

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
2 APRIL 2024, 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies: Fred Grosch (FG)

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above. Apologies and the reasons given were accepted (FG on business).

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 5 March 2024 were approved and signed.

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

None.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/24/01249 – Tendring Hall Park

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

5.2 Application DC/24/01286 – The Old Vicarage

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

5.3 Application DC/24/01211 – Old Forge House

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/24/01022 – The Cottage, School Street

Approval of conditions was noted.

6.2 Application DC/24/00994 – Park Street Stores

Approval of conditions was noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

It was reported that bonfires had taken place on land owned by Babergh District Council behind houses on Crossfields, and that these fires had been a considerable size and late into the night.

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Anglian Water pipeline works

MN reported that changes for the closure dates for Marsh Lane and the B1068 near Wasses

Farm had been notified. MN had requested additional notices from AW on local minor roads to state no through route during the closures. AW had agreed to this.

In addition MN had requested that AW clear mud associated with the works from the road and repair potholes. The company would also be providing information on work to be carried out in the parish and HGV movements.

8.2 Boxted Bridge

It was noted that BDC councillor Isabelle Reece had informed the parish council that Essex Highways' application for remodelling the bridge would be going before BDC's planning committee on 17 April¹. Concerns were expressed that the parish council was not notified earlier as significant preparation would be needed to provide evidence and reports for the hearing.

8.3 National Grid Bramford-Twinstead powerline strengthening proposal

MN reported that he had attended BDC's session on improving the district council's working practices on NSIP projects. Points noted included that local parish councils had worked together well on responses to the Bramford-Twinstead consultation and the need for district and county council officers to place greater emphasis on representing community concerns to promoters.

8.4 DLUHC's consultation on changes to permitted development rights

MN, SF and SG confirmed they would be responding on behalf of the parish council.

8.5 Matters since the issue of the agenda

BDC approach to consultation on potential changes to village envelope

It was noted that the parish council would be in a position to consider recommending any changes once the output from BDC's call for sites is known and the Neighbourhood Plan Group's work is more advanced.

Works at front of One School

It was noted that tree works appeared to have been followed by works to increase car parking space.

Action: VK to ask the school's administrator to clarify intentions for the works including any tree replacement, and also to confirm whether a representative would be attending the APM.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Maintenance of footpaths

SG reported that following discussions with him and SCC the land owner at Rams Farm had agreed to move a fence line to provide appropriate space for footpaths.

Action: SG to circulate correspondence from SCC confirming this.

SG reported that the footpath signs in the Rams Farm area are not official signs and he would be asking SCC to replace them, and also to reinstate Stour valley path signs.

10 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ISSUES ARISING

It was reported that a dog attack had occurred in the parish and that it had not been the only incident involving this dog.

Action: SF to raise the incidents with the community police officer.

¹ The District Council clarified following the meeting that the application would not be discussed at its planning committee meeting on 17 April as it is not ready for a decision. Further information will be provided by the promoter and a re-consultation undertaken.

11` DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 7.00pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.