

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
4th June 2024, 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies: James Dark (JD)
Fred Gosch (FG)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As above. In the absence of the Clerk, the minutes were kindly taken by Steve Green.

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 meetings held on 2 April 2024 and 7 May 2024 were reviewed and duly signed.

4.2 Actions from the previous meeting on 7 May not covered elsewhere on the agenda

MN reported that the actions from 7 May meeting, both actions have been completed. Businesses have removed roadside advertising signs and reassurances were received following contact with BDC Public Realm Team who raised the issue with relevant business.

4.3 Stoke by Nayland Parish Council

Planning & Environment Committee – Terms of Reference

MN introduced a draft paper of the Planning & Environment Committee Terms of Reference circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. Committee members were requested to review the draft and feedback any comments to MN at least one week prior to the full Parish Council meeting on 2 July 2024.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No applications had been notified by the District Council since the previous meeting.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/24/00119 – Claude’s Cottage and Meadows Cottage

BDC’s decision to refuse the application was noted.

6.2 Application DC/24/00964 – Thorrington Hall & Thorrington Lodge

BDC’s decision to approve the application was noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

No planning control matters have been reported.

7.1. The committee discussed the matter of advertising events within the Parish and the permissible number and size of advertising boards. It was agreed the Parish Council's policy on this matter requires updating.

Action: MN to review and revise the Parish Council's policy on advertising and submit draft changes for July's Parish Council meeting.

MN raised a potential issue about the construction of a swimming pool at a property within the village. MN & SF investigated the rules and regulations governing the matter it appears the installation falls outside of permitted development and that it may require Listed Building Consent if within the curtilage and if outside, would require planning permission by virtue of the property being within the Conservation Area.

Action: MN to make contact with the property owners.

MN updated the committee about the issue of the five parked vehicles outside the One School on land believed to be in SCC (highways) ownership.

Action: MN to raise ownership status of the land with SCC councillor James Finch.

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 National Grid consultation on Norwich-Tilbury powerlines

MN had drafted an initial response to National Grid's statutory consultation which was circulated to committee members but requires further up-to-date information from the Clerk in order to finalise the draft. MN asked for comments on this first draft. The deadline for response to the consultation has been extended from 18 June to 23 July due to the General Election.

Action: Committee members to feedback any comments to MN accordingly.

8.2 BMSDC consultation on supplementary planning documents

The Committee to consider BMSDC's publication of its supplementary planning documents and the results of the 'Call for Sites'. The committee to provide comments on the biodiversity and trees, for housing and intensive livestock and poultry by 19 June. MN asked for volunteers to assist in formulating the PC's response and suggested comments for submission would be confined to biodiversity of trees and on housing. AS mentioned that the Lady Anne Windsor Charity may wish to provide comment on 'housing' in context of any community-led development.

Action: Volunteer committee members to review relevant information and provide feedback for consideration and potential inclusion in the Committee's formal response:

AS to make further enquiry on housing with the Lady Anne Windsor Charity

MN to consider further information on livestock and poultry.

SG to consider further information on biodiversity and trees.

8.3 Anglian Pipeline Works

The B1068 road closure had worked well with little diversion of traffic onto local roads. MN has been notified that there is going to be a delay to drilling in the Stour Valley due to nesting birds with the programme due in June put back to September

8.4 Boxted Bridge

There was no update on Boxted Bridge, other than a plan to meet with interested parties in conjunction with Essex County Council in the near future.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Maintenance of footpaths

It was reported that the proposed widening of footpaths around Rams Farm following agreement between and SCC and the landowner, previously communicated to the Parish Council, appears not to have been completed. SG has contacted SCC regarding the above and is awaiting a response.

Public access along the footpath from Scotland Street adjacent to the River Box is not possible due to overgrown nettles. The cutting season is due to end on 17 June. MN highlighted the importance of ensuring key footpaths have been cut as per the cutting schedule and the need for inspection.

Action: SG to follow-up with SCC about above matters and make enquiry at the Estate Office in the village and to inspect key footpaths as per the cutting schedule before 17 June.

10 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ISSUES ARISING

10.1 Clerk and Chairman's correspondence

Babergh District Council Joint Local Plan – Results of Call for Sites. MN shared an update paper with recommendations for Committee members to consider. It was suggested the PC should be informing parishioners of the results of the call for sites within SBN and in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Plan Group, relevant plans and tables should be reproduced in (i) LSPN (ii) on SBN website and (iii) on local Facebook page.

Action: MN to progress the suggestions contained in his note and share a draft insert with committee members prior to publication in the LSPN.

10.2 Matters to note since the issue of this agenda/future agenda items

None

11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2 July 2024 at 7.00pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.