

Minutes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th January 2011 at the Memorial Hall

Present: Chairman John Barker, Councillors Heather Rodwell, John Sills, Frank Bell, Peter Waller, Keith Slaughter, Joe Smith, Dave Pither, Ian Cowan,

By Invitation: Suffolk District Coastal Councillor Graham Harding

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

Apologies: Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin and Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Richard Kerry.

Declarations of Interest:

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

Public Question Time:

- The Clerk read out a written report from Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin.
- Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Graham Harding gave a verbal report.

Matters arising from minutes of the December 2010 meeting:

- Latest Core Strategy Consultation - Prior to discussion of the Reviewed Core Strategy document, it was brought to the council's attention by Councillor Cowan that he had noted that the Community, Customers and Partners Scrutiny Committee were meeting on the 17th January to discuss the RCS document that is currently out for public consultation. It was unclear why this meeting was being held and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee to ascertain why the LDF document was being scrutinized at this late stage when it was already out for consultation. Some members felt that any such response made to the document may be worthless if the document upon which was being responded to, was found not to have met the Council's overall objectives, policies and strategies. Turning then to the Reviewed Core Strategy document itself, discussion then focused on the housing numbers and whether the extent of housing numbers predicted by SCDC was in fact warranted. The credibility of the process was called into question, since there have been at least three different 'solutions' for housing requirements, i) 1700 houses built to the north of Felixstowe, ii) £1000 houses in Felixstowe/Trimley and iii) 1700 spread all over the Suffolk district, amongst each of the 'revised' LDF documents. Councillors also discussed affordable housing and felt that the Council should retain its 1:3 ratio and not water this down to 24% of housing development. It was felt that in its response to the latest document, the parish council should reiterate the objections made in its last response and also make comment on whether the area required the sort of housing numbers that were being predicted as being needed over the next fifteen years. The Clerk is to draft a response to SCDC and this will be further discussed and amended/approved at a further meeting, which is scheduled for the 19th January. An invitation to Trimley St Mary Parish Council to attend this meeting was made via their Chairperson Mary Dixon who had been present at this parish meeting, along with two of her fellow councillors.

Planning Applications:

- **C10/3161 147 Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin** - Proposal: Replacement of existing 1st floor flat roof with a tiled, pitched roof – there were no objections to this application.
- **C10/3234 282A High Road, Trimley St Martin** Proposal: Erection of two-storey rear extension - there were no objections to this application.
- **Land Rear of 75 - 85 Mill Lane and 53 - 57 Old Kirton Road (The Piggeries)** - The Clerk advised that the request for a modification of the S106 agreement was being considered at a meeting of the South Development Committee on the 6th January and whilst such applications are not subject to invitation for public speaking, the Clerk had spoken to the Development Manager who advised that the parish council could either speak at the meeting or forward a statement which would be read out

at the meeting. The Clerk is to prepare and send a statement, reiterating their points of objection made in their letter of the 7th October 2010.

Street Lighting:

- Report made of one previous faulty light having been repaired on the A14 slip road but one other reported still faulty.

Highways and Footpaths:

- a) A number of reports made including ones of overgrown vegetation obstructions, collapsing fencing on the A14 Bridge and railway tracking. The Clerk is to contact the relevant authorities regarding these matters.
- b) It was suggested that a Grit Bin be situated at the foot of the A14 Bridge in the event of further icy conditions. However, liability was discussed regarding putting grit on the overhead part of the bridge but it was felt that the slopes leading up to the bridge could be gritted if necessary. The Clerk is to make enquiries regarding the cost of the grit bin.
- c) Litter/Dog Bins - The Clerk is liaising with SDC as to the exact location of the litterbins to be placed near to the village sign and a cost of the dog bin is to be confirmed if a post to attach it to can be located in the area at the top of Howlett Way.

AOB:

- a) Thomas Cavendish Plaque - Councillors agreed to the cost of this at £80.00 and it is to be located on the outside of the Memorial Hall.
- b) Port Reception 10th January - Clerk reminded of the date, time and location of this event.
- c) January 19th - Precept meeting at 7.00pm followed by an LDF response meeting at 7.45pm.

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