

**STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.30 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 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2020 were approved. (These would be signed at a date agreed by the Chairman and Clerk).

4 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/20/03826 - The Old Vicarage

It was noted that the application involved the removal of substantial trees.

Action: SB to contact the landowner to establish if he intends to plant replacement trees, and report back.

5.2 Applications DC/20/04272 – The Temple

The importance of the view from this site was noted. Members had not had the opportunity to request a site visit as notification of the application had been received shortly before the meeting.

Action: Clerk to contact Tendring Hall Estate to request a site visit from committee members.

5.3 Potential application

MN reported that a landowner in the parish considering a potential development had provided him with a further confidential update following the discussion reported to the September meeting (minute 7.1). MN said the landowner had not decided whether to proceed with an application. MN had requested further updates should the project progress.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

Applications DC/20/03440/41 – Park House

Approval of the applications was noted.

7 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

7.1 Environmental protection and enhancement

7.1.1 Village Gateway B1068

SB reported that Alison Farmer had not responded to requests for assistance in choosing replacement trees for the Village Gateway near The Crown.

7.1.2 Tree management, Box Valley

MN reported that the Estate had removed excess willows as notified and that fencing work had taken place and replanting was expected.

7.1.3 Thorington Hall

Plans for tree removal were noted following an initial report to the July meeting.

Action: Clerk to contact the National Trust to request information on any replanting plans.

7.1.4 District Council action to encourage biodiversity

The meeting considered correspondence from Babergh District Council requesting that the council advise whether it owns any sites suitable for tree-planting by BDC. None were identified. However it was agreed that Scotland Street Green and land at the entrance to Golden Lond (sites owned by BDC) – and the Roadside Nature Reserve (a site owned by SCC) would be appropriate locations.

Action: MN to contact BDC with the proposed locations¹.

To further support the BDC's biodiversity initiative AS agreed to contact the AONB project to discuss assisting the District Council's wildlife corridor mapping initiative. SB agreed to place an item in the LSPN highlighting the potential for volunteers to assist.²

7.1.5 Footpath 22

MN reported that, following correspondence from a parishioner, he had contacted SCC and the golf club to request the removal of obstructions. SCC had responded that it would take the appropriate steps.

Action: MN to inspect the path and report to the November meeting on whether the obstructions have been removed.

7.1.6 Quiet Lanes

The 30 November deadline for registering an interest in Community Funding for Quiet Lanes was noted. Therefore it was agreed that this matter should be discussed at the next full parish council meeting. In advance of that meeting it was agreed that an article should be submitted to the LSPN describing what Quiet Lane designation involves and asking for views on their potential implementation in the parish. MN observed that when considering any potential designations, the focus should be on roads where this would make the greatest impact, particularly if it was clarified that the parish council would need to contribute to costs after receiving any grant funding available.

Action: MN to draft article for the LSPN.

7.1.7 Planning Committee remit

It was noted that in recent months planning and conservation issues related to broad environmental considerations had become more prominent in the committee's discussions. Therefore it was agreed that the committee's remit should be formally reviewed at the next full parish council meeting in November.

8 PLANNING CONTROL

8.1 Engagement with businesses and households

Members reported the following:

¹ Following the meeting, the Clerk informed the Chairman that the BDC correspondence stated that parish councils would be responsible for maintenance of trees planted under this initiative.

² Following the meeting it was noted that the correspondence from BDC had been misread and the District Council was not requesting assistance with wildlife corridor mapping. Therefore these actions allocated to AS and SB will not be carried out.

- The owner of Crockleford House would be seeking planning approval for the gates installed;
- The owner of Bedford House had ceased work on a tree house in order to seek advice from BDC on any planning requirements.
- The Crown had removed the tepee and installed a marquee which is intended to remain for some months subject to it proving successful for customers. The manager had been advised to contact the District Council to understand any planning requirements, and she had thanked the parish council for its support.

8.2 Beacham's Farm

It was noted that there had been reports of further works to improve vehicular access which would increase the risk of a through route for traffic being created across the countryside either side of the property. Concerns had also been expressed that the owner may take an approach to marketing the property that could increase this risk. It was considered that SCC could have a case to put restrictions in place to prevent a through route without contravening the owner's right to access the property. It was agreed that Leavenheath Parish Council should be contacted with a view to developing a joint approach to lobbying SCC.

Action: AS to attend the next Leavenheath Parish Council meeting to start this process. MN and JD to discuss raising the matter with SCC Councillor James Finch following AS's contact with Leavenheath Parish Council.

MN reported that no formal application had been made for changes to planning conditions relating to the owner's plans to package the development for sale. SF reported that planning permission did not appear to be in place for aspects of the interior development that had been carried out.

Action: SF to provide initial text and information for the Clerk to draft a complaint to the BDC enforcement team.

9 PLANNING MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported correspondence requesting information on ownership of land behind the Quoits field.

Action: Clerk to respond suggesting the correspondent contact Tendring Hall Estate.

SB reported that a landowner had requested a meeting regarding a potential development proposal on land behind Clipt Bush Corner including how it could take account of community requirements.

Action: It was agreed that SB should draw the landowner's attention to the opportunity to attend a full parish council meeting to speak at the public forum.

10 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3 November 2020 at 7.00pm – venue TBC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.