

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30 PM (Skype meeting)

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

Apologies: Sean Fry – Vice-Chairman (SF)

In attendance: James Dark - Clerk (JD); one member of the public 7.35-7.40; one member of the public 7.30-8.05

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

None

3 PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public was advised that issues relating to the Lady Anne Windsor Charity's plans for development at a site on Plough Lane should be raised with Leavenheath Parish Council as the site is within that parish. In his role as LAWC trustee, AS offered to hold an initial discussion with the member of the public.

4 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2021 were approved. (These would be signed at a date agreed by the Chairman and Clerk).

4.2 Review of outstanding actions from previous meetings

Actions not scheduled to be discussed elsewhere on the agenda were reviewed. The following ongoing issues were noted:

- MN will contact BDC to suggest suitable locations for tree planting in the parish;
- SCC and the golf club had not yet taken promised steps to clear blockages on footpath 22; it was noted that the path is very boggy at present limiting its accessibility and use;
- BDC's enforcement team had not yet confirmed whether it will investigate works at Beacham's Farm following a complaint from the parish council.

Action: Clerk to follow up whether enforcement action will be taken regarding Beacham's Farm.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/21/00207 – Scotland House

No comments

5.2 Application DC/20/05324 – Maples

No comments

5.3 Application DC/21/00493 – Street House

No comments

5.4 Application DC/20/05891 – The Stables

The meeting considered a rebuttal, circulated by AS before the meeting, to responses from SPS, SPAB and the District Council's heritage team. The points made in the rebuttal were supported by members.

Action: It was agreed that AS should edit the rebuttal and send to the Clerk for submission.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/20/04418 – 20 The Blundens

Approval of the application was noted.

6.2 Application DC/20/05591 – Oakbeams

Approval of the application was noted.

6.3 Application DC/20/04811 - 1 Butt Road

Approval of the application was noted. MN reported that BDC had not referred the application to its planning committee because the application had been deemed of local significance only.

7 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

7.1 Quiet Lanes

MN and a member of the public (Janine Roffey) summarised a report, circulated before the meeting, on project progress and next steps:

- The proposal would involve installation of Quiet Lane signs attached to ten existing SCC Highways signposts. Only 3 on new signposts would be required with the minimum signage proposal;
- The proposed locations and type of signage would be set out in the public consultation exercise;
- A flyer for the parish council website/LSPN/distribution on proposed Quiet Lanes would be reviewed by councillors and produced by 10 February;
- A public meeting on Zoom (publicised in the flyers) would be held on 30 March;
- Following the public consultation, a full parish council meeting would need to be held before 30 April to consider approval of the project. It was agreed that this matter should be raised at the March parish council meeting. It was noted that potentially the planning and environment committee meeting scheduled for 6 April could be designated a full parish council meeting for this purpose.

7.2 Right to Regenerate consultation

It was noted that the consultation runs until 13 March leaving time for the matter to be considered at the March committee meeting.

Action: MN to request that SF circulate a briefing note for discussion at the March meeting.

7.3 Boxted Mill Bridge

AS summarised a report circulated before the meeting.

It was noted that Essex County Council's preferred option is to renew the 'end of life' bridge so that it is suitable for HGVs. Members considered that there is no apparent justification for a cross country HGV route via the bridge, and that renewing it with capability for heavy loads would encourage increased heavy traffic on unsuitable country lanes. However, a blanket weight limit could cause inconvenience for farmers.

Action: AS to contact farmers to understand their requirements to inform potential representations to ECC from the committee.

8 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

8.1 Arboreal conservation

It was agreed that discussion with Tendring Hall Estate and other landowners on their management plans for veteran trees should take place as part of the Neighbourhood Plan Group's liaison with landowners on the Landscape Appraisal.

9 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 7.00pm – Skype.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.