

Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors held on Monday 16 May 2022 at 7.00pm in The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College

Present: Mr Michael Clarke (Chairman of Parish Council – in the Chair) and three other members of Stinsford Parish Council (Mr George Armstrong, Ms Sue Escott and Mrs Sarah Pattison)

Also in attendance: Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk to the Parish Council)

1. Welcome

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Clarke, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman presented his report for the year 2021/22 (attached as the Appendix to these minutes).

4. Report of the Village Hall Trust

Mr George Armstrong provided the report of the Village Hall Trust. He reminded those present that funds could be used for any communal project to enhance recreational activity within the parish, or to help raise additional funds, having done so in the past for a refurbishment of the play area via grant applications

He explained that the funds were held in M&G Charity Bonds which were currently worth £600. The most recent quarterly cheque had been for £3.43; the annual income was currently approximately £13.00.

He also reported that an invitation had been received from the Charity Commission to join a revitalisation programme. Consequently, it was proposed that the Village Hall Trust be renamed in order to be more relevant to the current situation in the parish to be able to fundraise more effectively to enhance recreational activity. If the trust was unable to demonstrate that it had been revitalised, it was the Charity Commission suggested that consideration be given to donating the funds held to a neighbouring charity in the same field.

It was **resolved** that:

- (i) Mr George Armstrong, Mrs Pat Cosgrove and the Clerk to the Parish Council, Miss Kirsty Riglar, be appointed as Trustees for the year 2022/23; and
- (ii) The Trustees meet to formally agree that the Village Hall Trust be re-named Stinsford (Community Recreation) Trust.

7. Public Discussion Period

No members of the public were present to raise any issues.

The meeting ended at 7:15pm.

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Annual Report from the Chairman of Stinsford Parish Council

Unfortunately two Parish Councillors – Julie Martin and Liz Crocker - have decided to stand down during the past year due to their workloads. On behalf of the Parish Council, I thank them for their contributions and participation.

The Parish Council has continued to take advantage of meeting virtually and making decisions via delegated powers when it has felt to be appropriate due to Covid infection rates.

Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan

A huge amount of work has been put into the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan over the past year, culminating in the recent positive referendum result. I would like to particularly thank Sally Cooke for coordinating and driving the project and for the specialist advice provided by Jo Witherden. We now await Dorset Council's formal adoption of the Plan.

North Dorchester Garden Community

The Parish Council has not yet received a response to its complaint about the misrepresentation of its support for the bid for Garden Community funding. In the meantime, we have engaged with Hyas Associates, the consultants leading on the masterplanning for the Garden Community.

We have also supported the Dorchester Civic Society application for the North Dorchester site to be designated as a local heritage asset and await the outcome of the application.

Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy

Having declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency in March 2021, the Parish Council approved a Strategy to address this. We now need to promote this locally and will consider establishing a group to take this work forward in a similar way to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Other projects

It is hoped that the refurbished white fingerpost will be reinstated at Bockhampton Cross by the end of May. Maintenance work on the Lower Bockhampton play area is being progressed. Works to refurbish the phone box and repair the play area wall remain outstanding at the present time.

Michael Clarke
May 2022