

## **Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council Meeting Held Tuesday 3rd July in the Memorial Hall Trimley St Martin**

**Present:** Vice Chairman Berridge Eve, Councillors Heather Rodwell, Carol Garret, Dave Pither, John Sills, Peter Waller, Keith Slaughter, Joe Smith, Frank Bell (late arrival – apologies received)

**Clerk:** Mrs Tracey Hunter

**In Attendance:** Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk Coastal District Councillors Graham Harding, and Sherrie Green, PcsO Elizabeth Lake

**Apologies:** Apologies: Chairman John Barker, CC John Goodwin, DC Richard Kerry

Vice-Chair Berridge Eve took the Chair.

### **Declarations of Interest.**

- ILDF - Personal Interest - Councillor Ian Cowan
- ILDF - Personal Interest - Councillor Frank Bell
- Carnival Donation Request – Personal Interest – Councillor John Sills

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

PcsO Liz Lake read the monthly crime report for the month of June.

### **Public Questions**

- The Clerk read the Suffolk County councillor's report to councillors.
- Suffolk Coastal District Councillors Report – Short verbal report given to councillors.
- The Clerk advised that the "Hand In Hand" bus shelter is to be cleaned and painted shortly.

### **Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- Local Development Framework** – Chairman Berridge Eve had drafted a letter to the LDF Task Group Members which was to address the issue of the Settlement Hierarchy and would also contain a copy of our response to the Core Strategy Issues and Options Document Feb 07 along with a number of questions which councillors felt should be considered by the task group members, prior to their next LDF Task Group meeting. A copy of the proposed correspondence had been issued to parish councillors prior to the parish council meeting and after Vice-Chair Eve had gone through the initial introduction which concerned the matter of the settlement hierarchy, councillors then went through each question individually and eventually came up with fourteen questions to be included with the correspondence. The Clerk advised that she would forward copies of the correspondence both via email and also hard copies through the post, during the week prior to the LDF meeting, which was to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. It was also decided to issue a press release, which would convey the deep-seated concerns about how the views of the parishioners and the parish council are presented at task group meetings, especially in respect of the settlement classifications. This press release would be provided to the local press just prior to the LDF meeting.
- SALC Membership** – The Clerk had provided councillors with a copy of the correspondence that she had received from SALC. Membership was not taken up this year, but the Clerk had contacted them with regard to legal advice that may be available, under its membership. Whilst SALC advised that they have access to NALC's legally qualified staff that provides a desktop service for those enquiries they are unable to deal with at SALC, councillors wished to know exactly how far this legal

advice could be taken and whether there was any further cost involved. The Clerk has been asked to obtain further details and if in fact, the legal advice was as comprehensive as required, then membership of SALC should be taken. Should there be further queries as to the scope of the legal advice provided, the Clerk would report back at the next parish council meeting in September.

### Correspondence

- a) **Mcalls Shop/Post Office.** – The Clerk advised that she had been in touch with McCall at their Head Office following the complaints of the unacceptable amounts of rubbish that was piled up outside of the shop on a regular basis. McCall have now arranged for a further wheelie bin to be placed at the shop and have asked that the Clerk immediately inform them if this does not solve the matter.
- b) **Footpath damage** – The Clerk advised that following her correspondence to Natural England regarding the damage caused to the footpath following recent high tides that she had now heard from SCC who advised that her letter had been passed onto them. It transpires that SCC is only responsible for the path itself and the SSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) relates only to the lake and not the river wall. However, SCC did advise that the Fly Fishing Assoc had brought the matter to SCC's attention back in March/April and were in the process of trying to get funding from various sources such that repairs may be carried out to the river wall. The Clerk will write to the Fly Fishing Assoc to support their cause.

### Planning Applications

- **CO7/1074 – Location: 137 St Martins Green,** Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of fence to provide boundary and fronting of property- *Looked at by councillors at GP Fin meeting - site visit proposed. Following a site visit and having received correspondence from a neighbour to the property, councillors objected to the proposal due to the obstructive fence imposing on the neighbouring property.*
- **CO7/1179/FUL Location: 24 Meadow Close,** Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of conservatory - no objections

### Planning Decisions

- **C07/0784/FUL Location: Marantha, Thorpe Lane,** Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of double garage. - **granted.**
- **C07/0845 Location: 29 Cavendish Road,** Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of two-storey side extension. - **Refused**
- **C07/0688/FUL Location: 298 High Road,** Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Single storey front conservatory extension. - **Granted**
- **C07/0555/FUL Location: 48 Old Kirton Road,** Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of two-storey side extension and rear conservatory. - **Granted**
- **C07/0700/FUL Location: 32 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin.** - Proposal: Erection of detached garage (revised scheme co6/1999 - **granted**
- **C07/0725/FUL Location: 57 Old Kirton Road,** Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension. - **Granted**

### Highways and Footpaths

- a) **Operation Stack** – Chairman John Barker had attended a meeting at Suffolk Police HQ for an update regarding the implementation of Operation Stack and he had prepared a report of the meeting, which was circulated, to councillors.
- b) **SCC Cycle Path Trimley High Road** – The Clerk had received copies of revised cycle routes following the initial consultation, but since it was advised that further revisions would follow, it was decided to look at the revisions as a whole once these had been received, at a future council meeting.
- c) **Miscellaneous matters** – A number of matters were then discussed including weeds on the path in Mill Close, an overhanging tree adjacent to 414 High Road, a broken footpath sign at the foreshore, overgrown foliage on the A14 roundabout

which was restricted drivers views, a blocked drain outside Owl Cottage in Grimston lane and a ditch outside 57 Grimston Lane which was full of silt and needed emptying. The Clerk will contact the relevant authorities in respect of these matters.

- d) **Overgrown footpaths** - Councillors provided the Clerk with details of overgrown footpaths in the village and she is to contact both local farmers and the authorities responsible for the upkeep of the paths in order that they may be reinstated to their correct state.
- e) **Location of new bench** – It was decided to arrange a meeting for the footpath committee for the 11<sup>th</sup> July, to view locations and decide upon one for the new bench to be placed.

#### **Any other Business**

- a) **Parish Pump** – It was decided to discuss the future edition of the Parish Pump at the next meeting as it was felt that we would be able to publish an up to date account of the LDF process.
- b) The Clerk reminded councillors of the **Harwich Dredging Presentation** which was to take place at 10.30am on the 15<sup>th</sup> August.
- c) **Memorial Hall** - Councillor Rodwell put it to the council that the two areas of grass at the rear of the Memorial Hall be cut along with the hedge and weed killing carried out. The Clerk is to contact John Smythe for a quotation for the work. Councillor Rodwell also advised that following the purchase of new chairs for the Hall; the old ones were for sale at £1 each if councillors knew of anyone that may like them.
- d) **Carnival** - Councillor Sills advised councillors that the carnival was taking place on the 8<sup>th</sup> July and the Clerk suggested that the parish council make a donation to costs, which councillors agreed at a sum of £50.00.

The next parish council meeting was scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> September as there is traditionally no meeting scheduled for August.