

Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 September 2025
at 7:00pm in The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College

Present: Mrs Sarah Pattison (Chair), Mr George Armstrong, Mr Michael Clarke, Mrs Sue Escott and Mr Kevin Henville

Also in attendance: 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 interest.

76. Public Participation Time

76.1 There being no members of the public present, the Chair moved to the next item.

77. Dorset Council Matters

77.1 In the absence of Cllr Taylor, the Chair moved to the next item.

78. Minutes

78.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2025 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

78.2 Further to minute 64.4/2025, the Parish Council noted that the log blocking one of the arches on Bockhampton Bridge had been removed and the fencing near the entrance to the River Path repaired.

79. Finance

79.1 Expenditure

The following payments made by Direct Debit were noted:

- HugoFox – Website – July 2025 – £11.99
- HSBC – Bank Charges – July 2025 - £9.00
- HugoFox – Website – August 2025 – £11.99
- HSBC – Bank Charges – August 2025 - £12.00

80. Planning Matter

80.1 P/HOU/2025/04953 – Loma House, Bockhampton Lane, Lower Bockhampton DT2 8PZ – Erect garden office and sauna

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

81. Lower Bockhampton Play Area

81.1 The Parish Council considered arrangements for ongoing grounds maintenance of the Lower Bockhampton play area. It was reported that Coastland College had confirmed that there was no capacity to assist with this given its smaller gardening team. Mr Armstrong confirmed that he had been in talks with Mr Graham Caves about undertaking this ongoing maintenance and he was happy to take this on.

81.2 It was therefore **resolved** that Mr Graham Caves be approached for future grounds maintenance of the play area when required.

81.3 Mr Armstrong also reported that since the start of the new term, students of the College had been using the play area, standing on the baby swing and littering. He had attempted to report this via the main telephone line but there seemed to be some confusion as to who this should be passed to. It was therefore **resolved** to approach the Director of Estates and Major Capital about this issue and to seek clarification about the procedure for reporting.

82. Consultations

82.1 Dorset and BCP Councils Local Transport Plan Survey

The Parish Council considered this consultation and **resolved** to submit the following corporate response:

Having fully reviewed the Local Transport Plan document, Stinsford Parish Council feel that this is far too general and lacking in detail to be able to endorse or indeed comment on the contents in any meaningful way. Given that the Local Transport Plan is being consulted upon alongside the Dorset Local Plan options, there is no evidence of how the two plans will connect or how those options will be taken into account in the Transport Plan. There is also a greater emphasis on the urban areas of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole than the rest of Dorset, particularly the rural areas.

82.2 Dorset Association of Parish and Town Council – Small Parish Council survey
It **resolved** to defer consideration of this survey to the next meeting.

83. Road Safety, Traffic Management and Rights of Way

83.1 The Parish Council considered the impact of recent road closures for the Iron Man Weymouth event. It was noted that these had resulted in traffic disruption with some roads within some areas of the parish completely cut off and a major build-up of traffic on the Dorchester bypass resulting in delays. It was **resolved** to write to the organisers and Dorset Council Highways to highlight the disruption experienced in the parish, and the impact on residents and businesses, and to request that there be some recognition of this compared to the messaging about the benefits that the event brings to the Weymouth and Portland area.

83.2 The Clerk reported that feedback was invited from the Parish Council about the impact of the road closure for the British Eventing event at Kingston Maurward on 28 and 29 June 2025 to inform the planning for the 2026 event. It was **resolved** to submit the following requests:

- (a) Local residents and businesses be given earlier notice of the impact of the road closures. Whilst the publicity signs were up around the area well in advance this year, the information about the road closures was only shared very close to the event weekend.
- (b) The gate at the rear of the campus leading into Lower Bockhampton be opened throughout the weekend to ensure that the vulnerable residents living in Knapwater can receive their care visits, etc without being impacted by the road closures. This was put in place upon request this year but it would be helpful if it could be factored into the standard planning arrangements for the event.

(c) A means of communicating with local residents in real time over the weekend be put in place to alert them to any changes in the timings of the road closures from those advertised. It was noted that road closures were lifted early this year but people were not aware of this. Something along the lines of a WhatsApp group that residents could opt into would be extremely helpful in this regard.

83.3 It was noted that the street sign for Knapwater had been missing for over a year. This had been reported but a replacement had not been installed. It was **resolved** to raise this with Cllr Taylor.

83.4 The Chair reported that the 'road narrows' sign on Slyer's Lane was still not visible despite Dorset Council having reported that it had been repaired. She also raised concerns about the erosion of the verge and the potential danger to road users.

83.5 The continuing traffic and parking issues associated with the Dorset Studio School was highlighted. It was also noted that there had been recent media coverage confirming that funding had been secured from the Department for Education to rebuild the school. It was therefore **resolved** to invite the Principal to a future meeting to seek an update on this and to raise the significant concerns about traffic and parking.

83.6 Concerns were also raised that following the recent surface dressing on Cuckoo Land and Bockhampton Lane, this was already being damaged as a result of the heavy traffic using the route.

84. Correspondence

84.1 No items of correspondence were raised.

85. Communications

85.1 It was **resolved** that Mrs Escott would prepare an article for the next edition of The Pilot based on that submitted to the Dorset Echo.

86. Items for next / future Agenda

- DAPTC smaller parishes survey
- Update on the rebuild of the Dorset Studio School and traffic and parking issues

87. Date of next meeting

87.1 In order to respond to the Dorset Local Plan consultation by the deadline, it was **resolved** to bring forward the next meeting to Monday 6 October 2025.

88. Dorset Council Local Plan Options Consultation and North of Dorchester Garden Community Consultation

88.1 The Parish Council considered its corporate response to these consultations, taking into account the views expressed at the public meeting held on 8 September 2025 and the overarching rejection of the North Dorchester Garden Community proposals.

88.2 Following consideration of some of the questions posed in the Local Plan Options consultation, it was **resolved** to defer a final decision on the content of the Parish Council's submission to the next meeting to allow for further work to be done on a draft response.

The meeting concluded at 8:55pm.

Chair..... **Date**.....