

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

Present: Martin Nielsen (MN) – Chairman
Sean Fry (SF) – Vice Chairman
Adam Sedgwick (AS)
Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)
Stevie Bezencenet (SB)

Apologies: Fred Grosch (FG)

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD), one member of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

None declared.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

One member of the public was present, but did not have a specific issue to raise.

4 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2022 were approved and signed.

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

The following incomplete actions would be carried forward:

- AS to contact the leader of BDC's Green Group to raise the issues identified regarding the adequacy of the District Council's emerging policy on low/net zero carbon development
- MN to contact the occupant of Ausseer House to ask if advice had been requested from the District Council before carrying out works.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/22/04521 - Scotland House

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

5.2 Application DC/22/04730 - 1 Stoke Road, Nayland

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation. It was noted that this application related to a proposal in a neighbouring parish which is not sufficiently significant to warrant notification to the Stoke by Nayland Parish Council. .

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/22/03444 – 1 Beech Cottages

Approval of the application was noted.

6.2 Application DC/22/03663 – Cherrytrees

Approval of the application was noted.

6.3 Application DC/21/03560 Land Adjacent To 16 Goldenlonds

The decision on requirements for Discharge of Conditions was noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

7.1 The Angel

It was noted that the District Council had responded to an inquiry on Discharge of Conditions.

It indicated that an application would not be required in relation to parking and only required for external lighting if and when it is installed.

It was noted that there have been differing views on whether The Angel remains open for people wishing to purchase drinks only.

Action: It was agreed that SB and VK should clarify the situation with a view to the committee considering whether the policy is consistent with planning consents, and how to proceed if not.

SB reported that SCC had contacted her to raise concerns relating to scaffolding erected at the guildhall and the extent to which it encroached on the highway and whether it was authorised. This had been raised with the owner of the building (Tendring Hall Estate) which had provided assurances that regulations had been complied with and correct process had been followed.

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Bramford-Twinstead powerline proposal targeted consultation

The draft response on behalf of local parish councils was noted. It was agreed that the following amendments should be proposed:

- The request for more transparency of costs (construction and whole life) should be targeted on the sections of additional undergrounding proposed;
- Delete reference to EMF as may distract from main points of the submission.

Action: MN to recommend the amendments to the group of parish councils.

With regard to wider proposals for powerline strengthening, it was noted that a campaign group had reported that East Anglia would no longer be included in plans for an off shore network.

Action: MN to contact James Finch asking for confirmation/clarification of this and any implications.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Footpaths

MN reported that the possibility of requesting that SCC instate an alternative in the cutting schedule to a small section of path from Black Fen where work is not required could be considered.

It was noted that the parish council's grass cutting contractor is cutting the green at Clipt Bush corner with a strimmer, and that the finish could be improved if a mower is used.

Action: Clerk to ask the contractor why a strimmer is being used.

Action: MN reported that he would contact the golf club to request a progress report on the planned diversion of Footpath 22.

9.2 District Council Parish Trees, Hedgerows and Wildflowers Scheme

AS reported an application had been made for seeds and a tree. A District Council officer had noted that a tree planted for the Diamond Jubilee had died and he would recommend a more suitable species. AS suggested that a ceremony could be held if/when the planting takes place.

10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- The Angel policy on serving drinks/planning consents
- Anglian Water pipeline
- Footpath cutting schedule

11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1 November 2022 at 7.00pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.