

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

Present: Martin Nielsen (MN) - Chairman
Sean Fry (SF) – Vice-Chairman
Stevie Bezencenet (SB)
Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)
Fred Grosch (FG)

Apologies: Adam Sedgwick (AS), Vicki Gibbins (VG), BDC Councillor Isabelle Reece (IR)

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD), SCC Councillor James Finch (JF) (7.20-7.45), 2 members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above. Apologies and the reasons given were accepted.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

FG declared an interest in agenda item 4.2 as he would be reporting on a planning application he would be submitting.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public wished to raise any issues.

4 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2023 were approved and signed.

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

- SF said he would raise the enforcement team’s decision not to act on non-compliance with a planning condition at 1 Butt Road during a meeting with Babergh District Council’s senior planning team which is in the process of being requested through IR.
- FG said a retrospective planning application for a shed on his land would be submitted shortly.
- SF reported that BDC was likely to open up a call for sites in January for Part 2 of the Joint Local Plan process, and this was likely to involve changes to the village envelope without consultation or input from the parish council. BDC had provided this information at a recent liaison meeting.
Action: Clerk to write to district councillor Isabelle Reece asking why the parish council will have no input on the decision and requesting that the parish council is provided with the evidence the district council uses to reach any decision.
- It was noted that Anglian Water had not provided any information on whether it would re-screen the pumping station on Scotland Street following removal of trees during works at the location.
Action: Clerk to contact Anglian Water for an update.
- VK reported that the residents of 5 Sudbury Road had proposed an evening meeting regarding a potential further planning application for a driveway, but a daytime meeting would be preferable to allow the site to be viewed.
Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting between VK, VG and 5 Sudbury Road.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/23/04692 – The Crown

It was noted that the application was to extend the period over which the tipi operates from November into January, and that this period is likely to coincide with a number of events over the Christmas period. However it was not clear to the committee how conditions on sound restriction would continue to apply at these times, particularly if there are licensing extensions for this outside location.

Action: Clerk to write the planning officer asking for clarification on the conditions on sound that will apply.

5.2 Application DC/23/05017 – Orchard House

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 DC/22/06309 – Anglian Water Services Bury to Colchester Pipeline

MN reported that Anglian Water would need to submit construction traffic management plans to BDC as a condition of approval of the application, and that BDC would likely rely on the opinion of SCC's Network Assurance team. He had written to JF asking for a discussion with the SCC Network Assurance team. This would be to request that the team's consideration of the TMPs is consistent with its recommendations in respect of trenchless crossing of B1068 when assessing drilling options in relation to crossings of the River Brett and River Stour – i.e. that large amounts of heavy machinery and lorries should not be routed on roads through the parish.

6.2 Application DC/23/4032 – 2 Rowley Cottages

Approval of the application was noted.

6.3 Application DC/23/04292 – Scotland Place Farm

The District Council's decision not to object to the application was noted.

6.4 DC/23/03783 – Stoke By Nayland Golf Club

Approval of conditions was noted.

6.5 Application DC/23/04163 – Giffords Hall

Refusal of conditions was noted.

6.6 Application DC/23/04448 – Thorington House

Approval of conditions was noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

No issues to consider

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Boxted Bridge

MN reported that ECC Highways had provided a justification for its decision to close the bridge which campaigners will examine. This would include an assessment from a well-regarded structural engineer. Campaigners would consider next steps following this assessment and a revised planning application expected from ECC.

8.2 National Grid Bramford-Twinstead powerline strengthening proposal

It was noted that six parish councils had submitted a representation to the examination authority requesting changes to the scheme to reduce the visual impact of the scheme on the AONB. In summary the changes requested were for some additional undergrounding and to move a cable sealing end compound from Polstead Heath to Layham quarry. Representatives from the councils would be speaking at an inspector's hearing on 9 November.

8.3 BDC policy on solar panels on listed buildings

SF reported that BDC would be considering a new proposed policy sympathetic to applications for solar panels on listed buildings.

Action: SF to circulate the paper.

Action: Clerk to write in support of the application on the basis of the proposed policy.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Maintenance of footpaths

MN reported that he had written to SCC expressing disappointment at the poor quality of its footpath maintenance contractor's work and offering local assistance to supervise the contractor next year when they are doing work in the parish. Paths had been cut poorly or not been cut. A report would be made to the next meeting on progress with SCC.

Action: Clerk to circulate MN's letter to committee members.

VK reported that a disused utilities boxing had been left behind following fitting of a new box on the section of footpath from School Street (opposite the church) past the edge of the allotments.

In addition, a landowner had not made provision for the footpath to bypass a closed gate near Poplars Farm.

Action: MN to contact the landowner to request for footpath access past the gate.

10 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MATTERS ARISING

It was reported that a resident of Hudson's Lane had dug out a section of a bank thought to be on SCC Highways land in order to provide additional car parking.

Action: FG to advise residents who had raised the issue that they should report it on the SCC Highways reporting tool.

11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 7.30pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.