

**STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**7 MARCH 2023, 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Martin Nielsen (MN) – Chairman  
Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)  
Adam Sedgwick (AS)  
Stevie Bezencenet (SB)

**Apologies:** Fred Grosch (FG), Sean Fry (SF), Vicki Gibbins (VG)

**In attendance:** James Dark – Clerk (JD), 5 members of the public

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**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

SF, VG and FG had sent their apologies and reasons for absence. These were approved.

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

None declared.

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**4 MINUTES**

**4.1 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2023 were approved and signed.

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

The Clerk reported that BDC had not responded to a further request to schedule a regular meeting with senior planning officers.

**Action:** Clerk to request that District Councillor Melanie Barrett follow up with BDC.

**5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**5.1 Application DC/23/00669 – Stoke By Nayland Hotel**

It was noted that further sound checks had not been carried out since a previous application, and therefore the committee's concerns on this aspect of the proposal for a seasonal wedding venue remained. It was agreed that the council would respond to the consultation requesting that any approval should come with conditions limiting noise to levels compliant with the relevant standards for outdoor events of this type at hotels. These should be monitored and enforced by the District Council and a review of compliance and the conditions carried out at the end of the summer 2023 season.

**Action:** Clerk to respond to the consultation as set out above.

**5.2 Application DC/23/00882 – The Bauble**

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

**5.3 Application DC/22/00050 – Boxted Bridge**

An update from Babergh District Council was noted, showing that a further re-consultation would be carried out following a request from the District Council for the promoter to provide further information on the proposal. As a result, the very earliest the District Council planning committee could consider the application would be in June.

The Clerk reported that the parish council's £500 donation to Save Our Bridge campaign would part fund a technical report. This would support the parish council's objection to the application and was also being funded by donations from Dedham and Boxted parish councils.

**Action:** MN to contact SOB for further information on the report being commissioned.

## **6 PLANNING DECISIONS**

### **Application DC/23/00102 - The Old Vicarage**

A discharge of conditions notice related to this application was noted.

## **7 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **7.1 Update on Anglian Water pipeline proposal**

MN reported that, at a meeting with parish councillors and Babergh District Council planning officers, Anglian Water representatives had stated that the company is investigating a trenchless crossing near Wasses Farm. Although this was considered positive in that it could reduce the impact of the proposal, there remained no indication that the company will consider the alternative alignment proposed by the parish council.

As it is now publicly available following the parish council's response to Anglian Water's planning application it was agreed that the parish council should write to neighbouring councils out of courtesy to inform them of the proposal for an alternative alignment.

**Action:** MN to draft a letter to neighbouring parish councils and send to the Clerk.

## **8 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

### **8.1 Grasscutting for 2023/24**

A proposal to re-appoint the current contractor on the same terms as 2022/23 was agreed.

**Action:** Clerk to inform the contractor of the decision.

### **8.2 Maintenance of footpaths**

MN reported that repairs had been carried out to gates on the footpath below Black Fen but these were not considered adequate.

**Action:** MN to provide a photo to the Clerk who would update Tendring Hall Estate and request that the tenant farmer is asked to carry out adequate repairs.

### **8.3 The Downs**

AS reported that a tree provided by Babergh District Council has been planted on the Downs to replace a dead Hawthorn and a small ceremony held to mark the event.

AS reported that the Community Woodland Group had agreed in principal to part clear Brambles from areas above The Downs path and plant wild flower seeds.

**Action:** AS to contact the Group to request that the work be carried out shortly given the plans to plant wildflowers in the area.

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

Tuesday 4 April 2023 at 7.30pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.