

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
3 SEPTEMBER 2024, 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Martin Nielsen (MN) - Chairman
Sean Fry (SF) – Vice-Chairman
Steve Green (SG)
Adam Sedgwick (AS)
Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)
Fred Grosch (FG)

Apologies: Stevie Bezencenet (SB)

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above. Apologies and the reasons given were accepted (SB family matter).

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

None.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

4 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2024 were agreed and signed.

4.2 Actions from the previous meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda

MN reported that best information indicated SCC owns a grassed area outside the One School. It was noted that the school had carried out hard landscaping and kerbing near the school gates.

Action: VK to arrange a meeting for her and MN to discuss these works, permissions and the school's further plans for the area.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/24/03821 - Gillyflower Cottage

No comments to be submitted in response to the application.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

None received.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

No matters were reported on.

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Anglian Water pipeline

An oral report from MN on progress on the project was noted. Anglian Water had committed to providing information on when banks and foliage on the crossing in the parish would be reinstated.

8.2 Boxted Bridge

A request from Boxted parish council for support for an email to Essex County Council's Highways portfolio holder opposing ECC's plan to replace the bridge was noted. It was agreed that the parish council supported the email in principle. The response to Boxted PC would

reflect the outcome a forthcoming meeting with stakeholders which would inform SBN parish council's strategy for opposing ECC's application.

Action: Clerk and MN to respond to Boxted PC following the stakeholder meeting.

It was noted that the revisions to the CROW Act which place a new duty on public authorities to seek to further the purpose of National Landscapes will be relevant in law to ECC's proposals to replace the bridge.

Action: MN to raise this issue at the next meeting of the Dedham Vale National Landscapes Group. AS to provide MN with a briefing on the new duty in advance.

8.3 National Grid powerline projects

It was noted that the Government is due to make a decision on the project on 12 September.

8.4 BDC consultation on JLP Part 2 SA Scoping Report and SHLAA

Action: It was agreed that SF/MN would consider a response following a forthcoming meeting with BDC.

8.5 MHCLG consultation on the NPPF and planning system

Action: It was agreed that SF/MN would consider a response following a forthcoming meeting with BDC.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Maintenance of footpaths

A written report provided by SG in advance of the meeting was noted. SG gave an oral update which noted that, broadly, SCC's latest cut had been performed to specification.

9.2 Footpath Cutting Schedule for 2025

It was noted that clarification would be required from the golf club on plans for cutting the footpath alongside the Bl068. In addition trade-off's would need to be considered on whether to ask SCC to cut some new areas but reduce cuts on existing areas.

9.3 The Downs/other green spaces

It was noted that the parish council's contractor had not yet responded to a request to cut the area above The Downs path. In addition it was agreed that the contractor should be asked to cut back the wild area on the village green.

Action: Clerk to make the requests to the contractor.

RE reported that an area next on Crossfields next to a UKPN substation needed cutting.

Action: RE to provide MN with details of the location, with a view to the parish council contractor potentially being asked to cut it.

10 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ISSUES ARISING

10.1 Clerk and Chairman's correspondence

Correspondence suggesting that a handrail and anti-slip measures should be provided for steps at the bank at Beachams Farm and a handrail at the exit from Rowley Wood was noted

Action: MN/SG to examine the areas and recommend action to the relevant landowners.

Correspondence reiterating concerns over the condition of The Downs path was noted.

Action: MN to visit the resident to discuss concerns and reiterate that the relevant part of the path is owned by Tendring Hall Estate, and that any potential solution will require agreement between the Estate the parish council and SCC highways.

Correspondence from the Estate that it would be carrying out fencing and hedge works on the Nayland Road was noted.

Action: It was agreed that MN would contact the estate manager suggesting that he publicise the works in the LSPN.

It was agreed to respond to BDC's proposed dates for a meeting with its planning team, requesting an online meeting on 19 September.

11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1 October 2024 at 7.30pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.