

**STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**1 APRIL 2025, 7.30PM 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)

**Apologies:** Stevie Bezencenet (SB)

**In attendance:** James Dark – Clerk (JD)

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**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were accepted from SB (personal matter)

**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 4 March 2025 were agreed and signed.

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

None outstanding.

**5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**5.1 Application DC/25/01059 – Cross Keys**

No comments to be submitted in response to the application.

**5.2 Application DC/25/01165/66 - St Hughs**

No comments to be submitted in response to the application.

**5.3 Application DC/25/01312 – 1 and 2 Downs Cottages**

No comments to be submitted in response to the application.

**5.4 Application DC/24/05460 - Land adjacent Ryegate House**

Withdrawal of the application was noted.

**6 PLANNING DECISIONS**

**6.1 Application DC/24/04649 – Old Forge House**

The District Council's decisions on conditions (one approved, one rejected) was noted.

**6.2 Application DC/25/00850 – Tendring Hall Estate**

The District Council's decision not to object to the application was noted.

**7 PLANNING CONTROL**

The Clerk reported that the District Council had not yet responded to correspondence on when it might decide whether to take enforcement action on a number of reports.

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## **8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **8.1 Application DC/22/00050 – Boxted Bridge**

A draft response had been circulated before the meeting. It would be finalised and submitted following any comments from committee members.

**Action:** Clerk to submit the response when finalised.

MN reported that: Essex County Council's hearing on the application is expected at the end of April.

At the subsequent Babergh District Council hearing, MN reported that he would be making a representation against the application alongside a number of lobby groups and technical specialists. Babergh had confirmed that the application would be going to Committee, but that no meeting date had yet been fixed.

A strong objection to ECC's proposal from Colchester District Council, which is responsible for planning policy on the Essex side of Boxted, was circulated and noted.

### **8.2 Undergrounding**

AS reported on a meeting with Dedham Vale National Landscape on reviving the Box Valley South scheme. This item would be reported on fully to, and considered by, the parish council in May.

## **9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

### **9.1 Maintenance of footpaths**

SG reported that SCC public realm had confirmed that potholes alongside the path in the churchyard were SCC Highways responsibility. SG would follow up with SCC highways.

## **10 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 7.00pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.