

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
1 JULY 2025, 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Martin Nielsen (MN) - Chairman
Sean Fry (SF) – Vice-Chairman
Adam Sedgwick (AS)
Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)
Fred Grosch (FG)
Steve Green (SG)
Apologies: Stevie Bezencenet (SB)
In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD), Babergh District Cllr Isabelle Reece (IR)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

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 3 June 2025 were agreed and signed.

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

None outstanding.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/25/01789 – The Angel

Approval of the application was noted.

6.2 Application DC/25/01747/48 – Wick Farm

Approval of the application was noted.

6.3 Application DC/25/02238 – St Hughs

The district council's decisions on conditions were noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

MN updated that he and SG would draft a letter to BDC's enforcement team before the August meeting, raising concerns over their approach to enforcement, as agreed at the June meeting.

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Boxted Bridge

IR reported that a BDC Cabinet member would be contacting Essex County Council to seek quicker progress on resolving issues relevant to reaching a decision on the future of the bridge.

8.2 BDC consultation on licensing

No comments to be made in response to the consultation.

8.3 BDC Local Listed Building Consent Order consultation on windows

MN thanked IR for clarifying the aim of the consultation. The committee was generally supportive of the proposals. No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Stoke by Nayland Resort's proposal for revised footpaths

SG reported that he had raised the possibility of the Resort seeking to designate the planned new permissive path towards the club as a public right of way as part of its proposed footpath rearrangements. The club had not rejected the possibility but challenges had been identified including lengthy procedures. The club was also looking at the possibility of applying for government funding to create a cycle path alongside the planned permissive path.

Action: SG to continue discussions with the general manager on maximising the value of the new walking route that would be created to the club, and the possibility of the parish council formally supporting the club's proposals.

9.2 Maintenance of footpaths and public realm

VK reported that ivy is strangling a tree on Clipt Bush Corner, and nettles are obstructing paths off School St.

Action: FG agreed to deal with the ivy and SG agreed to reinspect the path off School Street which he had previously reported as safe for use.

10 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5 August 2025 at 7.30pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.