

## **Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2009 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Chairman John Barker, Vice Chairman Berridge Eve, Councillors Keith Slaughter, John Sills, Ian Cowan, Carol Garrett, Frank Bell, Heather Rodwell, Dave Pither, Peter Waller.

**Clerk:** Mrs Tracey Hunter

**By Invitation:** Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Graham Harding, and PC Raoul Pidgeon

**Apologies:** Councillor Joe Smith Suffolk District Councillor District Councillor Richard Kerry

### **Declarations of Interest.**

- Councillor Cowan – Personal Interest – Local Development Framework
- Councillor Bell - Personal Interest – Local Development Framework

### **Community Police Officer's Report:**

- PC Raoul Pidgeon gave a verbal monthly crime report for January. Chairman Barker also advised councillors that he had spoken with PC Pidgeon regarding the problems of vehicles exiting Church Lane and vehicles being parked on yellow lines, obscuring vision of approaching vehicles on the High Road. A meeting with a representative from SCC Highways was suggested to see how this junction could be improved.
- Mention was also made of large amounts of debris being left at the Trimley Foreshore following late night activities and PC Pidgeon will include this area on his rounds.
- Petty damage to hedges in Cavendish Road was also reported.

### **County Councillor Report:**

- Suffolk County Councillor Goodwin gave a verbal report to councillors including mention of the 2.45% budget SCC increase in the council tax.
- With regard to the information request from Councillor Cowan regarding Innocence Farm (*ref: Jan mins, Item 89*) CC Goodwin read to councillors an email that he had received from SCC stating that this was just one area being looked at as a possible site for Operation Stack, along with others, some closer to the Port although no firm proposals for possible sites were currently on the table.

### **District Councillors Report:**

Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Graham Harding gave a verbal report to councillors.

### **Public Questions:**

- John Rout and Gordon Terry representing the Orwell Park Crossing with regard to putting these premises forward as an ideal site for Operation Stack attended the meeting. The Chairman thanked them for attending and advised that whilst the Parish Council were well aware of the benefits of using OPC as a venue for Operation Stack, the arrangements for this and decisions were to be made by the Operation Stack committee and stakeholders although the parish council would be consulted once potential sites were identified. However the Parish Council would strongly support basing Operation Stack on the "Orwell Crossing Truckstop."
- A further matter raised by a member of the public was in relation to the closing of the railway crossings whilst work was carried out on the weekend of the 31<sup>st</sup> Jan/1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Closure of the crossing had been advertised as being at 11.55pm but in fact the crossing was closed by 10pm, which caused disruption to residents. The subject of

emergency vehicles being provided access during the closure of the crossing was also raised and the Clerk is to contact the relevant authorities regarding both this point and the early closure time.

#### **Matters arising from minutes of previous meetings:**

- **Risk Assessment** – Councillors had been issued with copies of the Risk Assessment at the FGP meeting and this document was duly signed and dated by the Chairman. The Clerk advised that this document was to be reviewed each year.
- **Trimley St Martin Church Tower Repair Fund** – Following advice sought by the Clerk from SALC, they had advised that parish councils were not permitted to give donations towards the repair of the fabric of a church. However, new legislation due to come out shortly, may change this and the Clerk would be sent further details as and when new information was available.

#### **Planning Applications:**

- **CO9/0063 Location: 63 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin** - Proposal: Ground and first floor rear extension forming new bedroom and enlarged kitchen/dining room – **no objections**

#### **Planning Decisions:**

- **CO8/2012 Location: 52 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin** - Proposal: New dormer window to rear of house and alterations of existing flat roof dormers at front of house to pitched roof dormers - **granted**

#### **Street Lighting:**

Two lights reported as faulty, Clerk to report.

#### **Highways and Footpaths:**

The Clerk was advised that the red reflector posts adjacent to Morston Hall Road were still damaged and she will remind SCC about this. Reports were also made of graffiti damage to the BT phone box in Cavendish Road.

#### **Local Development Framework Consultation:**

- **ENTEC Meeting** – The Chairman advised that he along with Vice Chairman Berridge Eve had attended the Entec stakeholders' workshop but that this had not been a productive meeting. Entec have provided maps with a large number of 'miniblobs' as examples of where housing could be placed but this was both confusing and at complete odds with the sites contained in the LDF Core Strategy document, at present out for consultation. Entec will be submitting proposals that the parish council is to comment on by the 5<sup>th</sup> March and these will be discussed at the parish council meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March.
- **Consultation Response** – Councillors discussed the way in which the Core Strategy document was to be responded to and began by going through each site put forward by landowners/agents as possible areas for development, although the Clerk did stress these were not site specifics put forward by SCDC. There was only one area that parish councillors agreed some sort of controlled development could be built and that was on the site of the Old Poultry Farm. The Clerk advised councillors that whilst any part of the document could be commented on, SCDC had posed a number of questions that ought to be considered in particular with regard to the SP2 Settlement Policy/Appendix 1 and the Policies SP11Key Service Centres/Local Service Centres; SP12 Other villages and Countryside and associated Table 1.

Whilst parish councillors noted these points it was pointed out that we should continue to reiterate the bigger points regarding the whole subject of proposed large scale housing on the peninsular, that of infrastructure, constraints of the High Road and our overall concern of the effects it will have on the peninsular as a whole.

It was agreed that the Clerk, with assistance from the Chairman and Vice Chair, would put together a draft LDF response and circulate this to councillors for their input and comments prior to submitting this to SCDC.

- LDF Leaflet – Vice Chairman Eve had amended the leaflet he had originally presented at the F&GP meeting and this was looked at by councillors who agreed that a number of copies should be printed and placed in public premises around the village. It would also appear on the parish council website.