

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
5 APRIL 2022, 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Martin Nielsen (MN) – Chairman
Sean Fry (SF) – Vice Chairman
Fred Grosch (FG)
Adam Sedgwick (AS)
Stevie Bezencenet (SB)

Apologies: Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above.

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 March 2022 were approved and signed.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/22/01142 – 7 Polstead St

No comments

5.2 Application DC/22/00050, CC/COL/106/21 – Boxted Bridge, further re-consult
ECC Highways' Clarifications Report (the reason for the further re-consultation) was noted.

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

5.3 Application DC/22/01761 – Spring Hill

The application had been received the day before the meeting. No concerns were identified. It was agreed that checking the application further and deciding whether to respond to the consultation would be delegated to the Chairman and Clerk.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/21/01757 – The Stables

Discharge of conditions was noted.

6.2 Application DC/22/00108 – The Crown

Approval of the application was noted. It was observed that the conditions did not include those recommended by the committee in relation to additional electric car charging spaces and net zero carbon emissions.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

7.1 The Angel

It was noted that the District Council had opened an enforcement investigation into potential breaches of planning consent at the Angel following a report from the parish council, and had

asked for further information relating to parking spaces shown on the approved plan. Members considered that it was not clear whether the Angel was complying with planning consent in this respect and that it would be desirable to gain further information before responding to the District Council if possible.

Action: SB to look into whether the approved parking spaces will be provided and forward information to the Clerk to submit to the District Council enforcement team.

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Statutory consultation on the Bramford-Twinstead powerline plan

MN gave an overview of the response submitted by Stoke by Nayland Parish Council jointly with neighbouring parish councils. This included the case for some additional undergrounding to reduce visual impacts and a proposal to move a compound from Polstead Heath to a dormant quarry in Layham. MN had approached the quarry owner on this second matter.

8.2 Anglian Water pipeline proposal

MN briefed the meeting on the main issues that would be created if the pipeline is built on the envisaged route. These included:

- A two week road closure which would divert an unsustainable quantity of traffic from the B1068 onto Scotland St;
- A 2ha construction site opposite Wasses Farm;
- Tunnelling beneath roads;
- Damage to farmland.

MN has met the Chairmen of Shelley and Higham councils to discuss the issues. A potential alternative, simpler and less impactful route has been identified to the east of Higham. Engagement will take place with Anglian Water and relevant authorities at appropriate points in the planning cycle.

8.3 County Broadband

SF reported that he had attended a public meeting where the company had stated it had 4-5 weeks to meet its target for committed users. It was not clear how/whether the company would proceed with the plan if the target is not met.

8.4 Village Gateway signs

The poor condition of village gateway signs was noted. It was agreed that this matter should be raised again with SCC Cllr James Finch at the May parish council meeting.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Maintenance of footpaths

Footbridges on path from Rowley Wood to Nayland

MN reported that the Community Woodland Group had installed steps above a footbridge which should help to maintain it in a good condition. Material had been sourced to repair three bridges including anti-slip materials donated by a local company.

9.2 Grasscutting

SCC schedule

MN reported that SCC had agreed to include two additional footpaths in its grasscutting schedule – one from the bottom of Scotland St past the pump house, the other from the gate level with the back of the Guildhall and on past the allotments towards Poplars Farm.

Parish Council schedule

A draft schedule produced by AS to create a more defined regime was noted. It was agreed that MN would provide some minor modifications to AS to finalise the proposal. Discussions would then be held with the contractor prior to determining an appointment.

Action: Clerk to arrange meeting with grasscutting contractor.

FG reported that there are no areas in Thorington Street, that are not already maintained by residents, which need to be added to the schedule.

10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Anglian Water pipeline
- Footbridge maintenance

11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3 May 2022 at 7.00pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.