

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
1 MARCH 2022, 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Martin Nielsen (MN) – Chairman
Fred Grosch (FG)
Adam Sedgwick (AS)
Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)

Apologies: Stevie Bezencenet (SB) – (via videolink)
Linda Goodman (LG)
Sean Fry (SF) – Vice Chairman

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD), SCC Councillor James Finch

The meeting started at 7.25pm due to IT issues.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Linda Goodman gave her apologies as she had resigned from the parish council.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

None declared.

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 February 2022 were approved.

4.2 Actions not covered by other agenda items

MN reported that he had arranged a meeting with representatives from neighbouring parishes with a view to promoting an alternative route for the Bury to Colchester pipeline. A report would be made to the next committee meeting.

It was noted that the proposed new building at the Crown would not be subject to CIL payments (or S106 payments) due to the District Council's policy of only charging CIL on class C3 residential developments.

Action: It was agreed that the District Council's policy would be raised with Cllr Melanie Barrett at the May parish council meeting.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/22/00050 – Boxted Bridge, reconsultation

It was reported that Essex County Council had issued new report on the consequences of not replacing the bridge and revised bridge design. As a result the District Council had issued a reconsultation, with a deadline of 21 March.

Action: MN and AS to draft a response for circulation to committee members and send a finalised response to the Clerk for submission.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

None received.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

7.1 The Angel

It was reported that the Angel had breached several requirements of its planning permission for developing the site.

- Outside heat exchanges had been installed in advance of carrying out tests on noise levels
- A large enclosure 2-3 metres high had been built around fuel tanks in contravention of the approved plan.
- This had resulted in removal of two car parking spaces.

Action: Clerk to write to the Babergh District Council Chief Planning Officer asking for enforcement action to be taken for the reasons set out.

7.2 The Cottage, School Street

It was reported that work at the site did not appear to be in breach of planning consent..

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Response to statutory consultation on the Bramford-Twinstead powerline plan

MN reported that he had SF had attended a meeting with other affected parishes to discuss the impacts of the proposal and a common approach. From Stoke by Nayland's perspective the main impact would be on views out of the AONB.

James Finch reported that a Cabinet paper considered by SCC had been amended. Requests made included: National Grid to make a whole life cost comparison between undergrounding and pylons and carry out a detailed environmental impact assessment.

Action: JF to circulate the amended paper and his speech to SCC Cabinet.

Action: MN and SF to draft a response to the statutory consultation for circulation to committee members and send a finalised response to the Clerk for submission. This would include the point that views out of the AONB should be given the same weight as views within the AONB.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Maintenance of footpaths

Footpath cutting schedule

MN reported that he needed to contact SCC to ensure that it understood the adjustments requested which entailed a small increase in the overall length of cut.

Action: MN to contact the relevant SCC officer.

Footbridges on path from Rowley Wood to Nayland

Work that the Community Woodland Group planned to carry out to make wash-off improvements to the Rowley Wood bridge were noted.

MN reported that a full work schedule and costs for repairs to the three bridges in Rowley Wood would be presented to the next committee meeting.

Action: MN to put together a work schedule and cost schedule.

9.2 Grasscutting

Action: MN and AS to produce a schedule for consideration at the next committee meeting.

10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following would be placed on the agenda for the committee or parish council meetings as appropriate:

- Meeting with neighbouring parishes on Anglian Water pipeline
- Footbridge maintenance
- Grasscutting schedule

11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5 April 2022 at 7.30pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.