

Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 9 June 2025
at 7:00pm in The Old Library, Kingston Maurward College

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

Also in attendance: Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk) and one member of the public (Mr Hugh Grenville-Jones)

50. Apologies for Absence

50.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Sue Escott and Mr Edd Maynard.

51. Declarations of Interest

51.1 There were no declarations of interest.

52. Public Participation Time

52.1 Mr Grenville-Jones addressed the Parish Council in relation to the forthcoming British Eventing equestrian event at Kingston Maurward College and the issues experienced in relation to the road closure and diversion arrangements during the 2024 event and the lack of notice to residents. It was explained that this issue had been raised with the College's Principal and Director of Estates and Major Capital Projects but no further information had yet been received.

52.2 Mr Grenville-Jones also raised the issue of the impact on residents and local businesses arising from the road closures put in place for the Iron Man Weymouth event in September. He pointed out that the communications around this sought to justify the disruption by the benefits that the event brought to the Weymouth area but there was no recognition of the negative implications it had on other communities and local businesses. He asked if the Parish Council would be willing to take this up with the organisers.

52.3 On the subject of road closures and a lack of adequate communication to residents, it was noted that there had been no information provided to residents of Higher and Lower Bockhampton about the road surfacing works due to take place imminently. It was not known when Cuckoo Land and Bockhampton Lane would be closed and what arrangements would be put in place for access / egress. This was particularly concerning in relation to those residents who required care during the day.

52.4 It was therefore **resolved** to:

- (i) contact the Principal of the College as a matter of urgency about the lack of information provided to residents about the British Eventing event at the end of June;
- (ii) contact Cllr David Taylor as a matter of urgency about the need for useful information about the road closures to enable road surfacing work on Cuckoo Lane and Bockhampton Lane; and
- (iii) contact the organisers of Iron Man Weymouth about the need for greater consultation and communication with the communities outside of Weymouth impacted by road closures during the event and seeking clarification about the arrangements in place for emergency access on the day.

Mr Grenville-Jones left the meeting at 7:48pm.

53. Finance

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

- Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Ltd - annual subscription 2025/26 – £197.15
- Society of Local Council Clerks – Clerk's annual membership 2025/26 - £80.00
- Barker-Fox Associates – Internal Audit 2024/25 – £100.00

53.2 The following payments made by Direct Debit were noted:

- HugoFox – Website – May 2025 – £11.99
- HSBC – Bank Charges – May 2025 - £9.00

54. Approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25

54.1 The Clerk introduced the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2024/25 for approval before it was published to comply with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The Parish Council also considered the report of the Internal Auditor which set out a conclusion of substantial assurance but made seven recommendations.

54.2 It was **resolved** that:

- (i) the report and recommendations of the Internal Auditor be received and progressed;
- (ii) the Certificate of Exemption be signed by the Chairman and submitted to the External Auditor;
- (iii) the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) be approved;
- (iv) the Accounting Statements (Section 2) be approved; and
- (v) the period of public rights commence on 16 June 2025 and end on 25 July 2025 and notice of this be published on the parish noticeboards and the Parish Council's website.

55. Consultation

55.1 The Parish Council considered its corporate response to the Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation. It was noted that it was difficult to consider nature recovery in the absence of a current Local Plan as recovery needed to take place as close as possible to the site of the impact on nature arising from development.

55.2 It was **resolved** to submit the response attached as the Appendix to these minutes.

56. North of Dorchester Garden Community

56.1 The Parish Council noted the response received to the Freedom of Information request submitted by Mr Clarke and expressed its disappointment that the Hyas Associates report would not be made available to it. It was noted that the garden communities programme was again referred to but the fact that this required community input and leadership not acknowledged.

56.2 In view of the emerging information about the next steps and timeline in relation to the development of the Dorset Local Plan, the Parish Council considered its strategy in relation to opposing the garden community proposals which seemed very likely to be included within this.

57. Communications approach

- 57.1 The Parish Council considered its approach to communicating with local residents. It was **resolved** to:
- (i) post information on the Facebook group as often as possible; and
 - (ii) circulate the writing of an article for The Pilot between the members of the Council, using the agenda for the most recent meeting as a framework for content.

58. Urgent items: Treeworks applications

- 58.1 P/TRD/2025/03268 – Lower Bockhampton House, Bockhampton Lane, Lower Bockhampton, DT2 8PZ – T1 Liquidamber – Remove under Regulation 14 (S198)

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

- 58.2 P/TRT/2025/03357 – Birkin House, A35 Stinsford Roundabout to start of dual carriageway, Stinsford DT2 8QD – Ash(T1) – Fell; Bay (T2) – Reduce height by 1.5m and spread all around by 0.5m to shape

It was **resolved** to submit a 'no objection' response to this application.

59. Date of next meeting

- 59.1 It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to be held on Monday 8 July 2024.

The meeting concluded at 8:26pm.

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