

# Stinsford Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 February 2018 at 7.00pm in The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College

**Present:** Mr Chris Hext (Chairman), Mr George Armstrong, Mr Will Molland, Dr Andy Stillman, Mr Richard Wheal and Mr Paul Wills.

**Also in attendance:** Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk) and one member of the public (Mr Jones).

### 16. Apologies for Absence

- 16.1 Apologies for absence received from Mr Michael Clarke, Cllr Patrick Cooke (West Dorset District Councillor) and Cllr Mrs Jill Haynes (Dorset County Councillor).

### 17. Declarations of Interest

- 17.1 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interest.
- 17.2 Dr Stillman declared a personal interest in the planning application at Frome Whitfield Farm due to using the cattery based there and did not participate in the debate or decision-making.

### 18. Dorset County Council Matters

- 18.1 In the absence of Cllr Mrs Haynes, the Chairman moved to the next item on the agenda.

### 19. West Dorset District Council Matters

- 19.1 In the absence of Cllr Cooke, the Chairman moved to the next item on the agenda.

### 20. Public Participation Time

- 20.1 Mr Jones, the owner of Hampton Farm Business Park, shared with the Parish Council his initial thoughts regarding building a house on the paddocks at the Farm. The Parish Council thanked Mr Jones for the update but explained that it was difficult to provide a view without formal plans. It was also noted that a Neighbourhood Plan would allow the Parish Council to comment on the principle of incremental development of this sort.

### 21. Minutes

- 21.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2018 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 21.2 Further to minute 4, it was noted that there appeared to have been little activity lately at the In Situ Concrete site.
- 21.3 Further to 8.4, the Parish Council acknowledged the information provided in relation to the determination of the Certificate of Lawfulness for the outbuilding at Gardener's Cottage.

### 22. Planning Matters

- 22.1 WD/D/17/002897 – Kingston Maurward Agricultural College, Kingston Maurward, Dorchester DT2 8PX – Erection of Outdoor Activities Facilities

It was **resolved** to SUPPORT this application, subject to an appropriate condition being placed upon the permission relating to external lighting in this sensitive location.

- 22.2 WD/D/18/000080 – Frome Whitfield Farm, Frome Whitfield, Dorchester DT2 7RY – change of use from agricultural to storage and distribution (Application for prior Approval)

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

### **23. Neighbourhood Plan for Stinsford**

- 23.1 The Parish Council discussed the arrangements for the public meeting to be held on 5 March 2018 to launch the neighbourhood plan process, encourage engagement and provide an interactive opportunity for local residents and stakeholders to input into the shape of the neighbourhood plan.
- 23.2 It was recognised that there was a need to make the meeting as interactive and consultative as possible in order to ensure that meaningful outcomes were secured that would form the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that small group sessions should be incorporated within the meeting to achieve this, to be led by members of the Parish Council. It was also agreed that the names of people willing to participate in particular sub-groups or to act as convenor should be captured at the meeting.
- 23.3 The need for a website that could further facilitate consultation and gathering of feedback was discussed. Mr Wills undertook to create a draft site.
- 23.4 Following the delivery of a flyer distributed to residential and business properties within the parish, it was agreed that a reminder should be distributed in the week before the meeting.
- 23.5 The need for a steering group to maintain oversight of the process was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council should seek to do this in the first instance and retain a monthly overview.
- 23.6 It was **resolved** that:
- (i) Mr Hext, Mr Molland and Dr Stillman meet to formulate a detailed programme for the meeting;
  - (ii) Mr Wills to create draft website to include facilities for polls, sharing of views, etc; and
  - (iii) an update flyer be distributed to residential and business properties within the parish by members of the Parish Council in the week before the meeting.
- Action by: All*

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

- 24.1 Dr Stillman drew attention to the notes of the liaison meeting held on 9 January 2018 which he had previously circulated. Some frustration was expressed that the value of liaison with local residents in order to inform the annual work programme was not recognised by the Rangers. The next liaison meeting would be held in June.
- 24.2 The Chairman added that the pay and display machine in the car park was not yet operational for use with National Trust membership cards. He also reported that it had been confirmed that there was a defibrillator located in the Visitor Centre and that he had been informed that installing units in former telephone kiosks was not necessarily a good idea as their effectiveness could be affected by the heat.

### **25. Superfast Broadband**

25.1 No matters were raised under this item, however it was noted that more remote areas than the settlements within the parish now had access to superfast broadband.

**26. Road Safety and Traffic Management**

26.1 No matters were raised under this item.

**27. Correspondence**

27.1 Mr Wheal reported that a resident of Higher Bockhampton had approached him in relation to the poor state of repair of the bridleway beyond the area previously surfaced by the Visitor Centre.

27.2 The Clerk drew attention to the next planning awareness session for councillors being held by West Dorset District Council.

27.3 Dr Stillman reported that he and the Chairman would be attending a meeting on the following day with representatives from Dorchester Town Council and Charminster Parish Council about the North Dorchester Consortium's development plans. This had been arranged following consideration of the next steps in the Local Plan Review by the Town Council's Planning and Environment Committee and would inform the development of the Town Council's views on this option.

**28. Items for future Agenda**

28.1 Deterioration of the bridleway surface at Higher Bockhampton

**29. Date of next meeting**

29.1 It was noted that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 12 March 2018.

The meeting concluded at 8:50pm.

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