

**STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 3 AUGUST 2021 AT 7.30PM (Skype meeting)**

**Present:** Martin Nielsen (MN) – Chairman  
Sean Fry – Vice-Chairman (SF)  
Stevie Bezencenet (SB) – present until 20:07  
Adam Sedgwick (AS)  
Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)  
Fred Grosch (FG)  
Linda Goodman (LG)

**Apologies:** James Dark (JD)

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**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

See above

**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 6 July 2021 were approved. (These would be signed at a date agreed by the Chairman and Clerk).

4.2 There were no actions to review from the minutes not covered by other agenda items.

**5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**5.1 Application DC/21/03851 – Lavender Cottage**

No objections. It was agreed that going forward the clerk would advise BDC of the council's view on applications to which it had no objection, and feedback would be obtained during the "6-month review" from BDC on the value of this response.

**Action:** Clerk to notify BDC.

**5.2 Comments on applications received since the issue of the agenda**

**5.2.1 Application - DC/21/04199 - Thorington House**

No objections.

**Action:** Clerk to notify BDC.

**5.2.2 Application DC/21/04299 - The Cottage**

The committee noted that the application had only been received a few hours ahead of the meeting and it was felt that there was insufficient time for a detailed examination of the application. There was broad support from members, but there were concerns over the proposed dark weatherboarding facing School Street and the potential for a second storey being added to the extension in the future. It was agreed that SF would request an extension from BDC so that the application could be considered in more depth at the next meeting, and if this was not granted the Clerk would write requesting that render be used on street facing walls and for a planning condition prohibiting additional storeys being added to the proposed extension at some future date.

**Action:** SF to request an extension from BDC. If this request were to be denied, then the Clerk is to write to BDC as above.

## **6 PLANNING DECISIONS**

### **6.1 Application DC/21/03019 – The Bauble**

Approval of the application was noted.

### **6.2 Application DC/21/03127 – Maples**

The discharge of conditions was noted.

### **6.3 Application DC/21/01757 – The Stables**

The discharge of conditions was noted.

### **6.4 Application DC/21/03156 – The Angel**

Approval of the application was noted

### **6.5 Comments on decisions received since the issue of the agenda**

None received.

## **7 PLANNING CONTROL**

### **7.1 Matters relating to compliance.**

There were no issues raised.

## **8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **8.1 Use of Welcome Back Funding for litter bins etc.**

It was agreed that discussion of this item should be postponed until September.

### **8.2 Comments on matters raised since the issue of the agenda**

No matters raised.

## **9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

### **9.1 Footpaths**

MN reported that the footpath between Scotland Street and Valley Farm is now passable following the cutting undertaken by SCC. SF reported that the footpath between The Guildhall and Poplars Farmhouse was overgrown. It was decided to refer this issue to the Parish Council due to the possible cost implications of any third-party work. VK requested that the Clerk should contact the owners of The Guildhall and request that they re-install the gate which they removed in 2020 as concerns over COVID-related transmissions have eased greatly.

**Action:** Clerk to contact the owners of The Guildhall.

### **9.2 The Downs**

AS and MN reported that a management plan had been drawn up so that steeply sloped areas would be cut less frequently and only by trimmer to encourage wildflower growth. It was agreed that the continued use of ride-on mowers in these areas was unsafe and that the current contractors has been instructed not to use them in these areas. There was an urgent need to trim back the vegetation between the upper footpath the fence across The Downs. This would incur additional cost and it was agreed that quotations should be sought from Kelvin Hawes (plus one other) for discussion at the September Parish Council meeting.

**Actions:** Clerk to request quotes from suitable contractors following preparation of scoping document and plan from MN/AS.

## **10 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MATTERS ARISING**

### **10.1 Clerk and Chairman's correspondence**

No correspondence was reported.

## **10.2 Matters Arising**

SF referred the committee to the minutes of Leavenheath Parish Council's July meeting where the chairman stated that he would be attending a meeting with the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy with other local representatives regarding the pylon plans and queried why SbN PC was not invited. It was decided the Clerk should contact LPC's chairman for details and the outcome of the meeting, as well as reminding him of our wish to be included in any multiparty discussions regarding the pylon proposal.

AS suggested a Facebook post explaining wildflower and cutting plans for The Downs and the discussion expanded into how the PC could communicate more effectively with parishioners via social media. MN and FG said they would investigate the best ways to do this ahead of the September PC meeting.

**Action:** Clerk to contact the chairman of LPC as above. MN and FG to draw up proposals for the social media presence of the PC and the planning committee.

## **11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 7 September 2021 at 7.00pm – Venue TBC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm.