

DRAFT **STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
5 AUGUST 2025, 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Martin Nielsen (MN) - Chairman
Sean Fry (SF) – Vice-Chairman
Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)
Fred Grosch (FG)
Stevie Bezencenet (SB)
Steve Green (SG)

Apologies: None - Adam Sedgwick (AS) was not present

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Babergh District Cllr Isabelle Reece (IR) had sent apologies

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

FG (owner of the property subject to enforcement action and the applicant for retrospective planning permission) declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 7.1.

It was agreed that FG would be permitted to make a statement as a member of the public before this item would be considered and would leave the room/not participate in the discussion or voting on this item. The item would be moved to the final item on the agenda.

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 July 2025 were agreed and signed.

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

- FG confirmed that he would cut back ivy on an ash tree on Clipt Bush Corner.
- SG said the path from School Street is currently clear of vegetation and he would check again in September.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/25/03018 – Weylands Farm

Approval of the application was noted.

6.2 Application DC/25/03072 – Old Forge House

The district council's decision on conditions was noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL (taken as the last item at the meeting)

7.1 Appeal against Enforcement Notice EN/24/00362 Claude's Cottage/Meadows Cottage

FG made a brief statement expressing concern over issues relating to the way the district council had handled procedural matters relating to a retrospective planning application for a shed and the subsequent enforcement action for its removal. He left the room while this item was considered.

The committee considered a number of matters relating to the case and whether the parish council should make a representation to the planning inspector considering the appeal. The discussion covered matters including:

- The district council's processes and case handling
- The district council's reasons for refusing the retrospective planning application
- The scope of any potential representation to the Planning Inspectorate.

It was noted that (i) the inspector would make a decision based on planning regulations, and (ii) the parish council was not in possession of all of the facts surrounding the retrospective application, especially in relation to the district council's actions. Therefore it was agreed that the parish council would not make a representation to the inspector.

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Boxted Bridge

MN reported that Essex County Council is intending to carry out static load testing to determine whether the bridge can be reopened to cyclists and pedestrians. This is separate to any testing to determine the capacity for repairing the existing bridge, unlike dynamic load testing recommended by the historical structures engineering expert acting on behalf of those objecting to the new bridge.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

No reports.

10 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2 September 2025 at 7.00pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.