

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

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

Apologies: Steve Green (SG)

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD), District Councillor Isabelle Reece (IR)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As above. Apologies from SG and the reason given (unwell) were accepted.

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 1 October 2024 were agreed and signed.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/22/00050 and CC/COL/106/21 - Boxted Bridge

MN reported that local parish councils are drafting a response to the consultation which would ideally be submitted by Dedham Vale Society. Parish councils could then submit letters of support. It would draw on reports from consultants funded by Save Our Bridge campaign which had identified a number of technical grounds for objection to the proposal.

Action: MN to include reference to Dedham Vale Society letter in the parish council's fourth supplementary response to the application, to be submitted to Essex County Council and Babergh District Council (BDC) in line with the revised deadline of 11 November.

5.2 Application DC/24/04409 – Drift Cottage

No comments to be submitted in response to the application.

5.3 Application DC/24/04090 – One School Global

It was reported that councillors had raised concerns over potential light pollution from the proposed development with the school and had made the school aware of the Dedham Vale National Landscape's (DVNL) dark skies policy and exterior lighting guidelines. The school had committed to bring this to the attention of their architect. In addition a resident had raised issues of noise from a pump and had concerns that further items creating noise nuisance might be associated with the proposed new development.

Action: Clerk to request that BDC places conditions on any approval for the proposed development to ensure compliance with the DVNL policies, and to prevent noise and light nuisance to neighbours. Clerk to share the response with the school as a courtesy.

5.4 Application DC/24/04649 – Old Forge House

No comments to be submitted in response to the application.

5.5 Application DC/24/04699 - Hillside Cottage

No comments to be submitted in response to the application.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/24/03227 - DC/24/0382 – Gillyflower Cottage

Approval of the application was noted.

6.2 Application DC/24/04028 – the Cottage, School St

Approval of conditions was noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

It was noted that activity at a number of properties in the parish may contravene planning regulations – Tanglewood (fence), Maples (swimming pool), Beachams Farm (renting a building for holiday lets).

Action: Clerk to request that BDC investigates the potential breaches.

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Strengthened duty under s85 of the CRow Act

A briefing from DVNL on the new duty for relevant authorities to seek to further the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area was noted.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Maintenance of footpaths

A report circulated before the meeting was noted. MN reported that SG intended to draw up a repairs/maintenance programme covering all paths in the parish. Potentially public rights of way funding could be available from SCC.

10 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ISSUES ARISING

10.1 Clerk and Chairman's correspondence

None had been received.

11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed at the clerk's request to bring the meeting forward to Monday 2 December 2024 at 7.30pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.