

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
5 MARCH 2024, 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Martin Nielsen (MN) - Chairman
Sean Fry (SF) – Vice-Chairman,
Adam Sedgwick (AS)
Stevie Bezencenet (SB)
Steve Green (SG)

Apologies: Vivienne Klimowicz (VK), Fred Grosch (FG)

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD), PC Niall Johnson from 7.15pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above. Apologies and the reasons given were accepted (VK, FG on holiday and business respectively).

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

None.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

4 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2024 were approved and signed.

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

It was noted that BDC had provided the Clerk with the parish council's response to the district council's consultation on potential introduction of Local Listed Building Consent Orders. BDC would also consider whether a system could be introduced with an option for respondents to retain their consultation responses.

SF and MN reported that no response had been submitted to BDC's consultation on the Local Validation List, as the proposals were not considered contentious.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application DC/24/00964 - Thorington Hall And Thorington Lodge

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

5.2 Application DC/24/01076 - 3 Maltings Cottages

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

It was noted that this was a retrospective application for works, some dating back several decades and predating the current owners, but some of which were relatively recent. This could indicate a need for vigilance on works taking place.

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

6.1 Application DC/24/00029 – Park Street Stores

Decisions on discharge of conditions were noted.

6.2 DC/24/00148 – Orchard House

Approval of the application was noted.

6.3 Application DC/24/00446 – Scotland House

Approval of the application was noted.

7 PLANNING CONTROL

No matters to consider

8 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8.1 Anglian Water pipeline works

MN reported that he would be pressing AW to clean the B1068 of mud and debris around the site where pipelines will be laid. MN and SF will meet shortly to agree signage to be put in place during the works, as agreed by AW.

9.2 Boxted Bridge

MN reported that campaigners are lobbying Ed Morton to complete a *pro bono* structural engineering report on the bridge in preparation for their meeting with Essex County Council highways department.

9.3 National Grid Bramford-Twinstead powerline strengthening proposal

MN reported that National Grid had responded to a submission from six local parish councils to the Examining Authority, which had pointed out that an alternative technology may be available which would negate the need for the strengthening proposal. NG's response was being assessed by the parish councils but appeared robust. The Examining Authority would conclude its consultation in mid-March and is expected to report within six months.

9.4 BDC approach to consultation on potential changes to village envelope

It was noted that BDC had invited the parish council to submit informal views on this matter prior to BDC's formal consultation as part of the Joint Local Plan process. It was agreed that SF should contact BDC once the parish council's position had been clarified on potential development sites, drawing on emerging work from the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

9.5 DLUHC's consultation on changes to permitted development rights

It was noted that proposals to change permitted development rights could remove restrictions on construction of outbuildings within AONBs.

Action: It was agreed that MN, SF and SG would respond on behalf of the parish council.

10 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

10.1 Maintenance of footpaths

SG reported that SCC had indicated that it would not be practical for the parish council to meet the SCC contractor on site to ensure the contractor understands requirements for cutting back hedges bordering footpaths. However, SCC would reiterate these to the contractor.

SG reported that he had discussed requirements for maintaining the width and condition of footpaths with a landowner to ensure that posts and fences are positioned appropriately.

11 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2 April 2024 at 7.30pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.