

**STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.30PM (Skype meeting)**

**Present:** Sean Fry – Vice-Chairman (SF)  
Stevie Bezencenet (SB)  
Fred Grosch (FG)  
Linda Goodman (LG)  
Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)

**Apologies:** Martin Nielsen (MN) – Chairman, Adam Sedgwick (AS)

**In attendance:** James Dark - Clerk (JD), Nigel Warren Thomas (NWT) (7.55-8.15)

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**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

See above. SF chaired the meeting as MN was absent.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM**

LG declared an interest in agenda item 6.3 as the owner of the property. Therefore it was agreed that LG would not participate in the discussion or vote on this item.

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

**4.2 Actions from previous minutes not covered by other agenda items**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted BDC's enforcement team requesting that the parish council is informed of any enforcement investigations in the parish, but had not received a response beyond an acknowledgement.

**Action:** Clerk to follow up with a further request.

**5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**5.1 Policy for responding to applications**

A discussion took place on whether/how to respond to applications where the committee does not wish to make any specific representations. following a request from BDC. It was agreed that in these cases the parish council should make a public response to the consultation stating that the parish council has no comments. Councillors would consider whether to review this decision before the next six-monthly meeting with BDC's senior planning officers.

**5.2 Application DC/21/04936/37 – Lower House Farm**

No comments.

**5.3 Application DC/21/04199 – Thorington House**

Withdrawal of this application was noted.

**5.4 Application DC/21/05429 – Thorington Hall and Thorington Lodge**

No comments.

**6 PLANNING DECISIONS**

**6.1 Application DC/21/04232 – Maples**

Approval of the application was noted.

## **6.2 Application DC/21/03088 – Maples**

Approval of the application was noted.

## **6.3 Applications 03437/38 – Oak Bough Cottage**

Approval of the application was noted.

## **6.4 Applications DC/21/04365/66 – Crockleford House**

Approval of the applications was noted.

## **6.5 Application DC/21/04299/300 – The Cottage**

Approval of the applications was noted.

# **7 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

## **7.1 Anglian Water Bury-Colchester pipeline**

SF reported that Anglian Water had indicated that it was planning to route the pipeline through areas of the parish. The map would be going online within the next two weeks and open for comment shortly afterwards.

**Action:** SF to circulate the weblink to the map when available; this item will appear on the November agenda.

## **7.2 Boxted Bridge**

It was noted that Essex County Council would be bringing forward further proposals later in the year.

## **7.3 District Council Local Plan**

It was noted that, subject to their availability, SF and AS would represent the parish council at the inspector's examination of the Local Plan.

## **7.4 Parking near The Crown**

A report from NWT outlining potential to create a limited number of car parking spaces on the grass verge near The Crown was noted. Views were expressed over current on-street parking by visitors to The Crown including safety issues, the impact on the village gateway, the potential for the situation to be exacerbated when The Angel reopens and mitigations. Councillors considered that they would benefit from further understanding of the site discussed in NWT's report and its ownership to inform a discussion at the November parish council meeting.

**Action:** Clerk to contact SCC to establish whether the land is owned by the County Council.

NWT to provide JD with a scale drawing so that the area under discussion is clear to SCC.

**Action:** SF to arrange a time for councillors to visit the site.

# **8 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

## **8.1 Pavement condition**

VK reported on communication with residents on Crossfields and Goldenlonds re maintaining gardens, including delivering letters to residents requesting that they clear vegetation overhanging paths to the rear of their properties. It was noted that disabilities and mobility impairments could affect residents' ability to maintain gardens.

**Action:** Clerk to contact District Councillor Melanie Barrett to ask if BDC offers assistance with garden maintenance to people with disabilities so that the parish council can inform residents.

**Action:** Clerk to contact District Councillor Melanie Barrett to make a further request for repairs to the paths to the rear of properties on Goldenlonds and Crossfields.

VK further reported that vegetation and hedges from front gardens were protruding onto the roadside pavements on Goldenlonds and Crossfields reducing the space for pedestrians.

**Action:** It was agreed that councillors should aim to visit the area to understand the issue before the November parish council meeting where a further discussion would take place.

## **8.2 Arboreal conservation**

VK reported that a large tree between the borders of No.1 and No.2 The Blundens is badly damaged or diseased and that she had been in contact with BDC about this. It was noted that the tree is partly on land at No.1 which is BDC property, and important to the street view.

**Action:** Clerk to contact BDC requesting that the district tree surgeon investigate the tree to advise on what can be done to preserve it.

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

Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 7.00pm – Venue TBC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.