

**STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 5 MAY 2020 AT 7.00 PM (Skype meeting)**

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

Apologies: Isabelle Reece (IR)

In attendance: James Dark - Clerk (JD)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above.

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 3 March 2020 were approved. (These would be signed at a date agreed by the Chairman and Clerk).

During discussion of the minutes (ref 7.4), it was clarified that the committee should raise the following issues with the district councillor/district council at an appropriate time:

- Status/completion of the district council's appraisal of Thorington Street Conservation Area;
- Possible Conservation Area designation for Withermarsh Green.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/20/01482 - 1 Butt Road

It was noted that revised plans and elevations had been submitted and that a full design and access statement had been posted on the district council website late in the consultation period.

Correspondence from residents was considered. The committee shared concerns over the scale, location and impacts of the proposal. It was noted further that the re-submitted diagrams appeared to require occupation of land owned by the district council and possibly land within the boundary of other properties. The committee also identified potential impacts relating to the Conservation Area and natural features.

Action: Clerk to submit an objection to the application on the grounds identified above and inform residents who had written to the parish council.

5.2 Application DC/20/01140 - 10 The Blundens

No comments

5.3 Application DC/20/01254 - Park House

No comments

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/20/01178 - Bridge Cottage

Approval of the application was noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

7.1 Arboreal protection

It was noted that the tree felled at the village gateway near The Crown had started to grow new shoots from its stumps. It was agreed that Tendring Hall Estate should be asked to monitor and nurture the new growth. This issue would be considered further after Tendring Hall Estate had replied to the parish council's letter on tree felling and arboreal management.

MN reported that:

- The Community Woodland had responded positively to the parish council's request for a survey to identify trees across the parish of sufficient significance as to warrant TPO protection, but needed to ensure that the task would be manageable for its volunteers;
- The Landscape Character Assessment carried out as part of the Neighbourhood Plan preparations had observed a large number of grand oak trees in the parish, and these should be plotted in the survey along with other notable trees.

VK reported that a tree survey had been carried out several years ago on the Recreation Ground and that this could be passed to the Community Woodland.

7.2 Utility posts installed on the roadside nature reserve

The committee noted:

- SCC was investigating why BT Openreach had located poles in the roadside nature reserve without permission from SCC's planning department;
- Documents which suggested that BT Openreach should have contacted the AONB Project before installing posts in the reserve.

Action: Clerk to write to the AONB Project to establish if BT Openreach had made contact.

8 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Existing Conservation Area appraisal (Thorington St); possible new Conservation Area designation (Withermarsh Green);
- Survey of significant trees by the Community Woodland Group.

9 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2 June 2020 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.