

Stinsford Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 September 2026 at 7:00pm
in The Old Library, Coastland College - Kingston Maurward Campus**

Present: Mr George Armstrong (Chair), Mr Michael Clarke (Vice-Chair), Mr Kevin Henville and Mr Edd Maynard

Also in attendance: Mr Chris Hedges, Department for Education Project Manager, Dr Annetta Minard, Associate Governor – Dorset Studio School and Mr Paul Gale, Regional Director South West – Tilbury Douglas Construction, Mrs Susan Dallison (Locum Clerk) and four members of the public

98. Apologies for Absence

98.1 Apologies for absence were received from Dorset Councillor David Taylor and Mrs Pauline Weld (Parish Clerk).

99. Declarations of Interest

99.1 There were no declarations of interest.

100. Dorset Studio School replacement project

100.1 As one of the key stakeholders to the project the Parish Council received an update on the Dorset Studio School replacement project. Mr Hedges provided the councillors with a set of printed slides and provided a broad update on the project to date. Key points of the update were:

- (i) A number of surveys had been carried out on site and most had been completed; including a traffic survey. The outstanding surveys related to ecology.
- (ii) Important investigations were being undertaken regarding utilities to ensure that they were fit for purpose; most had been completed or were in draft stage.
- (iii) The results of the surveys would form part of the planning application which would become public once submitted to Dorset Council.
- (iv) A pre-application meeting had been held on 11 August 2026 with the planning authority and a Highways Officer had conducted a site visit on 9 September 2026 at peak traffic time. The report from the Highways Officer had not yet been received.
- (v) A number of public engagement activities had been carried out including leaflets distributed around the local area, a stand at the Dorset County Show and a public information evening on 8 September 2026.
- (vi) To date 289 feedback responses had been received; 271 positive/in support, 10 supportive but raised a concern, 8 no substantive comment and 0 negative/opposed. Feedback was still being received.

100.2 At that point the Chair allowed members of the public to ask questions regarding the highways survey; they expressed their concerns about the narrow road which made it difficult for cars to pass, particularly if there was a bus and it was also difficult for vehicles to avoid pedestrians on the road. Members of the public also raised the issue of the Studio School minibuses using the Bockhampton road although they were prohibited from doing so. In response, Mr Hedges explained that the current school was split site and the aim was to get all of the students under one roof which in turn would reduce the number of minibus journeys during the day.

- 100.3 There were also concerns about increased traffic movements because of parents bringing students to the school and a concern about road safety for students when getting dropped off in the morning and picked up in the afternoon.
- 100.4 A member of the public pointed out that the traffic management plan that had been part of the original planning approval for the site was not available to the public to view. Mr Hedges agreed to check the original traffic management plan for the site which was likely to have been a pre-occupation condition. The Chair agreed that as part of the planning application process a traffic management plan was needed.
- 100.5 The discussion then moved onto the design update which Mr Hedges introduced. The design included a separate access to the site for cars and coaches, using a one-way system specifically for students and staff to combat the parking in the road to drop and collect students. There would also be a new zebra crossing provided.
- 100.6 Mr Gale explained that there would be separate pupil and staff access to the site for cars and coaches. This was to combat people parking out on the lane for drop off and collection. Thirty car parking spaces would be provided for staff which was double the current number.
- 100.7 There were concerns from both councillors and the public that the current traffic situation was not adequately managed by the school and Dr Minard agreed to raise this issue with the school governors.
- 100.8 In response to a question on the dark skies policy Mr Hedges reported that the lights in the building would automatically turn off when no movement was detected and the windows would be fitted with blinds. There would be no lighting in the playing fields.
- 100.9 In terms of next steps, a joint presentation would be made to the Coastland College Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and Board and the Dorset Studio School SLT and Governors. The planning application was expected to be submitted in October 2026 and a decision made by January 2027. The main contract would then be established with Tilbury Douglas in Spring 2027 and construction commence in early Summer 2027.
- 100.10 The Chair highlighted the need for a meeting to be held with the School and College about the traffic management issues, and this needed to take place before the planning application was submitted. Mr Hedges agreed to take on board all of the issues raised by councillors and the public during the discussion.
- 100.11 At the conclusion of the item the Chair thanked all the guests for attending and thanked members of the public for their attendance and questions.

Mr Hedges, Dr Minard and Mr Gale left the meeting.

101. Public Participation Time

- 101.1 Members of the public in attendance had been invited to ask questions in relation to agenda item 3 and left the meeting after that item.

102. Dorset Council Matters

- 102.1 As apologies had been received from Cllr David Taylor, the Chair moved to the next item but it was noted that the Chair would be writing to the Dorset Council Highways officer and the planning officer to request a meeting to discuss traffic management issues.

103. Resignation

103.1 The resignation of Mrs Sarah Jane Pattison was noted. It was also noted that the Chair had written to Mrs Pattison to thank her for her service on the Parish Council.

104. Minutes

104.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2026 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

104.2 Further to minute 87.1 it was noted that 14 residents had applied to a key for access to the estate. The Chair confirmed that any resident of the parish could apply for a key.

104.3 Further to minute 91.1, in relation to the proposed North Dorchester development, the Dorchester Town Council Clerk had sought confirmation of the two parish council representatives to participate in the joint working group. It was resolved that this would be the Chair and Vice-Chair, with Cllr Kevin Henville as reserve.

105. Finance

Expenditure

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

- Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd – preparation of submission on North Dorchester outline planning application - £1,368.00
- Miss K Riglar - Former Clerk's salary (July and August 2026/27 and Quarter 1 backpay) - £411.60
- Graham's Garden Services – Play area grounds maintenance - £50.00

105.2 The following payments made by Direct Debit were noted:

- HugoFox – Website – July 2026 - £11.99
- HSBC – Bank charges – July 2026 - £4.00
- HugoFox – Email addresses – July 2026 - £11.99
- HugoFox – Website – August 2026 - £11.99
- HSBC – Bank Charges – August 2026 - £1.00
- HugoFox – Email addresses – August 2026 - £11.99

106. Planning Matters

106.1 P/FUL/2026/01263 - Crown Point Phases 3 and 4 Poundbury – erection of 57no. dwellings, public open space and associated infrastructure (neighbouring parish council consultation)

It was **resolved** not to object to this application.

107. Lower Bockhampton Play Area

107.1 The Chair reported that the annual inspection had not yet taken place. Once the report was received, the Parish Council would need to consider how the play area will look in the future.

108. North Dorchester Garden Community

108.1 Whilst there were no further updates on the North Dorchester outline planning application, it was acknowledged that the Parish Council will need to engage with publicity on this to ensure that the issues it raised are heard.

109. Road Safety, Traffic Management and Rights of Way

109.1 It was noted that the Dorset County Show caused traffic chaos on the by-pass. The Chair agreed to raise this issue.

110. Communications

110.1 The Chair had received an email from Dorset Council regarding the new Community Conversations initiative. The Chair could attend the meeting in the afternoon but asked colleagues to check their availability for the morning session.

110.2 It was agreed that Cllr Clarke would draft the next item for the next edition of The Pilot regarding the Studio School and traffic issues.

111. Items for next meeting

- Feedback from the Studio School on the preparation of a joint traffic management plan.

112. Date of future meetings

112.1 It was noted that future meetings would be held on Monday 12 October and Monday 9 November 2026.

The meeting concluded at 8:35pm.

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