

**DRAFT STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 6 June 2017 AT 7.00 PM**

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

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD), Isabelle Reece (IR)

Public present: Trish Orriss

1 TO APPOINT THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

AS said he would not seek re-election as chair for 2017-18. It was resolved that AS would chair the meeting. Committee members would consider their availability to chair the committee before the next meeting in July.

2 UPDATE ON 2 THE BLUNDENS

It was agreed to take item 8.1 on the agenda first as a courtesy to a member of the public, Trish Orriss, who was present.

The clerk informed the meeting of a letter received from Trish Orriss outlining her concerns about the impact of the ‘studio’ building being constructed in the garden at 2 The Blundens, which neighbours her property and does not have planning permission. Her concerns related to:

- The proximity of the structure to her wall and implications for maintenance to the wall and building
- The size of the new building
- Drainage for stormwater
- Uncertainty over what the building will be used for.

As background, AS set out previous correspondence from the committee to BDC’s enforcement officer in March/April at a time when the structure was being built. AS had informed BDC of the committee’s view that the structure did not appear to conform with the requirements for permitted development and requested that the situation be investigated urgently. The enforcement officer was also reminded that the structure was being built in an AONB and adjacent to a conservation area.

The enforcement officer subsequently told the committee that he had informed the owner of 2 The Blundens that the construction was non-compliant and that planning permission is required. The enforcement officer had also told the committee that work had ceased prior to an application being received.

However, it was apparent to the committee that some work has continued including alterations to the structure’s dimensions.

Action: The clerk will write to BDC’s enforcement officer, attaching Trish Orriss’s letter, noting her concerns, drawing attention to ongoing work on the structure and previous correspondence, and requesting acknowledgement within a fortnight.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All committee members were present

4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2017, including the minor change discussed at the May

meeting, were approved and signed.

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2017 were approved and signed.

It was agreed that in future all committee members will formally register agreement or any objections to minutes with the clerk within a week of them being issued, in advance of discussion at the subsequent committee meeting.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 Application B/17/01000; B/17/00999 – Fenwood Cottage

The committee had no comments to make to BDC.

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

7.1 Application B/16/01735/LBC/JD – The Old Bakehouse

The committee noted BDC's approval of the application.

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Relationship with Babergh Alliance of Parish and Town Councils

The committee agreed that BAPTC's positions to date correspond to its views and concerns, and that the committee should appoint a representative to participate with BAPTC and attend its meetings. **It was resolved that SB would act as the committee's representative for 12 months.** MN indicated that he would be likely to be in a position to take on the role in a year's time should the committee decide to continue its relationship with BAPTC.

9 PLANNING MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Update on undergrounding

AS summarised discussions with SCC on the cabling scheme. SCC has taken on board the committee's support in principle and the committee's desire to discuss some details with UKPN at the appropriate point. It was agreed that no further action is required at this stage.

9.2 Update on arrangements for Konings site visit

It was confirmed that Konings should be approached to arrange a site visit.

Action: Clerk to contact Konings to request dates.

9.3 Electronic communication on planning

The committee noted the changes BDC has introduced to communicating planning applications to councils. Although the change was seen as sensible in principle, the committee agreed that it would be preferable for BDC to supply a paper copy if plans are larger than A4 size. In addition, BDC should ensure that applications are available in a format easily accessible to all types of technology.

Action: Clerk to contact BDC to ask whether a paper copy of large plans, above A4 size, can be sent.

9.4 Hanging baskets outside the Angel

The committee noted that the Angel had acted on requests from members to raise the height of the baskets to an appropriate level.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4 July 2017 at 7pm

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 7.40 pm.

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Chairman

Date