

Informal notes of a Meeting of Trimley St Martin Parish Council Held Tuesday 5th April 2011

Present: Chairman John Barker, Councillors John Sills, Frank Bell, Peter Waller, Keith Slaughter, Dave Pither, Carol Garrett, Ian Cowan,

By Invitation: Suffolk County Concillor John Goodwin

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

Apologies: Vice Chairman Berridge Eve, Councillors Heather Rodwell and Joe Smith

Declarations of Interest:

- Councillor Ian Cowan - Personal Interest - Local Development Framework
- Councillor Frank Bell - Personal Interest - Local Development Framework

Public Questions:

- County Councillor Goodwin was asked about the closure of the Thorpe Lane crossing which had taken place on the 3rd April at short notice and which had resulted in subsequent confusion for local residents due to incorrect signage being put in place
- The Clerk had been in contact with Goodwin, along with Derek Oldham of Suffolk County Council, Centurion (Road Management) and Network Rail about the late notice of the closure at the time of and immediately after the incident to try and ascertain how and where the breakdown in communication had occurred.
- John Goodwin read a report on the matter which he had received from the SCC Highways which stated that it was due to the late notification of emergency works that had been received from Network Rail, that the usual procedures for informing residents was not carried out in this particular incident.
- It was further noted that in future, all properties across the railway track in Grimston and Thorpe Lane would be informed of any closures of the road although they confirmed that there were no planned works for the next twelve months.
- It was further advised that this incident would be reported at the pre-planned meeting that SCC is holding with Network Rail later in the week.
- Planning Application **C11/0419** was raised by the occupiers of Alston Hall – see below Planning Applications

Matters arising from minutes of last Meeting:

- Memorial Hall - Energy Report received - Further to the last meeting (Item 110 Public Questions) the Clerk advised that she had now received a copy of the Energy Report carried out by Suffolk Coastal District Council in respect of the energy lost through the roof of the Hall and the potentials savings that could be made by a number of measures, including implementing ceiling tiles to reduce loss of heat through the roof of the Hall. The Hall Secretary had confirmed that she was in the process of applying for grants for the work and in respect of the application to Suffolk Coastal District Council, would require support for the project from the Parish Council, which was unanimously given, however without commitment to providing funding for the project: this to be decided by the new parish council after the election.

Correspondence:

- a) SALC Renewal - Councillors agreed to renew at the price of £602.00
- b) Suffolk Acre Renewal - Councillors agreed to renew at the price of £25.00
- c) Scottish Power - East Anglia Offshore Wind farms - Details given to councillors.

Planning Applications:

- **C11/0419 - Land to the west of Alston Hall, Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin.** - Use of Land for stationing cabins to be used as temporary accommodation for students employed at the farm. (Renewal of previous lapsed appl).. Further information from SCDC had been received from the Planning Officer in respect of this application, which had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Details had been given of improvements that had been made to the site and this was contained both within the letter from SCDC and a copy of correspondence from the applicant, including site plans. Both the applicant and members of the neighbouring property to the site were at the meeting and councillors regarding a number of points regarding the application questioned both. The Planning Officer had stated that in view of the improvements that had already taken place at the site together with the indication from the applicants that they would be happy with a 2 year temporary consent from May 1st to 1st October, Officers felt that they would be able to support such a proposal and the parish council had been asked to comment on this. Following a lengthy discussion, a vote was taken by councillors with a result of 3 against and 5 abstentions of supporting this proposal.
- **C11/0703 Location: 2 Ashground Close, Trimley St Martin** - Erection of two-storey rear extension (existing conservatory to be demolished) – No objections

Planning Decisions:

- **C11/01202 6 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin - Proposed** two storey rear extension and single storey rear extension. Detached double garage with accommodation above. **Granted** but as a result of amended plans reducing to single storey double garage with no living accommodation above.
- **C11/01468 Ashground Close, Trimley St Martin** - Erection of front porch and rear conservatory. – **Granted**
- **C11/0248 The Pump House, Morston Hall Lane, Trimley St Martin** - Erection of a summer house (existing conservatory to be removed) - **Granted**

Street Lighting:

- A report of a faulty streetlight was made. Clerk to report to authorities.

Highways and Footpath:

- a) Thorpe Lane Crossing closure - See under Item 122
- b) Councillor Bell reported the poor state of the dock spur roundabout, particularly with regard to potholes. The Clerk will write to Highways Department regarding this. (Subsequent to this meeting, information was received advising of large scales works to be carried out at this location as part of the Port expansion programme.)

Any Other Business:

- a) **Clerk's Computer** - The Clerk advised that the parish computer had been subject to a virus that had rendered it unusable and repair works had been necessary. It was likely that a replacement may be necessary, due to the age of the computer, during the next six months or so and the Clerk will obtain an idea replacement cost, if this became necessary.
- b) **Thomas Cavendish Plaque** - Councillor Slaughter advised that this was in the process of being made and will shortly be placed at the Memorial Hall.
- c) **Local Government Elections 5th May** - The Clerk reminded councillors of the election date although it was likely that the parish council would be an uncontested election bearing in mind only nine nominations had been registered for the eleven available vacancies.
- d) Next Parish meeting - The Clerk confirmed the next meeting to be the Annual Council Meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 9th May.