

Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2008

Present: Chairman John Barker, Vice-Chairman Berridge Eve, Councillors Dave Pither, Peter Waller, Frank Bell, Keith Slaughter, Carol Garret, Ian Cowan.

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By Invitation: Suffolk County councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk Coastal District Councillors Graham Harding, Sherrie Green, Pc Raoul Pidgeon

Apologies: Councillors Heather Rodwell, Joe Smith, John Sills and Suffolk District Councillor Richard Kerry

Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Cowan – Personal Interest LDF
Councillor Bell – Personal Interest LDF

Community Police Report

PC Raoul Pidgeon gave the police report for the month of February.

County & District Councillor's Report

- Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin gave a verbal report to councillors which included information on Operation Stack, the County Council tax rise of 3.75%, Unitary Authorities, the LDF and Green Fund Initiatives.
- Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Graham Harding gave a verbal report to councillors including information regarding the site known as the "Pits", advising that warning signs for motorcyclists to stay off the land are being erected by Bidwells. Chairman John Barker also queried with Graham Harding the land that has been turned into an unofficial BMX Track adjacent to the A14 slip road, but was advised this land belongs to the Highways Authority and the Clerk is to write to them accordingly regarding this matter.
- Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Sherrie Green gave a verbal report to councillors including information on the Crime Disorder Reduction Partnership, of which she is now Chairperson, and its aim to reduce crimes in respect of Theft, Domestic Violence, Class A Drugs and Under Age Drinking.

Matters Arising from February 2008 Meeting

LDF Consultation Document – Chairman John Barker advised councillors that whilst this matter had been discussed at the recent Finance and General Purpose meeting, he felt that, on reflection, the parish council should consider whether their response to the document should include answers to the questions that were contained within the LDF document with regard to preference of particular sites etc. Whilst the F&GP meeting ended with councillors agreeing that in their view, no development should take place on the Felixstowe and Trimley peninsular, it was pointed out that it was felt that SCDC had already made the decision that this is where housing was needed and that was why the five 'areas' of development could be considered as being potential locations. Councillor Cowan argued that Felixstowe/Trimleys could not provide sustainability for this amount of housing and that SCDC should show why housing was required on the peninsular. Vice Chairman Eve felt that sustainability was also an issue but also understood that in order for the parish council to have a voice in the consultation exercise, that they should put forward their favoured option for sites, should development prove to be necessary. An individual input from each councillor present at the meeting, (with the exception of Councillor Cowan) gave a collective decision of opting for a site within Area 4 along with small scale development on sites contained within Areas 1 and 2, namely the linear type development at the Poultry Farm in Howlett Way and small scale development between the Trimley St Martin School and Roselea Nursery within Area 1. *(It was noted that whilst by SCDC's own admission, the 'blobs' on the map are deliberately vague, the 'blob' for Area 1 was situated on the wrong side of the A14 roundabout and should also have been in a vertical position rather than the horizontal one as shown).*

Councillors agreed, that whilst reluctantly putting forward these options, it was on the basis that none of them should contain the full quota of 1620 houses or indeed collectively, since they did not feel that this amount of housing was either warranted or necessary. The Clerk is to compose a response to the LDF document based on the decisions made by councillors and would reply both online and by paper copy.

Correspondence

Potential Brownfield Site for Housing – The Clerk read the letter to councillors which gave details of a site for housing at the Mushroom Farm, Trimley St Martin, which was to be submitted to SCDC as part of the LDF process.

Planning Decisions

C07/2201 Location: 48 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling (existing one to be demolished). **Granted with conditions**

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. **Granted with condition.**

C07/2336OUT Location: Part Rear Garden, 258 High Road, Trimley St Martin.

Proposal: Use of land for the erection of one single storey dwelling (re:submission) **Granted with conditions**

Highways & Footpaths

Councillor Keith Slaughter advised that exiting Church Lane was a real problem due to cars being parked outside the post office and that a mirror opposite would be extremely beneficial to be able to see oncoming traffic from the right. The Clerk advised that she had approached SCC about this matter a few years ago, but would write again and see if a solution to the problem could be sought.

Any other business

- **Port Liaison Meeting 11th March** – The Clerk advised the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk would be attending on behalf of the Parish Council.
- **Trimley St Martin School – Young Engineers.** Chairman Barked advised that school children had won a National Event and were hoping to compete in the World Finals in April but were raising funds for the trip. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that a sum of £250 be pledged to the school should they be successful in securing the full amount for the trip to take place.
- **Next Parish Council Meeting 1st April** – The Clerk advised that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on the 1st April at 7.00pm whereby annual reports and the accounts are received and the usual parish council meeting would follow at 7.30pm.