

Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2006 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin

Present: Chairman Nigel Smith, Joe Smith, Heather Rodwell, Julie Pither-Jones, Dave Pither, Keith Slaughter, Berridge Eve

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By invitation: Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Mary Dixon, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Sherrie Green

Apologies: Vice-Chairman John Barker, David Beale, Carol Garrett, and Pc Gledhill

Resignations: Councillor Andy Church

Declarations of Interest.

No new declarations were made

Matters Arising from the June 2006 Meeting

Memorial Hall

- The Clerk reported on a meeting that she had attended the night before with representatives from both the parish council and the Memorial Hall committee. Whilst the work has progressed well, it would appear that there have been a number of issues have arisen, which will require further funding and these include extra electrical work which was not originally quoted for but which once the works were undertaken, the electricians required further attention, a heater is required in the disabled toilet as well as an alarm. Crash bars were deemed necessary as a safety measure on the doors, a main gas pipe had to be re-routed, a fire retardant roller shutter is to be fitted, and a new kitchen soil pipe was to be put in place. The fire safety alarms and equipment need to be reviewed and this could be expensive but a risk assessment is to be carried out first. Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin volunteered to contact a colleague who may be able to give us some advice in respect of the fire risk assessment. The Clerk circulated details of the current earmarked reserves which were being used towards the improvement work together with a note of the amount being donated by the Memorial Hall, however, due to the extras as detailed above, it was agreed that further funding should be sought but in the event that this could not be found in the immediate future, Councillors agreed that they would provide a further amount not exceeding £3000, from the village amenity fund, which could be reimbursed if further donations were forthcoming.
- Councillor Rodwell raised the possibility of increasing the seating numbers now the large snooker table has been removed and the Clerk is to make enquiries with SCDC as to how this can be increased from the current 120 limit to about 160.
- The Clerk also reported that the grant bid had been successful for the side entrance to be re-surfaced and the work was to commence later that week, although it was pointed out that since the Trimley Carnival was taking place on the Saturday, it would be best to ask the contractor to start the work the following week.

Community Police Officers' Report

The Clerk read the crime report for the month of June, which detailed six incidences

Public Question Time

- **County Councillor's Report** – John Goodwin gave Councillors a brief overview of some of the meetings that he had attended, including one in his role of Deputy Portfolio holder for Environmental Waste and Economical Development, whereby he advised that whilst Suffolk figures for recycling were encouraging, much more could

be done by residents to recycle their rubbish so as to prevent landfill sites becoming full. There was talk of local councils being charged for using the landfill sites over and above their limits, possibly at a charge of £18 per tonne.

- **District Councillors Report** - Mary Dixon reported to councillors that empty Suffolk Heritage properties were being sold because the cost of renovating them was too expensive. Mary was going to enquire with the SCDC housing officer if SCDC could give grants for the work to be carried out and she asked for Councillors support in this matter, which was given. Mary Dixon also reported on a matter concerning a number of haulage lorries being parked at a private property in Innocence Lane in Trimley St Martin, which were being stored there prior to their being sold. She had been led to believe that permission was being sought to run a haulage company from the cottage but she felt that the site was completely inappropriate; a view fully supported by councillors, and would be asking the enforcement officer at SCDC to pursue the matter. There had also been recent village resident's unrest with regard to a property in Trimley St Martin, whereby a bulldozer had removed trees from a property, on the instructions of the new owner, following the death of the last owner. Whilst the owner felt that he was within his rights, residents angry that an area which had been a haven for wildlife in the long established trees, were hoping that a stop to the destruction could be made with the help of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.
- Sherrie Green advised councillors that nothing further had been heard with regard to the recent PCT proposals, matters seemed to have reached a stalemate situation with regard to the Bartlett Hospital which had recently received 'listing' status due to there being a Martello Tower within the premises. A new ASBO co-ordinator has been appointed at SCDC, an ex special constable who will be working alongside the police.
- **Public Questions** - Mrs Gitsham advised councillors that she had by chance, seen Suffolk County Councillor Andrew Cann, also of HPUK, in the village, and had questioned him about the proposed closing of the Grimston Lane crossing, in the event of the railway dualling taking place. According to Mrs Gitsham, he had put forward the point that closing the crossing would alleviate the need for whistle boards at this location. However, councillors agreed that since trains would be whistling at Thorpe Lane anyway, this was not a valid enough reason to close the Grimston Lane crossing and would be pursuing this point at any public enquiry.

Correspondence

Trimley Carnival Donation Request – Councillors agreed to donate £50 towards carnival costs. It was also suggested that the Memorial Hall committee should approach the Carnival Committee with regard to the possibility of being a beneficiary again this year

Planning Applications

CO6/1078/ful Proposal: Erection of kitchen extension. - **Location:** 17 Capel Close, Trimley St Martin. *Discussed by Councillors, no objections made to planning permission being granted.*

CO6/1107/FUL Proposal: Conversion and extension of existing garage to form one-bedroom dwelling- **Location:** 380 High Road, Trimley St Martin.

CO6/1109FUL Proposal: Erection of a lean-to garage and construction of new vehicular access. - **Location:** 380 High Road, Trimley St Martin.

The above two applications were looked at together as they related to the same property. Whilst Councillors had no objections with regard to converting the garage to the one bedroomed property, there were concerns with regard to the erection of the lean-to garage and the creation of the new vehicular access, since this would enter and exit the High Road directly opposite the junction of Grimston Lane which Councillors felt would create a danger to other traffic.

CO6/1180/FUL Proposal: Erection of one and half storey dwelling with detached garage. - **Location:** 242 High Road, Trimley St Martin. *Councillors discuss the application and whilst they had no objections to the plans for the new property, they were concerned that the narrow track leading to the property was also shared by two other properties and that movement of vehicles exiting and entering was a concern. This concern had been shared by one of the neighbouring properties that currently use the track to access the rear of their property.*

Planning Decisions

CO6/0707/OUT – Proposal: Use of Land for residential development. - **Location:** Land rear of 77 -85 Mill Lane and 53 – 57 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin.
Approved subject to conditions.

Highways and Footpaths

The following matters were reported to the Clerk who will contact the relevant authorities to deal with:

- Overgrown banks along Thorpe Lane making visibility difficult for cars approaching in each direction.
- Exiting Church Lane when traffic is parked along the High Road, a convex mirror is needed on the opposite side of the road.
- Trimley St Martin road sign has been daubed with white paint.
- Abandoned caravan parked in a car park in Crowswell Court.
- Fly tipped rusty garden furniture left in Jasmine Close.
- Footbridge path overgrown – Kirton side.
- The grass has not been cut at the rear of the Memorial Hall or where Morston Hall Lane meets Morston Hall Road.

Any Other Business

- The Parish Pump has been distributed but the Clerk was advised that none were delivered in Grimston Lane (over the railway track) and the Clerk will speak to the Town Crier regarding this.
- There is no scheduled meeting for the month of August; the next parish council meeting is therefore planned for the 5th September.