

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

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

Apologies: Fred Grosch (FG); Vicki Gibbins (VG)

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above. Apologies from FG and VG, and the reasons for them, were accepted.

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 November 2022 were approved and signed.

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

The following incomplete action would be carried forward:

- SF and SB would advise The Crown again of planning requirements relating to the Tipi and report back on The Crown's intentions with regard to compliance and future use of the Tipi.

In addition:

- AS had contacted the leader of BDC's Green Group to raise issues identified regarding the adequacy of the District Council's emerging policy on low/net zero carbon development. He would report at a subsequent meeting when a response has been received.
- VK and SB reported that they had confirmed that The Angel's policy is that drinks are not served inside without food.

Action: Clerk to confirm the status of The Angel's licence/planning consent in relation to service of drinks without a meal. A decision on how to proceed would be taken in light of the findings.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/22/00050 – Bosted Bridge

The draft response circulated before the meeting was approved.

Action: MN to contact Babergh District Council's Chief Planning Officer to understand the roles of Essex County Council and the District Council in determining the application.

5.2 Application DC/22/05394/56 – The Lodge

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

5.3 Application DC/22/05656 – Stratford House

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/22/04885/86 – The Old Vicarage

Approval of the applications was noted.

6.2 Application DC/22/05171 – Field North Of Downs Barn

It was noted that the District Council has no objections to the application.

6.3 Application DC/22/03806 – Stoke By Nayland Hotel

Refusal of the application was noted.

7 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

7.1 Anglian Water pipeline proposal

MN reported that a meeting between SCC councillor James Finch and his ECC counterpart had been planned and that he would report back to the committee in January. Issues expected to be discussed included traffic and construction impacts.

7.2 EA Green Environmental Impact Assessment scoping consultation

MN reported on the parish council's response to the Planning Inspectorate. The impact of the proposed overhead line on views from the parish was raised as a significant concern and the response included a suggestion that National Grid should meet the parish council to discuss how this could be assessed.

7.3 Independent Examiner's Report on the Leavenheath Neighbourhood Plan

The report and the recommendation that the Leavenheath Neighbourhood Plan should go to referendum subject to modifications was noted.

8 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

It was noted that the grass cutting contractor had carried out a further cut due to unseasonal mild weather.

MN reported that he and AS would review the grasscutting specification prior to the tender for 2023/24, and recommendations would be provided at the January meeting.

AS reported that a number of landowners in the Dedham Vale AONB had formed a group to protect biodiversity, wildlife and the environment.

Action: It was agreed that AS should make contact with the group with a view to arranging a meeting for the group to update the parish council on its aims.

9 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3 January 2023 at 7.00pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm.