

**STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2020 AT 7.00 PM**

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

In attendance: James Dark - Clerk (JD)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

None.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

4 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2020 were approved and signed.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Diversion of Polstead Public Footpath No 35

The committee had no objection. However, members agreed that this matter should have formed part of the original consultation on application DC/19/02014.

Action: Clerk to respond to the consultation making this point.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/20/00186, Thorington Hall

Approval of the application was noted.

6.2 Application DC/19/05880, Wasses Farm, Higham Marsh

Rejection of this application was noted. The committee welcomed the district council's decision to reject the application on the basis of policies intended to guard against substantial new residential development in open countryside. However, it was noted that a number of recent applications which the parish council had objected to on this basis had been approved.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

7.1 Recreation Ground bollards

The committee noted that the District Council did not intend to take enforcement action. It was agreed that any future consideration of the bollards should pass to the new independent Recreation Ground Committee when formally established.

7.2 Tree felling

MN reported that he had spoken to a landowner who had felled trees in the Conservation Area and district council's arboreal officer. MN said the resident now understood the requirement to apply for consent and the officer had indicated that consent would most likely have been granted in these instances. MN further reported that he had gathered information regarding the tree

felling within the Conservation Area on the Tendring Hall Estate at the village entrance and that the Estate was planning further tree felling. It was agreed that MN would write formally to the Estate expressing concern over the felling of the tree, for which there appeared no compelling case, remind the Estate of the legal requirements to notify and seek consent for any further tree felling in the Conservation Area, and copy in the district council arboreal officer.

In addition, it was agreed that MN would contact the Community Woodland to request that its members should identify trees suitable for a TPO.

The committee also noted felling of, and damage to, a number of trees, which appeared to have been carried out by vandals.

Action: MN to write to Tendring Hall Estate as outlined above

MN to contact Community Woodland to request identification of potential trees for TPOs.

7.3 Utility posts on the roadside nature reserve

It was noted that BT Openreach had installed posts on the roadside nature reserve without any notification.

Action: Clerk to contact SCC to ask whether Openreach should have requested permission.

7.4 Conservation Area designation

A guide outlining the requirements had been received from the district council. This would be discussed fully at a future meeting should the parish council agree that further Conservation Areas in the parish should be considered.

It was noted that the district council may be considering the case for a further Conservation Area in the parish. This would be discussed with the district councillor at a future meeting.

8 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7 April 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.