

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
6 FEBRUARY 2024, 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Martin Nielsen (MN) - Chairman
Adam Sedgwick (AS)
Fred Grosch (FG)
Steve Green (SG)

Apologies: Sean Fry (SF) – Vice-Chairman, Vivienne Klimowicz (VK), Stevie Bezenenet (SB)

In attendance: James Dark – Clerk (JD), BDC Councillor Isabelle Reece (IR)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above. Apologies and the reasons given were accepted (SB, VK unwell; SF family event)

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

FG declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 5.3 as the owner of the property.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

4 APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

It was agreed to appoint SG to the committee

5 MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2024 were approved and signed.

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

It was noted that SF had requested a copy of the parish council's response to the district council's consultation on potential introduction of Local Listed Building Consent Orders as the BDC system does not allow respondents to retain a copy. This had not yet been received. In addition BDC had not responded to the Clerk's request for information on whether the district council could provide a system that allows respondents to retain their responses in the future.

Action: IR to follow up these matters with the relevant BDC officer.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 Application DC/24/00204 - The Lodge

It was noted that the application had already been approved for work on Leylandi trees.

6.2 Application DC/23/05846/47 – Anglian Water Bury-Colchester Pipeline

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

MN reported that issues related to the application for discharge of conditions had been discussed at a meeting with AW and 2 actions had been agreed at the meeting:

- AW would prepare a monthly timeline of activities that would take place in the parish and the number of trucks associated.

- AW had agreed to consider additional signage proposals related to the diversion during for a forthcoming weekend closure of the B1068. MN reported that he and SF would consider this.

6.3 Application DC/24/00446 - DC/24/00446 - Scotland House

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

6.4 Application DC/24/00119 - Meadows Cottage /Claudes Cottage

FG left the meeting room during discussion of this item which he had expressed an interest in. It was noted that this was a retrospective application for a shed. IR described the process that BDC used when considering retrospective applications and potential enforcement. During discussion it was agreed that FG should be asked if he would agree to planting at the south west of the shed to soften the aspect from this direction. This was requested when FG returned to the meeting. FG agreed to do so.

No comments to be submitted in response to the consultation.

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

7.1 Application DC/24/00029 Park Street Stores

Approval of conditions was noted.

8 PLANNING CONTROL

No matters to consider

9 PLANNING TOGETHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

9.1 Anglian Water pipeline works

No report to add to that given under minute 6.2.

9.2 Boxted Bridge

MN reported that he would be attending a meeting involving senior officers from Essex CC and SOB, and would report back.

9.3 National Grid Bramford-Twinstead powerline strengthening proposal

A submission to the examining authority by six parish councils in the local area, highlighting a potential alternative technology for the project, was noted. MN reported that three further local councils had offered their support to this submission at the time of the committee meeting.

MN further reported that NG's response to a previous submission had not addressed planning issues raised. The group would draft a further submission asking that NG do so.

9.4 Tree refuse – Sudbury Road

FG reported that he and MN had visited a householder to request clearance of tree cutting refuse outside a property on Sudbury Road. The householder had given assurances that this would be done following completion of the tree works.

9.5 BDC approach to consultation on changes to the village envelope

The Clerk reported that BDC had confirmed that they could receive views from the parish council informally outside of the consultation process but the parish council could not participate in the review of the village envelope to be put to consultation. It was noted that there appeared little option other than to work within these constraints.

Action: SF to submit views to BDC on whether there should/should not be any changes to the envelope and why, ahead of BDC's consultation on this matter.

9.6 District Council consultation on the Local Validation List

The consultation was noted. It was agreed that MN would write the parish council's response to be submitted ahead of the 4 March deadline, and request assistance from SF.

Action: MN and SF to respond to the consultation.

10 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

10.1 Maintenance of footpaths

It was agreed that MN would hand over responsibility for work on footpath maintenance to SG. This would include working with volunteers to undertake maintenance that SCC is unable to

carry out and meeting SCC footpath officers to take forward the parish council's offer to assist in overseeing the work of SCC's contractors in the parish.

10.2 Matters since the issue of the agenda

Biodiversity requirements in planning applications

AS reported that from April relevant planning applications would need to include a 10% net biodiversity gain.

11 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MATTERS ARISING

11.1 Invoice for grasscutting

An invoice for £480 from the grasscutting contractor was approved for payment.

11.2 Clerk and chairman's correspondence

Correspondence from BDC on a call for land to help support nature recovery was noted.

Action: Clerk to forward the letter to the Tendring Hall Estate, Recreation Ground Committee and Woodland Group.

11.3 Matters since the issue of the agenda

It was noted that the owner of a tractor that had damaged the village green had agreed to make good damage.

12 DATE AND TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5 March 2024 at 7.00pm – Venue: Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.