

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.00PM (Skype meeting)

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

Apologies: Adam Sedgwick (AS)

In attendance: James Dark - Clerk (JD)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

LG declared an interest in agenda item 5.2 as the owner of the property. Therefore it was agreed that LG would not participate in the discussion or vote on this item.

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

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/21/04299/300 – The Cottage

The works proposed were seen as positive in improving the condition of the building. The design was broadly supported, with the exception of the weatherboard exterior proposed to the extension which would not be in keeping with the rest of the property or the surrounding properties. Therefore it was agreed to object to this specific aspect of the application and recommend that weatherboard be replaced with an appropriate mortar and paint colour to provide a more coherent design.

It was agreed that no objection would be made to weatherboarding finishes proposed to the shed and garden room, as these buildings would be separate from, and significantly subservient to, the extended property.

In addition, the committee agreed to request that a condition be attached to any consent, restricting occupiers from adding a first floor to the ground floor extension.

These issues had been discussed with the applicant who had indicated that she was content to amend the proposal.

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

5.2 Applications DC/21/03437/38 – Oak Bough Cottage

No comments.

5.3 Application DC/21/04232 – Maples

No comments.

5.4 Applications DC/21/04365/66 – Crockleford House

No comments.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/21/02609 – SBN Primary School

Approval of the application was noted.

6.2 Application DC/21/03403 – The Coach House

Approval of the application was noted.

6.3 Application DC/21/04003 – 1 Butt Road

Discharge of conditions was noted.

6.4 Application B/16/00928 – Stoke by Nayland Club

Approval of the application was noted.

6.5 Application DC/21/01851 – Monroes Orchard

Approval of the application was noted.

6.6 Application DC/21/00992 – The Pyghtle

The decision on the appeal was noted.

6.7 Applications DC/21/03851/52 – Lavender Cottage

Approval of the application was noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

It was noted that Babergh District Council's enforcement team had responded to the consultation on applications DC/21/04365/66 – Crockleford House commenting that they held an enforcement file on this address.

Actions:

- Clerk to contact BDC's enforcement team requesting that the parish council is informed of any enforcement investigations in the parish.
- MN to raise this matter with the BDC planning team at the next six-monthly meeting.

The committee noted correspondence from BDC's enforcement team updating on:

- Ongoing investigation of works at the Angel
- The decision not to take enforcement action relating to work at 13 Polstead Street.

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Twinstead-Bramford power line proposal

MN updated new committee members on the power line proposal.

The response from the local authority alliance group to an OFGEM consultation on the government's Offshore Transmission Network Review was noted.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Footpaths

It was noted that the gate had been re-installed on the footpath on the St Edmundsbury Way, and that vegetation overhanging the path beyond the gate had been cut back. MN had thanked a householder for putting the gate back. It was unclear who had undertaken the helpful path clearance work. MN reported that the path running alongside the golf course had been partially cleared and that he would be making a fuller assessment of its condition.

10 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk suggested that the committee should reconsider whether to accept BDC's request that a formal public response should be made to all planning consultations. This was due to considerations over whether doing so was desirable for the parish council or would assist BDC

in tracking notification of planning applications. MN asked the Clerk to place this issue on the October agenda as the first item.

Action:

- Clerk to clarify with BDC's planning team why they have requested a public response to planning applications.

11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5 October 2021 at 7.30pm – Venue TBC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm.