

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
4 APRIL 2023, 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Martin Nielsen (MN) – Chairman
Sean Fry (SF) – Vice Chairman
Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)
Adam Sedgwick (AS)
Stevie Bezencenet (SB)
Fred Grosch (FG)
Vicki Gibbins (VG)

Apologies: All members attended

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

None declared.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public wished to speak.

4 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2023 were approved and signed.

4.2 Actions from the previous meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- MN confirmed that he would provide the Clerk with a picture of repairs to gates on the footpath below Black Fen. The Clerk would send these to Tendring Hall Estate and request that the tenant make adequate repairs.
- AS confirmed that wildflower seeding had taken place on The Downs with assistance from the Community Woodland Group.
- Clerk to call senior BDC planning team to ask for a response to requests for a meeting.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/23/01100/01 – The Cottage

It was noted that the applicant is continuing to propose grey as the colour for the weatherboarding. It was agreed that black would be in keeping with weatherboard colours in the parish and that grey would be inappropriate.

Action: Clerk to respond to the consultation requesting that the District Council require that weatherboarding is painted black should the application be approved.

5.2 Application DC/23/01089 – 5 Sudbury Road

It was considered that the application to replace part of the front garden with a driveway would affect shared footpath access and a bank which were likely to be owned by the district and county councils respectively, and the proposal would have undesirable impacts. These included:

- Loss of parking space from the roadside as a result of the need for splay to provide access
- Potential impact on the shared access path along the front of the houses
- Potential poor visibility when turning onto the main road
- Poor visual impact on the area for adjoining properties.

•Potentially setting a precedent for neighbouring properties that would alter the character of the streetscene.

Action: Clerk to respond to the consultation objecting on the grounds identified.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

Application DC/23/00425 – The Old Vicarage

Approval of the application was noted.

Application DC/23/00428 – Giffords Hall

Approval of the application was noted.

Application DC/23/00422 – 4 Butt Road

Approval of the application was noted.

Application DC/23/00498 – 13 The Blundens

Approval of the application was noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

7.1 2 Rowley Cottages

It was noted that planning documents available from BDC were not clear on consent for installation of a velux window in the roof, and that documents relating to an application in 2004 were in a storage facility.

Action: Clerk to look at PC minutes from 2004 and report on the parish council's response to the application at that time and whether it was approved.

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 BDC consultation: JLP Proposed Main Modifications and Policies Map Changes

A report on the proposals had been circulated by AS before the meeting, noting positive changes.

Action: AS to draft a response to the consultation.

9 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

MN reported that parish volunteers would be re-installing a number of footpath fingerposts.

It was noted that vegetation on the footpath between Lavender Cottage and the primary school was overgrown.

Action: MN to check whether SCC is responsible for maintaining the footpath, and depending on the outcome, consider whether parish volunteers could cut back vegetation.

Further to discussion at the March parish council meeting on parking on the grassed area near The Crown entrance, SB and SF agreed to ask the manager for information on ownership of the land.

Action: SB and SF to include clarification of ownership of this land on the agenda for a forthcoming meeting with The Crown's manager.

10 CHAIRMAN AND CLERK CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS SINCE THE ISSUE OF THE AGENDA

MN updated the meeting on issues relating to the following:

- UKPN schemes that impact the parish – Bramford-Twinstead reinforcement and EA Green.
- Boxted Bridge – The Save Our Bridge group had clarified that it had raised sufficient funding for an engineering report and also specialist planning advocacy and representation at the forthcoming District Council planning committee meeting to determine the application. MN would attend and speak on behalf of the parish council.

•Anglian Water pipeline application – The company had posted a transport assessment which included proposed arrangements during construction across the B1068 near Wasses Farm. This would involve diversion of significant amounts of traffic onto unsuitable lanes in the Thorington Street area. It was noted that SCC does not appear to have a policy on temporary traffic diversions during construction works.

Action: VK/SF to contact SCC to request the name of the person to contact at SCC regarding policy on traffic diversions during the proposed construction works.

AS reported that UKPN had installed a number of new poles on The Downs and some associated tree works had been carried out. In addition, it was noted that this work indicated that it is practical to carry out works on the street lamp on The Downs that had been specified under the parish council's streetlighting project.

Action: Clerk to contact UKPN to notify the company that the land is owned by the parish council, permission should have been sought, request a wayleave, request details of why the works are required and what they are intended to achieve, and request removal of the street light.

It was reported that County Broadband had attempted to carry out installations on a route involving unauthorised trenches on parish council land. The team had stopped work when informed and indicated that permission would be requested or a different route would be sought.

It was also agreed that PC should consider at its next meeting entering all Council-owned land and property onto the appropriate national Land Registry.

11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2 May 2023 at 7.30pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.