

**STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Martin Nielsen (MN) – Chairman
Sean Fry (SF) – Vice Chairman
Linda Goodman (LG)
Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)
Adam Sedgwick (AS)

Apologies: Stevie Bezencenet (SB) (via videolink)
Fred Grosch (FG) (via videolink)

In attendance: James Dark - Clerk (JD)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

AS declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in matters raised in correspondence relating to almshouses on The Downs (agenda item 10.1). The almshouses are owned by the Lady Anne Windsor Charity. AS is Chairman of the charity's Trustees.

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 2 November 2021 were approved and signed.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/21/05871/72 – Scotland Place Farm

No comments.

5.2 Application DC/21/06249 – Woody Cottage

No comments.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/21/04936/37 – Lower House Farm

Approval of the application was noted

6.2 Application DC/21/05683 – Stoke By Nayland Primary School

The decision relating to discharge of conditions was noted.

6.3 Application DC/21/05496 – The Bauble

Approval of the application was noted.

6.4 Application DC/21/04366 – Crockleford House

The decision relating to discharge of conditions was noted.

6.5 Application DC/21/05898 - The Pyghtle

Approval of the slightly modified application, following a previous rejection, was noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

MN reported that he had notified the District Council of a fly tipping incident at the top of Scotland Street.

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Inspector's examination of the District Council's Joint Local Plan

SF reported that the District Council's settlement hierarchy designation process and the impact on a small number of villages had been raised at the inspector's examination. It was agreed that it would be desirable for Stoke by Nayland to retain its classification as a hinterland village rather than be reclassified as a core village, as currently proposed by the District Council.

Action: SF to speak to the District Council to understand further how the classification has been made and how the parish council can challenge it.

Action: SF and AS to continue liaison with District Councillor Melanie Barrett.

8.2 District Council's consultation on its draft land supply position statement

The statement was noted. No concerns were identified.

8.3 District Councillor's proposal for inspection of public realm

Following an inspection on Goldenlonds/Crossfields and Sudbury Road with VK and Rosie Emeny, District Councillor Melanie Barrett had offered to meet parish councillors to assess whether action is needed to improve street cleansing in other areas of the parish.

Action: VK to contact Melanie Barrett to arrange a time to inspect the parish.

MN reported that he had notified SCC that the pavement on Sudbury Road had been narrowed by vegetation. SCC had responded that the issue was not sufficiently serious to be remedied. The committee considered that this was an unsatisfactory response in view of the difficulties the condition of the pavement could create for families and mobility impaired users. It was noted that this matter had been raised as a concern previously at parish council meetings.

Action: SB, VK and MN to arrange to take pictures of the affected areas of the pavement and draft a letter to James Finch requesting that the pavement be cleared to the appropriate width.

8.4 Bramford-Twinstead powerline plan/Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR)

MN provided an update on consultations in progress and reported that a local organisation was co-ordinating views on behalf of parish councils. SF reported that proposals are expected in January for a further line (Bramford-Tilbury).

8.4 Boxford Mill Bridge

AS reported that Essex Highways had submitted a planning application. He would be attending a public meeting on the parish council's behalf and report back to the January meeting.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Maintenance of footpaths

Footbridge opposite the Temple

The committee noted the Community Woodland Group's response to a request for the group to undertake repairs on the parish council's behalf. The response included suggestions on the extent of the repairs required and the materials that could be used. However, it was not clear to the committee whether the group was prepared to consider carrying out the works.

Action: MN to contact the Community Woodland Group to clarify if they will repair the bridge with the parish council funding the cost. If the Community Woodland Group did not wish to carry out the work MN or AS would approach the AONB Conservation Volunteers.

Footpath 22

MN reported on engagement with the Stoke by Nayland Club on its proposals for closure of Footpath 22 (unpassable in places) and construction of a replacement route. It was agreed that the proposal offered benefits and that the parish council would support it in principle.

Action: MN to contact the club offering the parish council's written support for the proposal, and suggesting that the club should also approach the local Ramblers Association for support.

Footpath cutting schedule

MN reported on discussions with Suffolk County Council on: (1) ensuring footpaths which had not been cut are restored to the cutting schedule; (2) potential adjustments to the schedule. SCC had responded positively in both instances.

Action: MN to bring a proposal to the January committee meeting covering adjustments to the cutting schedule to include new areas and remove areas where cutting is no longer required.

10 CLERK AND CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Correspondence on The Downs

A letter from LAWC on access to the almshouses was noted. It was agreed that the issues raised should be considered at the January parish council meeting. In advance, the clerk would contact SALC for advice on a legal matter raised in the letter.

Action: Clerk to contact SALC to request legal advice.

A letter from a resident on the condition of the top end of The Downs path where it borders the road was noted. As the land concerned is owned by Tendring Hall Estate, it was agreed that MN should raise this issue with the Estate, following on from previous discussions.

Action: MN to arrange a meeting with Tendring Hall Estate to discuss The Downs path.

10.2 Correspondence from Tendring Hall Estate

Correspondence from the Tendring Hall Estate on ownership of land near The Crown was noted.

10.3 Xmas lighting

It was agreed that to respond to SCC requesting no change to streetlighting times over the Xmas period.

10.4 Other correspondence

It was agreed to defer correspondence requesting a new dog bin and on dog control to the January parish council meeting.

11 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Parish inspection with the District Councillor
- Sudbury Road pavement
- Stoke by Nayland village's designation in the JLP settlement hierarchy
- Proposals for adjustment to the footpath cutting schedule
- Footbridge opposite the Temple
- Boxted Mill bridge
- Anglian Water Pipeline proposals
- The Downs/LAWC proposal
- Correspondence on dog bin location

12 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4 January 2022 at 7.00pm – Venue TBC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.