

Informal notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd April 2007 in the Memorial Hall

Present: Chairman John Barker, Vice Chairman Joe Smith, Councillors Nigel Smith, Heather Rodwell, Berridge Eve, Julie Pither-Jones, Dave Pither, Keith Slaughter, Ian Cowan and Carol Garrett.

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By Invitation: Suffolk Coastal District Councillors Mary Dixon, Sherrie Green

Apologies: Suffolk County councillor John Goodwin.

Matters arising from minutes of March meeting

- a) Latest update on LDF: The Clerk advised that following the public meeting held on the 14th March and the General Purpose and Finance meeting on the 19th March, a written report had been compiled in response to the LDF Core Strategy Issues and Options consultation document. The written response had been delivered to the SCDC offices by the Clerk and copies circulated to Councillors.
- b) Rail enquiry -The Clerk informed councillors that following information submitted via a Third Party, the Clerk had cause to submit a late submission to the rail inquiry with regard to the status of land being used for the main site works, asking that the land in question owned by Trinity College, retain its original status after completion of the dualled railway works. The Clerk had also written to Steven Brown (Senior Planning development Officer SCDC) to ascertain that the status of land could not be changed, as in this case, from Greenfield to brownfield following its temporary use as a works site and the Clerk read to councillors the reply received from Steven Brown, which stated that land used as a temporary works site, could not then be deemed brownfield. Mary Dixon had also spoken to Steven Brown about this point and he had reiterated the comments made in our letter.
- c) Bowls Club car park- Following completion of the Bowls Club car park resurfacing, Councillor Rodwell required to know what was being done to the unkempt small grass area at the rear of the Memorial Hall and Councillor Nigel Smith, in his capacity as Memorial Hall Chairman, advised that he would arranged for some shingle to be laid.

Correspondence:

- a) **Office of Rail Regulation I-** The Clerk read to councillors the reply that she had received to her letter about the unsafe crossing at Thorpe Lane and councillors were all of the same opinion that this was a 'standard' reply letter that had been sent and did not properly address the issues that had been raised. The Clerk is to write back to the ORR in stronger terms asking if they were prepared to take full responsibility if any kind of incident we to take place at the crossing.
- b) **Trimley to Felixstowe Cycle routes** - Councillors looked at the plans for the proposed cycle routes and the Clerk is to relay their comments back to SCC.
- c) **Letter from resident re: A14 noise** - The Clerk read out the letter from the resident along with an email that had been received from Doug Hart, both regarding the noise from the A14. The Clerk is to reply advising details of the acoustic barrier scheme.

Planning Applications:

CO7/0555/ful Proposal: 48 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin - erection of two storey side extension and rear conservatory.

The council were concerned that the size of conservatory may have a detrimental effect on neighbour.

Planning Decisions:

CO7/0322/ful Proposal: Erection of two-storey extension, porch, detached garage and conservatory - 56 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin - **granted with conditions**

CO7/0089/ful Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension to form annexe - 36 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin - **granted**

Highways and Footpaths:

- 1) **Operation Stack meeting** - The Chairman reported to councillors: Tuesday 20th March was the 11th time since October 2006 that this had been initiated, that evening saw, probably the worst gridlock in our village and the section of the A14 that cuts through the village we have seen. I spoke to the Public Relations Manger at POF late that afternoon. As on previous occasion the Suffolk Police were blamed for not controlling the traffic properly. However the next morning.
 - a) The Chair sent the POF photos he had taken from the Trimley footbridge late Tuesday afternoon, He also emailed them, accusing them of, perhaps, irreparably damaging the relationships, built up over many years between the POF and the Trimley villages.
 - b) On the Thursday, he met with the "Roads Policing Unit Inspector" at Martlesham police HQ. I spent nearly 2 hours discussing this with him.
 - c) He came away from this meeting convinced that POF were in fact partially to blame as also were the Highways Agency.
 - d) Suffolk police and he agreed that we would continue to be gridlocked if the phase 1 and phase 2 stacking areas were not moved to a different location.
 - e) On Wednesday 28th March he attended a debrief meeting at Martlesham Police HQ - attending were the major stakeholders plus the Town clerk of Felixstowe, Vice-Chair of Trimley St Mary. This meeting lasted nearly 3 hours but out of this came an agreement that Operation Stack needed immediate major tweaking, only 1 stakeholder opposed this - the Highways Agency. Suffolk Police and the Emergency Planning Officer for Suffolk County council would take the lead in this. It has been clear to me following similar problems in January that once HGVs and cars were both allowed to mix and occupy both eastbound carriageways - "the cork was in the bottle and could not be easily removed". The meeting on the 28th came to the same conclusion.
 - f) Councillors discussed the problems caused by Operation Stack and were unanimous that it is unworkable in its current state as it was reliant on human nature, meaning that drivers were not obeying road signs until they had reached the point of congestion. It was apparent that a large area was needed, outside of the port to park the HGVs until the Port had re-opened, as there was not enough land available inside of the Port.
- 2) **JAS Landscapes** - The Clerk advised that the quotation had been received from JAS Landscapes for the following year's maintenance of Howlett Way and that Trimley St Mary were prepared to pay half of the £445 quotation. Councillors agreed to accept the quotation from JAS landscapes.
- 3) **Parking Problems - Grimston Lane:** The Clerk was asked to deal with a white van that was causing parking problems in Grimston Lane.

Any other Business:

- a) **Parish Pump** - The Clerk advised that the Parish Pump would be delivered with the Town Crier at the end of April and that this would contain the full copy of the response to the LDF CSIO, an article from the County Councillor, and Memorial Hall update.
- b) **Parish Council Elections** - The Clerk advised that details of the nominations would be circulated to councillors and displayed on the notice board as soon as they were available.
- c) **River Orwell Foreshore:** Councillor Keith Slaughter advised that litter on the river foreshore was particularly prevalent at the present time and he would organise a clean-up in

co-operation with the Rivercare Scheme. It was discussed that perhaps a large crate containing two dustbins could be put near to the foreshore but collection would be needed by SCDC if the bins could be brought up as far as the farm. Mary will make enquiries at SCDC and then liaise with Councillors Nigel Smith and Keith Slaughter.

d) **LDF CSIO:** Councillor Ian Cowan enquired if the District Councillors had been able to ascertain if the all stakeholders listed in the Statement of Community document had been consulted with regard to the LDF CSIO. Both District Councillors had not yet been able to ascertain this information and the Clerk advised she would email them both with the exact nature of the enquiry.

e) **River Orwell Foreshore Erosion:** Councillor Nigel Smith advised councillors that recent high tides had caused erosion down at the foreshore, in particular the footpath which runs between the trout lake and river. The clerk will write to the relevant authorities regarding this matter.

f) **Date of Next Meeting** - The Clerk advised that the next meeting would be the Annual Council meeting on Wednesday 9th May starting at 7.00pm.