

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on

Tuesday 9 June 2015 at Stoke by Nayland Village Hall

Present: S Bezenenet, J Bloomfield, M Nielsen, I Reece (Chairman) and A Sedgwick

In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from N Bray (work commitments) and V Klimowicz (family commitments) and approved. I Reece welcomed M Nielsen and S Bezenenet to the Council.

2. Declarations of Interest in respect of items included on this agenda

There were none.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2015

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Councillor vacancies – the Council to consider co-option to fill the 2 vacancies

Unfortunately no-one had yet agreed to put their names forward for co-option. The Council will continue to advertise the positions and speak to parishioners.

5. Financial matters – to approve the payment of grass cutting invoices

These were approved. No signatories were in attendance and the Clerk will arrange for the cheques to be signed and posted urgently. The Bank Mandate for adding 2 signatories to the account was returned to the Clerk for one final signature and posting.

6. Highways issues – to consider matters to be discussed at the meeting with S Merry of SCC Highways on 15 June

These were agreed as under:

Village green parking – whether white lines would assist (S Bezenenet will in the meantime speak to neighbours for their views); Downs Footpath – northern end; hedges on bank outside The Old Vicarage; reminder re white lines either side of 12/13 Polstead Street exit water tower; reminder re the post near Clipt Bush corner; proposed work at Clipt Bush Corner; hedges and width of road at Clipt Bush corner; roundels missing on post at Blunden's Corner; raised tarmac at B1068/Butt Road – trip hazard; large holes in Butt Road just past the back of 13 Crossfields; suggestions for where to put VAS posts; reminder re Thorington Street gateway; query on 20mph limit to be put in place; moving the 30mph eastern approach start; cutting the verge between the end of Plough Lane and Stoke Tye crossroads; query the work at Little Howe/Plough Lane arranged for the end of June as the Council does not understand why this work has been prioritised over other areas. The Clerk will also check planning restrictions relating to nearby development.

It was also resolved that further investigations would be made into any requirement for an extension of the speed restriction in Scotland Street, to be discussed further at a later meeting. A Sedgwick reported that Highways were not happy with Orwell Housing's proposals for the Middle School site due to the potential for more traffic using the Butt Road/Blundens Corner junction. Visibility is impaired at the Butt Road/Goldenlond junction and there is no footway the start of Butt Road. J Bloomfield said that when the Focus School opened up their rear entrance traffic caused problems in Butt Road. These issues to be added to a future agenda.

7. Planning Applications

7.1 To consider Application No B/15/00504/FUL – Stoke by Nayland Golf Club, Keepers Lane, Stoke by Nayland CO6 4PZ – Installation of biogas combined heat & power engine, and container housing, to generate electricity and heat for Hotel.

The Council resolved to respond that in principle this is a welcome application but the documents do not show whether the plans for the anaerobic digester at Boxford (Suffolk) Farms have changed since their approval in December 2013, nor the method of getting the gas from the digester to the engine, presumably by pipeline. There should be constraints on potential future movement of material to the site not from the applicant's own land.

7.2 To consider any applications received since the agenda was issued

Application no B/15/00524/FHA 4 Thorington Villas, Thorington Street CO6 4SP – Erection of rear conservatory (following demolition of existing)

The Council resolved to respond with no objections.

8. Planning Decisions - To note planning decisions received since the last meeting

The applications relating to Downs House, Rouses Farm and 4 Maltings Cottages had been approved.

9. Frogs Hall, Martens Lane - To consider the issues raised regarding tree removal and light pollution

Much concern was expressed about Babergh's lack of consultation with the Parish Council regarding the proposed amendment to the previously approved application relating to the lighting. Many residents had expressed concern about the lighting, cutting down of trees and recently noise from this property. No response has been received to the Council's letter of 22 May to Babergh requesting consultation. It was resolved to write again stressing the Parish Council's concern and wish to be consulted.

10. Any other Planning Matters

There were none.

11. Any other business

J Bloomfield reported that he had attended the recent ALC meeting which had concentrated on the issue of new housing, which would be concentrated in H h and Sudbury. The potential benefit of neighbourhood plans in influencing planning issues was also raised. The Clerk reminded Councillors that her 6 month review would be due in July and that her hours also needed to be reviewed. She will add these issues to the next agenda.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Following the meeting the Councillors and Clerk (save for M Nielsen who had walked the route the previous day with A Sedgwick) inspected the Downs Footpath from The Cottage to the point where it widens out, and agreed to consider quotations for cutting the path back to the boards. Once this is done, the grass may have to be re-seeded and then any further work considered.

Chair

I Reece

Date 14 July 2015