

Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 6 October 2025
at 7:00pm in The Pengelly Room, Kingston Maurward College

Present: Mrs Sarah Pattison (Chair), Mr George Armstrong, Mr Michael Clarke and Mr Edd Maynard (Vice-Chair)

Also in attendance: Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk) and Dorset Councillor David Taylor (attending remotely).

89. Apologies for Absence

89.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Sue Escott and Mr Kevin Henville.

90. Declarations of Interest

90.1 There were no declarations of interest.

91. Public Participation Time

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

92. Finance

92.1 The receipt of the following income was noted:

- Dorset Council – 50% of precept for 2025/26 - £2,750.00

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

- Mr Graham Caves – Play area grounds maintenance - £100.00
- HMRC (PAYE) (Quarter 2 2025/26) - £338.40
- Fields in Trust – Play area annual inspection 2025 - £127.80
- Clerk's salary (Quarter 2 2025/26 and Quarter 1 backpay) - £508.80

92.3 The following payment made by Direct Debit was noted:

- HugoFox – Website – September 2025 – £11.99

92.4 Bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation for Quarter 2 2025/26 showing a net balance of £15,289.32 as at 21 September 2025 was **received**.

92.5 Arising from the approved payment to Mr Caves for maintenance of Lower Bockhampton play area, it was **resolved** to delegate authority to Mr Armstrong to commission future grounds maintenance as required.

93. Planning Matters

93.1 P/TRC/2025/05440 – Kingston Maurward Agricultural College, Stinsford DT2 8PY – Japanese Pagoda (T1) – Reduce western crown to same height as eastern side, removing 7-8m from the height. Reduce laterals by 2-3m Yew Trees (G1) – Selective crown reductions by up to 1.5m, favouring the southern sides of crowns and to create canopy gaps between the trees. Crown raise canopy on southern side to 3-4m above lower slope height. Ash (T2) – Fell. Alder (T3) – Fell. Ash (T4 and T5) – Fell. Ash (T6) – Fell. Willow (T7) – Fell. Norway Maple (T8) – Reduce height by 3-4m. Sycamore (T8) – Crown raise canopy all round to 3m from ground level. Mixed

Species (G2) – Crown raise to 2.5m over all public access paths within the area identified on the tree location plans.

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

- 93.2 P/VOC/2025/05159 – Lower Bockhampton Farm, Bockhampton Lane, Lower Bockhampton DT2 8PZ – Convert former dairy parlour to 1 No. dwelling, including the demolition and re-building of eastern section of building. Erect car port / store (with variation of conditions 2 to planning permission P/FUL/2023/01317 – to amend plans)

It was **resolved** to support this application subject to requesting that the Dark Skies Policy (SNP4) of the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan be respected in relation to external lighting.

- 93.3 P/FUL/2025/05452 - Henchard, Greenwood Grange, Higher Bockhampton, DT2 8QH - Replace thatch roof covering with slate tiles and install no.6 roof lights

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

- 93.4 P/FUL/2025/04324 - Land North of New Buildings, Wolfton, Eweleaze Road, Charminster DT2 7SG - Retain change of use from poultry farm to equine use. Erection of stables, chicken coop, sheds and siting of 2no. Storage containers (Neighbouring parish consultation)

It was **resolved** not to comment on this application as it had no impact on the parish.

- 93.5 Feedback from Rain Barrow Farm Biodigester Community Liaison Group – Mr Armstrong reported that he had attended the first meeting of the Group on 2 October 2025 which he felt to have been positive. This had included a tour of the biodigester facility. The operators had confirmed that they were aware of issues relating to the routing of contractors which should be the most direct route to the A35. A single point of contact would be provided for the Parish Council to report any non-compliance by contractors.

94. Dorset Council Local Plan Options Consultation

- 94.1 Further to its last meeting, the Parish Council continued to consider its corporate response to this consultation, 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.
- 94.2 Cllr Taylor informed the Parish Council that Dorset Council had recently approved an application for gravel extraction at Moreton which would result in 200 lorry movements per day. A further application for the adjacent site was expected which would add a similar number of movements to local roads. In addition to the 20 lorry movements per day to the Rain Barrow Farm Biodigester site, the cumulative impact on the local road infrastructure was extremely concerning without the addition of the proposed number of homes at the North Dorchester Garden Community site. However there appeared to have been no thought given to this significant increase in traffic within the Local Plan options consultation.
- 94.3 It was **resolved** to submit the responses attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to these minutes as the Parish Councils corporate responses to the general consultation questions and the specific North Dorchester Garden Community site option.

94.4 The Chair was thanked for her considerable work in preparing the proposed draft submissions and for representing the Parish Council at the recent protest held in relation to the North Dorchester Garden Community proposals. Thanks were also extended to Mrs Escott for her contributions to the draft submissions.

95. North Dorchester Garden Community

95.1 It was **resolved** to submit the comments agreed in respect of the North Dorchester Garden Community for submission as part of the Dorset Council Local Plan Options consultation to the North Dorchester Consortium.

96. Consultation - Dorset Association of Parish and Town Council – Small Parish Council survey

96.1 It was **resolved** to delegate the response to this consultation to the Clerk. The response submitted is attached as Appendix 3 to these minutes.

97. Communications

97.1 It was **resolved** that if possible the agreed response in respect of the North Dorchester Garden Community should be published in The Pilot or, if this was not possible, produced as a separate document and circulated.

98. Correspondence

98.1 Further to the discussion at the last meeting about use of the play area by students of Coastland College, Mr Maynard confirmed that he would be the main point of contact for any issues and that he had spoken to colleagues working in Reception about this.

98.2 The Parish Council noted an approach from the residents of The Old Manor in respect of the impact of the new LED emergency exit lights installed on the Coastland College buildings near the stables. These were left on overnight and were extremely bright. This was also contrary to the Dark Skies Policy in the Neighbourhood Plan It was **resolved** to contact the Director of Estates and Major Capital about this and to request that these be turned off overnight when the buildings were not occupied.

99. Items for next / future Agenda

- Update on the rebuild of the Dorset Studio School and traffic and parking issues
- Briefing from Wessex Internet about the installation of fibre within the parish

100. Date of next meeting

100.1 It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to be held on Monday 10 November 2025.

The meeting concluded at 8:5pm.

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