

**STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 6 JULY 2021 AT 7.00PM (Skype meeting)**

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

**Apologies:** None

**In attendance:** James Dark - Clerk (JD); Nigel Warren-Thomas

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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 4 May 2021 were approved. (These would be signed at a date agreed by the Chairman and Clerk).

**5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**5.1 Application DC/21/03403 – The Coach House**

No comments.

**5.2 Application – DC/21/03156 – The Angel**

It was agreed that this item should be taken at the parish council meeting immediately following the committee meeting.

**5.3 Application – DC/21/03560 – Land adjacent to Goldenlonds**

Members expressed broad support for the application but considered that it would be helpful to clarify aspects of the application, including access arrangements, before considering whether to comment.

**Action:** AS to approach Hastoe for clarifications and brief members. Members to feed any comments to MN before 12 July. MN to write a response to the application before the 15 July deadline if he deems it appropriate to respond and provide response to the Clerk for submission.

**5.4 Application – DC/21/03088 – Maples**

No comments

**6 PLANNING DECISIONS**

**6.1 Application DC/21/01314 – The Coach House**

The discharge of conditions was noted. The committee noted that Babergh had accepted its recommendations on roofing materials.

**6.2 Application DC/20/03440 – Park House**

The discharge of conditions was noted.

### **6.3 Application DC/21/01480 – Beachams Farm**

Refusal of the application was noted.

### **6.4 Application DC/21/03250 – The Angel**

Approval of the non-material amendment was noted.

### **6.5 Application DC/21/00992 – The Pyghtle**

The applicant's appeal against BDC's refusal of the application was noted. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a note to the hearing in support of the appeal given that the applicant had made amendments to the proposal requested by the committee and the committee did not agree with BDC's decision to reject the application.

**Action:** Clerk to write a note in support of the appeal.<sup>1</sup>

## **7 PLANNING CONTROL**

The committee noted that BDC's enforcement team had not yet contacted the parish council on any action it is taking following reports of work being carried out at The Angel and 13 Polstead Street without listed building consent.

**Action:** Clerk to request an update from BDC.

The committee noted MB's offer to arrange a meeting with BDC's planning team regarding issues relating to the Neighbourhood Plan and the parish council's responses to planning applications. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to discuss this with MB at the parish council meeting immediately following the committee meeting.

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

### **8.1 Twinstead-Bramford power line proposal**

MN reported that the planning inspector had decided to increase the area over which visual impacts should be assessed. This was in line with the parish council's response to the consultation on the proposal. It was anticipated that the visual impact consultants would contact the parish council for comment during the process.

### **8.2 Undergrounding**

AS reported that he had been in contact with the project team and that the first stage of the undergrounding scheme (between Polstead and Stoke) is expected to go ahead at the end of this year/ start of next year.

## **9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

### **9.1 Footpaths**

MN reported that the footpath between Scotland Street and Valley Farm is currently impassable due to Suffolk County Council removing it from the cutting schedule in error. SCC had acknowledged the error and confirmed that cutting would resume. MN said he would request that SCC carries this out in the near future given the condition of the path.

**Action:** MN to continue correspondence with SCC on this matter.

### **9.2 The Downs**

AS reported that (i) There is an opportunity to create a wildflower area above the path on The Downs; (ii) Grass cuts were being carried out on The Downs too frequently for an area of this

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<sup>1</sup> Following the meeting the Clerk informed the Chairman that interested parties are not permitted to submit comments to the appeals panel as part of the formal Householder Appeals Service process. Therefore, in keeping with the intent of the action agreed, the Chairman asked the Clerk to contact the applicants to offer a statement of support to use in their appeal.

kind and that the slope was being cut using a ride-on mower which raised potential safety considerations.

**Actions:** MN and AS to draw up a management plan for The Downs.

Clerk to contact the grasscutting contractor telling him to stop using a ride on mower to cut the slope and that the parish council would provide him with a copy of the management plan for The Downs that would take this into account.

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

Tuesday 3 August 2021 at 7.30pm – Venue TBC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm.