

Informal notes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held Tuesday 4th December 2007 in the Memorial Hall Trimley St Martin

Present: Chairman John Barker, Vice Chairman Berridge Eve, Councillors Heather Rodwell, John Sills, Peter Waller, Joe Smith, Keith Slaughter, Ian Cowan, Carol Garrett, Frank Bell (late arrival – apologies received)

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By Invitation: Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin

Apologies: Councillor Dave Pither, Suffolk Coastal District Councillors Richard Kerry, Graham Harding, Sherrie Green and PCSO Liz Lake.

Declarations of Interest:

- **LDF** - Personal Interest - Councillor Ian Cowan
- **LDF** - Personal Interest - Councillor Frank Bell

Community Police Report

- a) The Clerk read the monthly crime report for November.
- b) The Clerk advised that the next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting was scheduled for the 22nd January and the 'Meet the Police' evening is to be held on the 23rd January 2008 at the Memorial Hall.

Public Question Time

- a) **County Councillor Report** - John Goodwin gave a verbal report to councillors of various meetings that he had attended including those on recycling and safer neighbourhood police meetings. Councillors also asked him about the latest developments on Operation Stack. CC Goodwin advised that this was supposed to have been operative from the 30th November but that this had been delayed due to SCC not being happy with the Highways Agency wishing to stack lorries along the A12South, since this was in breach of statutory requirements to keep all roads open at all times. There still seemed to be a number of issues with regard to the stacking of lorries both on and off the port that needed to be resolved and further meetings are planned to address these issues. The Chairman conveyed the Council's concern that the revised Operation Stack had not been implemented within the promised time-scale and asked John Goodwin to ensure that those involved with the implementation of the scheme, seek to address this as soon as possible.
- b) **District Councillors Report** - None provided.
- c) **Public Questions** – Several younger members of the public entered the meeting just after it had commenced and under this agenda item, requested that they would like a Youth Club. Councillors explained that this was something they could look into but warned that this was a long process with a number of factors to consider. The Clerk advised that SCDC were running a public forum in January, which was based on providing facilities for young persons, and this was something she would look in to. Councillors asked that the young persons gauge the feelings of other like-minded persons and perhaps get together a petition regarding the request for youth club facilities.
- d) A member of the public who regularly attends parish meetings also remarked favourably on the comments made in the parish council's recent press release in respect of the Trimley Estate Masterplan article in the local paper. She felt the comments made echoed those felt by local residents.

Minutes of the November 2007

- a) **LDF** – Councillor Cowan had attended the latest meeting of the LDF Task Group as a member of the public but advised that the process was no real further on. The

next meeting was to take place in early new year which was due to be a preliminary meeting regarding 'blobs on maps' before the next consultation document was put before Cabinet and then out for general consultation.

- b) **Network Rail** – The Clerk advised that she had received a telephone call from a representative of the Railway Inspectorate who advised that Network Rail were looking into changing the signal times allowing trains longer to get through the crossing and thus avoiding the 'phantom barrier' occurrences which were happening on average once a day.
- c) **Village Sign** – The Clerk advised that she had received a quotation from a sign writer at a cost of £320 to repaint the village sign and councillors agreed to proceed at this price.

Planning Applications

C07/2111 – Location: 258 High Road, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Erection of one and half storey side extension, insertion of dormer windows and alterations to the roof to facilitate loft conversion. *Looked at by councillors, who felt that this application should be looked at alongside a previous recent application for this address, which had put forward the proposal of erecting two properties in the rear garden of this one. Since the garage for this proposal was to be accessed via the rear of the property, councillors felt that there would not be enough manoeuvring room and would restrict further the parking and space available to the proposed two properties under the earlier application. Councillors had no objections to the actual changes to this property but felt that for the reasons given, it should be looked at carefully by SCDC.*

Planning Decisions

C07/1748 Proposal: Erection of two storey extension (existing single storey extension to be demolished) resubmission of CO7/0845).

Location: 29 Cavendish Road, Trimley St Martin. **Granted**

Highways and Footpaths

- a) The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from SCC regarding a claimed bridleway from Capel Hall lane to BR10. This was put forward by a local resident some years ago, and the Clerk is to confirm that the parish council have no objections to the proposal.
- b) The Clerk was informed of a vehicle that was parked at the end of a drive on the High Road, which was causing restricted visibility to vehicles that were exiting from Grimston Lane. The Clerk is to email PCSO Liz Lake about this matter.

Any Other Business

- a) **Reeve Lodge Xmas Carols** – The Clerk reminded councillors of this event on the 13th December, all to attend where possible.
- b) **Next meeting** – The next parish council meeting takes place on Wednesday 9th January 2008.