.uk](http://Dorsetforyou.gov.uk)):- A first extension was in 2008 – 1/D/08/002152 – demolition of single storey lean-to and erection of 2 storey extension (increasing footprint). This was approved on 23.12.2008.

A second extension was in 2013 – 1/D/13/000704 – a single storey extension to the south and east elevations. This was approved on 17.7.2013 (again increasing the footprint). The block plan used in this application appears to be similar to the footprint pre-2008.

- In the current application both the location and block plan use the pre-2008 footprint for the house not the current footprint of the house, thereby giving an incorrect impression of the relationship between the dwellinghouse and the proposed outbuilding.
- The proposed outbuilding appears to still be above 4m in height on parts of the site.
- The proposed outbuilding is clearly being built with the intention of being converted into a two storey building in due course, showing first floor windows.
- The proposed outbuilding will be sited within a Conservation Area and will impact upon the character and historic value of the hamlet of Lower Bockhampton due to its size.

98.5 WD/D/17/000980 – Higher Dairy, Kingston Maurward Agricultural College, Kingston Maurward DT2 8PY – Dairy slurry store cover (Permitted Development)

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

98.6 WD/D/17/001381 – Hampton Farm, Bockhampton Lane, Higher Bockhampton – steel framed agricultural store (Permitted Development)

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

## **99. Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre**

99.1 The Parish Council welcomed the comments made by Cllr Mrs Haynes in support of establishing a liaison group to improve communications about the activities at the Visitor Centre and Thorncombe Woods. However, it was felt that progress needed to be made on this as soon as possible.

99.2 It was resolved to request that Cllr Mrs Haynes expedite the convening of a liaison meeting during September to include representatives from the Parish Council, Dorset Countryside, the National Trust and The Hardy Society and all local residents. Additionally, it was suggested that the Parish Council offer support in convening this meeting.

*Action by: Clerk*

## **100. Superfast Broadband**

100.1 There were no current matters to be considered.

## **101. Road Safety and Traffic Management**

101.1 The Clerk reported the receipt of an email from Mr Colin Grist, on behalf of the organisers of the Dorchester Marathon held on 28 May 2017, inviting any comments from the Parish Council.

101.2 It was **resolved** to write to Mr Grist expressing the Parish Council's congratulations on the success of the event and to the organisers for the level of engagement that they had with local residents and businesses to ensure that everyone was made aware of the timings, road closures, etc and to make the following suggestions for future years:-

- (i) A little more liaison with care agencies would be helpful. There was an example of a care assistant visiting to a client in Lower Bockhampton but then struggling to find a route to their next client in Puddletown. This could be time critical if a client required medication, etc. Alternatively, if the stewards could be given

instructions to allow care providers to pass through the road closures, when it is safe for them to do so, could be the answer.

(ii) Consideration be given to liaising with Kingston Maurward College to request that the route across the campus from the main entrance to Knapwater in Lower Bockhampton be opened to enable local residents to use it as an alternative route.

(iii) Signs promoting the event be removed as soon as practicable following the event.

## **102. Correspondence**

102.1 The Parish Council noted an email received from a local resident about the overgrowth of the river path, which had been exacerbated by the recent heavy rain. It was resolved to contact Dorset County Council to request that this be cut back.

*Action by: Clerk*

102.2 Further correspondence had been received from local residents about the activity at the cement works at the entrance to Birkin House. It was noted that no response had been received from the previous requests made to the Environmental Health department and the Planning Enforcement Officer and it was resolved to follow these up.

*Action by: Clerk*

102.3 The Clerk reported that she had submitted the application for approval of the neighbourhood planning designation area by West Dorset District Council on 30 March 2017 but no response had yet been received. She informed the Parish Council that she would follow this up.

*Action by: Clerk*

102.4 The Chairman reported that he had attended the recent Kingston Maurward College Open Day and would write to the Principal to thank him for the invitation and congratulate him on the success of the event.

*Action by: Chairman*

## **103. Items for future Agenda**

103.1 It was resolved that the following items be included on the agendas for future meetings:-

- Adoption of Affordable Housing Policy (July)
- Review of correspondence sent to which no response has been received (July)
- Management of verges to encourage wild flowers, etc (July)
- Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations (August)

## **104. Date of next meeting**

104.1 It was noted that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 10 July 2017.

The meeting concluded at 8:25pm.

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