

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 9th December 2014

Present: Mr J. Bloomfield, Ms N. Bray, Mrs V. Klimowicz, Miss I. Reece, Mr A. Sedgwick & Mrs J. Smith.

Also in attendance: Mrs S. Gray (Clerk), Mr J. Finch (County Councillor) and 12 members of the public.

1. Election of Chairman

In the absence of a Chairman and Vice-Chair the Clerk asked for the proposal of a Chairman for the meeting. Mrs V. Klimowicz was elected Chairman, proposed by Mr A. Sedgwick, seconded by Miss I. Reece all in favour.

The Acceptance of Office for the duration of the meeting was signed.

2. Apologies for Absence – Mr A. Shrosbery & Mrs U. Oakes

The Council consented to these absences

3. Declarations of Interest – There were none

4. Public Forum -

The Chairman invited the members of the Public to speak for their allotted time of two minutes.

One member of the Public referred to the issue of whether Church Lane was a Public Right of way, which was raised at the meeting in November when the grass cutting in the churchyard was discussed. Clarification of the situation was given and an explanation was handed to the Clerk by the speaker.

A number of members of the public raised their individual concerns regarding the proposed removal of the street lighting from the village. The removal being irreversible, solid support from the public was considered to be desirable with regard to such a decision. The Council were told of how recent Councils who had removed lighting were now reinstating the lights with LED bulbs.

The Council clarified to the public why they as a Council had had to discuss the disconnection of the street lights when Suffolk County Council advised them of the discontinuation of the light bulbs.

Mr J Finch clarified that the decision regarding the street lighting was one for the Parish Council not the County Council. He also informed the Council that he had received several phone calls from concerned Parishioners.

The Council noted all the concerns and issues raised and the Chairman confirmed that they would be discussed by the Street Lighting Working Party.

5. Minutes – The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11th November 2014, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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6. Planning Applications

- a) to consider any applications received since the agenda was issued
There were none.

7. To Receive Reports from

- a) Planning Committee
The Clerk had been notified by e mail that the appeal for Planning Application No B/13/01498/LBC had been successful

- b) Representatives of other bodies
Prior to the meeting in November, Mr A. Sedgwick had circulated a report from the Lady Anne Windsor Charity on local housing needs for the old Middle School site.

Mrs V. Klimowicz reported that the cost to the Recreation Committee of maintaining the Royal British Legion Hut was more than they could afford and that discussions were taking place with a company who would like to re-site the original World War One section of the hut.

8. Village Lock Up

Mr A. Sedgwick had said that only one quotation had been received regarding the work required and a further quotation was being arranged. Therefore, the Lock Up would be discussed at the meeting in January. Mrs V Klimowicz enquired as to whether grants were available fro an historical monument such as this from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

9. AONB Management Plan

Prior to the meeting, Mr A Sedgwick had circulated proposed comments from the Parish Council on the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan to the Councillors. The Council were in full agreement for Mr A Sedgwick to take this forward

10. Boxted Neighbourhood Plan

The Council noted the Boxted Neighbourhood Plan and agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan for Stoke by Nayland should be discussed by the Council. As agreed at the meeting in November, this would be a future Agenda item.

11. Financial Audit Matters

- a) Invoices

The Council noted that the following had been paid since the last meeting:-

Adrian N Baalham	2 Grit Bins	£300.00
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- b) The Clerk reported that the following invoices had been received:-

S. Gray	December 2014	£233.62
S Gray	Non-Consolidated Payment	£16.87

RESOLVED that these accounts be paid.

12. Outstanding Issues

There were none.

13. Community Newsletter – It was agreed for Mrs V. Klimowicz to alert parishioners to the Councillor Vacancy in the LSPN. The Clerk reported that she had received notification from Mr Keith Cook that he would no longer be able to deliver the LSPN from January.

Mr A Sedgwick was authorised by the Council to write an article about the Council input into the AONB Project Management Plan.

14. Clerk's and Chairman's Correspondence –

The Clerk informed the Council that she had received a copy of a letter from some parishioners who had formed a group opposed to the Parish Council plans to remove street lighting. The letter was dated 29th January 2014. The Clerk confirmed that she had no record of receiving the letter previously.

An email had been received from S. Bezencemet asking four questions regarding the Council's decision to disconnect the street lights. The Clerk had circulated the email to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

The Chairman had reported that she had attended a meeting held by James Finch of the Councils in his division. Concern was raised by themselves as well as Polstead and Leavenheath regarding the design and content of the LSPN. It was agreed that the new Council in May should arrange a meeting with the editor, Mr E. Oakes, regarding the issues raised.

The Clerk reported that she had been notified by Babergh that, as there was less than six months before the elections, the Council could co-opt a Councillor without publishing the usual notice of the vacancy.

The Chairman and Clerk had received the Thorington Street Survey from the Lighting Support Group and this had been circulated to the Council.

15. Future Meetings & Agenda Items

20th January 2015

10th March 2015

The Agenda items for the January meeting:

- Outstanding Issues
- Street Lighting and New Information
- Car Park Signs
- Precept Budget 2015/16
- LSPN Delivery
- LSPN Content and layout- May 2015
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Date of 2015 Parish Council meetings
- Annual Parish Meeting & Annual General Meeting Dates

The meeting closed at 8.25p.m.

Date

Chairman