

**STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2021 AT 8.00PM (Skype meeting)**

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| <b>Present:</b>       | Martin Nielsen (MN) – Chairman<br>Sean Fry – Vice-Chairman (SF)<br>Stevie Bezencenet (SB)<br>Adam Sedgwick (AS)<br>Vivienne Klimowicz (VK) |
| <b>Apologies:</b>     | None   |
| <b>In attendance:</b> | James Dark - Clerk (JD); Sophie Robinson/Tony Welland (Hastoe);<br>Janine Roffey (parishioner assisting with Quiet Lanes project)          |

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**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

See above

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM**

SB declared an interest in item 5.1 as her property is in the vicinity of the proposed development. It was agreed that SB would not contribute to discussion of this item, but could remain in the meeting.

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Hastoe Housing Association's development manager and architect presented plans for affordable new rental and shared ownership housing on Goldenlonds. As part of public consultation, they agreed that copies of the plans could be shared with parishioners with the proviso that the plans are drafts so changes are possible before applying for planning permission. Hastoe also indicated that a public information event could be considered as and when Covid-related restrictions on physical meetings are lifted, depending on whether this would delay submission of the planning application.

**Action:** Clerk to distribute copies of the plans to a Parish Councillor living on Crossfields to share with residents of Crossfields/Goldenlonds and collate comments.

**4 MINUTES**

**4.1 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2021 were approved. (These would be signed at a date agreed by the Chairman and Clerk).

**5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**5.1 Application DC/21/01314 – The Coach House**

The application proposed pantiles for a re-built garage, which would be in keeping with the roofing material on the house some distance from the garage. It was noted that pantiles are not a local vernacular and that clay peg tiles would be more in keeping with the Conservation Area. Members considered that this would be beneficial to the Conservation Area and would not detract from the integrity of the development.

**Action:** It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to the consultation requesting that the District Council require clay peg tiles to be used as a condition of any permission to re-develop the garage.

**5.2 Application DC/21/01480 – Beachams Farm**

It was noted that this proposal appeared to contravene part of the rationale for approving the original application and could have negative impacts including increased traffic on the bridleway

which provides access to the site. It was agreed that these points had been made effectively in the response from the Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society.

**Action:** Clerk to respond to the consultation endorsing points made in the society's response.

## **6 PLANNING DECISIONS**

### **6.1 Application DC/21/01091 – B1087, Nayland Road**

The District Council's decision not to object to the application was noted.

### **6.2 Application DC/21/ 00599/600 – The Pyghtle**

The rejection of this application was noted. Members considered that aspects of the consultation and the rationale for the decision appeared to indicate that BDC may not have assessed the application accurately. It was recognised that BDC planners are not carrying out site visits at this time, so reliance on visual mapping software may have created some difficulties in assessing the application.

**Action:** It was agreed that the issues highlighted by this case would be raised with the District Councillor at the May Parish Council meeting.

### **6.3 Application DC/21/ 00599/600 – The Old Presbytery**

Approval of the application was noted.

## **7 PLANNING CONTROL**

The committee was dissatisfied with a response from BDC's enforcement team leader in relation to tree clearance and removal of a gate without planning consent at a property in the Conservation Area. Members considered that the officer had failed to recognise the specific and generic issues raised and the importance of advising householders on compliance where contraventions have occurred. Concerns were expressed over the wider implications of the planning authority failing to carry out its role.

**Action:** It was agreed that AS should draft a letter to BDC's Chief Planning Officer pointing out the shortcomings in the enforcement team leader's response. The Clerk would send the response, copying in the BDC Chief Executive.

## **8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **8.1 Quiet Lanes**

MN reported that the project plan was on schedule. Responses to the consultation had been received, and the public meeting was planned for 15 April. A Parish Council meeting had been scheduled for 20 April to consider whether to approve the proposals. MN thanked JR for her assistance with the project.

### **8.2 Tree felling in The Park**

SB reported that Tendring Hall Estate had contacted UKPN to request clarity over completion of the works and what would be involved.

### **8.3 Boxted Mill Bridge**

AS reported that residents near Boxted Mill Bridge had requested that the Parish Council seek a listing for the bridge. Before drawing up any proposal, research would need to be carried out on boundary and ownership issues, and on whether any request should be made jointly with other interested organisations.

### **8.4 Twinstead-Bramford power line proposal**

The consultation deadline of 6 May was noted. It was agreed that the following steps would be taken to formulate a draft response for consideration at the May 4 committee meeting.

**Actions:**

- AS to attend the National Grid consultation webinar on 7 April;
- Committee members to liaise on arranging a meeting with National Grid to discuss the

implications for the parish and surrounding area;

- Committee members to co-ordinate on the draft response, discussing progress if necessary at the 20 April Parish Council meeting.

## **9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

### **9.1 Arboreal conservation**

SF reported on correspondence with BDC over the possibility that there are protected tree species on the Orchard site, a potential development area.

**Action:** It was agreed that SF should draft a letter to BDC requesting an investigation into the species present on the site. The letter would be sent formally by the Clerk.

## **10 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MATTERS ARISING**

### **10.1 Dark skies**

AS reported that the Dedham Vale Society had requested a letter of approval from the Parish Council to support its application for Dark Sky Reserve Bronze status from the International Dark Skies Association. MN indicated that a future workstream for the committee could involve further reduction of light pollution in the parish.

**Action:** Chairman and Clerk to liaise with AS on providing a letter of approval.

### **10.2 Speed display poles**

AS reported on correspondence from a resident near the parish indicating that Suffolk County Council had agreed that:

- Reducing the height and changing the colour of speed display poles in Thorington Street would benefit the local environment;
- The resident could carry out the work himself subject to parish council approval.

**Action:** Clerk to write to the resident informing him that the Parish Council has no objection to the changes on condition that he has received agreement from SCC that he can carry out the work.

## **11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 7.00pm – Skype.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.