Knightsfor Neighbourhood Plan: designated area

- 1. The designated area is as shown on the map overleaf.
- 2. Full details of the designation can be read here: https://moderngov.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=630

Knightsford Parish Council applied to have the whole of its parish area designated as a neighbourhood area. The area specified in the application does not extend beyond Knightsford parish boundaries and does not overlap with other neighbourhood areas already designated or applied for and awaiting determination.

What this meant is that Regulation 5A of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) applied to the application received from Knightsford Parish Council. There is no requirement to consult on such an application and Dorset Council was required to exercise its powers under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to designate the Knightsford Parish area as a neighbourhood area.

- 3. I have contacted the Knightsford Parish Clerk for more information about their progress with preparing a plan and she has advised me:
 - that they are at a very early stage in this project;
 - that public support has not been sought to any great extent although they do have a few people in the villages who are keen to help Councillors progress the project;
 - whether the plan will cover the full designated area is still up for discussion;
 - They are not close to starting work as such and no grant support has been applied for;
 - They may have more information to share by the end of September when they meet again.
 - She suggested that it might be helpful for BPC to consult Stinsford PC as they have just finished work on their plan.

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