

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

Present: Martin Nielsen (MN) - Chairman
Sean Fry (SF) – Vice-Chairman
Stevie Bezencenet (SB)
Fred Grosch (FG)

Apologies: Steve Green (SG), Adam Sedgwick (AS), Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above. Apologies and the reasons given were accepted (SG, VK and AS on holiday).

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 July 2024 were agreed and signed.

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

- MN reported that he had circulated BMSDC's planning enforcement prioritisation strategy to neighbouring parish councils.
- MN reported that he would be seeking clarification with SCC on ownership of land near the One School.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/24/03227 - Stoke By Nayland Controlled Primary School

No comments to be submitted in response to the application.

5.2 Application DC/24/02367/68 - 1 - 4 The Downs

No comments to be submitted in response to the application submitted by the Lady Anne Windsor Charity.

It was noted that a number of aspects of the application would impact land held in trust by the parish council:

- Temporary works for storage related to construction material
- Site access during construction
- Permanent access improvements

Action: Clerk to write to LAWC requesting further information on the matter listed above.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/24/01211 – Old Forge House

Approval of conditions was noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

No matters were reported on.

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8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Anglian Water pipeline

Progress on the project was noted

8.2 Boxted Bridge

MN reported that he and Ed Morton, a structural engineer, had met with Essex County Council's highways team including the Cabinet member for highways, in advance of Ed Morton providing an independent structural report to and on behalf of the Save Our Bridge campaign. It was emphasised to ECC that if the bridge does need to be replaced it should be like for like. ECC have commenced the design of temporary pedestrian access and portage arrangements before works on the bridge take place.

8.3 Norwich-Tilbury and Bramford-Twinstead powerline projects

It was noted that the parish council's response to the statutory consultation on National Grid's Norwich-Tilbury project proposals had been submitted.

It was noted that the Examining Authority had submitted its report on National Grid's Bramford-Twinstead proposals and the government's decision is due in September.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Maintenance of footpaths

MN reported that he and SG planned to review all footpaths in the parish during the autumn in order to establish whether changes to SCC's cutting schedule and more regular maintenance from Tendring Hall Estate should be requested.

10 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ISSUES ARISING

10.1 Clerk and Chairman's correspondence

It was noted that the deadline for the government's consultation on reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and planning system is 24 September. A potential response would be considered at the September meeting.

Potential topics for discussion with the district council's planning team, which had been circulated, were noted. It was agreed that these should form the basis of the committee's proposed agenda for a forthcoming meeting with the planning team.

Action: Clerk to send the proposed topics to the district council's planning team and request a date for the meeting.

11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3 September 2024 at 7.00pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.