

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
7 JANUARY 2025, 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies: None

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

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 2 December 2024 were agreed and signed.

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

A document showing the golf club's proposal for diverting a footpath to run alongside the B1068 and extension to the club was circulated. It was noted that the path would provide a new walking route from the village to the club but would entail crossing the road near a bend. It was agreed to request that the club consider moving the crossing point to a straighter part of the road near the boundary of Holly Farm where it would be easier for pedestrians to see traffic and be seen

Action: SG to contact the golf club to request the suggested change on crossing location.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None had been received.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/24/04649 – Old Forge House

Approval of the application was noted.

6.2 Application DC/24/04744 - Scotland Place Farm

Approval of the application was noted.

6.3 Application DC/24/05432 – Stoke by Nayland Club

The district council's decisions on conditions were noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

The district council's decision not to pursue enforcement action over a fence at the front of a property on Scotland Street was noted.

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Developments related to Boxted Bridge

MN reported that he would contact Save Our Bridge to discuss further activity including whether the statutory timescales for road closures had been breached.

Action: MN to draft a letter to Essex County Council Highways requesting that the bridge is reopened to pedestrians, cyclists and canoes and potential timings for reopening the bridge fully.

Action: Clerk to contact district councillor Isabelle Reece to ask for their planning team to meet MN.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Maintenance of footpaths

SG reported that proposals had been submitted to SCC for footpath improvements and a number of maintenance requests had been submitted on the reporting tool.

Action: SG to report a hole in the churchyard footpath to SCC.

SF reported that the government would be removing the deadline to report 'lost' footpaths.

10 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ISSUES ARISING

10.1 Clerk and Chairman's correspondence

Correspondence from the district council on a review of aspects of the Local Plan was noted.

11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4 February 2025 at 7.30pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.