

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2017 AT 7.00 PM

Present: Stevie Bezencenet (SB)
Jeremy Bloomfield (JB)
Martin Nielsen (MN)
Isabelle Reece (IR)
Adam Sedgwick - Chairman (AS)

In attendance: Jane Cryer - Clerk (JC)

Apologies: Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2016 were approved and signed. AS reported that the Suffolk Preservation Society had written to Babergh concerning the planning application in respect of Old Vicarage Cottage and had copied their letter to him - JC would circulate this to the committee; she had sent SPS a copy of the Parish Council's letter.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4.1 B/16/01672 - Homestead, Scotland Street: single storey extension to cartlodge

AS had been unable to talk to the applicants prior to the meeting. The Committee agreed not to object to the application in principle; however, it was agreed to ask Babergh to encourage the applicants to reconsider the location of the door to the proposed extension so that it did not open onto the footpath.

4.2 Other applications

No other applications had been received.

5 PLANNING DECISIONS

No decisions had been received.

6 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AS had contacted Bill Davies, Chairman of Stratford St Mary PC and now the Parish Council representative on the AONB Partnership. Mr Davies had said he would be happy to come to a meeting to discuss how this role should be developed. AS had also spoken to the Essex parish councils' representative, who would also be willing to attend such a meeting. It was agreed that AS should set up a meeting for all interested parties.

AS said it would be sensible for the parish councils to form a common view about the AONB. For example, there should be special speed limits within the AONB, perhaps 50mph instead of 60, and 20mph through villages. AS noted James Finch had already proposed a speed limit of 40mph on the A134.

7 ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Great Horkesley

AS would follow up the possibility of a covenant in favour of the National Trust.

7.2 Housing Needs Survey

The Clerk had written to Deborah Cadman in November 2016, while she was still Acting CEO of Babergh DC. She had asked when the terms of reference would be available for comment, and confirmation of who was taking the lead, and had also made the point that Babergh had requested that parishes work together on this initiative. JC had circulated Ms Cadman’s response, which stated that *“following a number of staffing changes this is an area of responsibility that has passed to the Strategic Planning Service ... officers were currently undertaking a review of policy areas ...”*. The Committee noted, but objected to, Ms Cadman’s assumption that, because an officer was absent or a policy was under review, it was legitimate for action and response to enquiries to cease.

SB noted the pattern of people buying small properties in the village and then submitting applications to enlarge them. MN said many of the larger properties in the parish were not likely to be for sale as they were owned by the Estate. JB suggested that parishes could get together and produce their own Survey - availability of more smaller houses would release some larger properties; MN said this would also work the other way round and there should be a mix of housing types. AS said that BDC may be formally consulting on the Local Plan in the spring, which would provide an opportunity to propose amendments to policies in this area.

8 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 14 February and Tuesday 7 March 2017, at 7pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm.

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Chairman

Date