

**Informal notes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th March 2011
At the Methodist Church Hall, Trimley St Martin at 7.30pm.**

Present: Chairman John Barker, Vice Chairman Berridge Eve, Councillors John Sills, Frank Bell, Peter Waller, Keith Slaughter, Joe Smith, Dave Pither, Carol Garrett, Ian Cowan,

By Invitation: Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin

Parish Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

Apologies: Councillor Heather Rodwell

Declarations of Interest:

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

Community Police:

The Clerk read out the monthly crime report for February and also reminded councillors of the date of the next SNT meeting as being the 22nd March at Kirton Recreation Ground.

County and District Councillors Reports:

County Council Report - Councillor John Goodwin provided a verbal report. He also gave out details of the IRMP meeting, which takes place at the Orwell High School on the 16th March. A consultation questionnaire was also given out to all members present.

District Councillors – No reports received. However, Councillor Cowan asked that the parish council's disappointment be minuted at the news of the de-selection of District Councillor Sherrie Green, by her political party. The Clerk was instructed to write to Sherrie Green to convey their appreciation of her integrity when representing the interests of the residents of her Ward.

Public Questions:

Mr Tony Rodwell attended in the absence of Councillor Rodwell and raised the matter of the Hall Committee wishing to pursue grant funding for improvements to the Hall ceiling to prevent heat being lost through the roof. An independent study has been carried out and councillors advised that they wished to see a copy of this before committing to providing funds for this project, the cost of which had been quoted in the region of £5,000. Mr Rodwell also commented on the electricity inspections that had been carried out at the Memorial Hall. The Clerk confirmed that she had received a quotation for work to be carried out which would then provide satisfactory pass certificates and councillors agreed to the work being carried out by Trimley Electrical at a total cost of £409.00 plus VAT.

Mr Rodwell also mentioned the tennis courts, which are situated at the rear of the Hall. They are in a very poor state and are rarely used. The Clerk advised that upkeep of the tennis courts was supposed to be the responsibility of the Sports and Social Club who paid a peppercorn rent of £15 a year, in return for being able to hire out the courts for use. Mr Rodwell advised that he had been in conversation with the Bowls Club and the general consensus of opinion was that due to the lack of sports use, the tennis court could be given over to additional car parking facilities for both the Hall and Bowls Club. However, some councillors felt that enquiries should be made to the Felixstowe Sports and Social Assoc, of which the parish council is a member to see if funding could be sourced to improve the condition of the tennis courts and promote these for use. The Clerk will make enquiries and report back at the next meeting.

Three members of the public had also attended to speak in respect of planning applications C11/0419 and C11/0202 (See under Item 116 Planning).

Matters arising from minutes of the February 2011 Meeting:

- a) Memorial Hall Electricity Test – See under public questions.
- b) SCDC Clerks Meeting on 7th March – The Clerk gave a brief report regarding the meeting she had attended earlier in the day at SCDC offices. This was an informal meeting to update clerks with information on a number of matters including elections, budgets, the LDF, Big Society, Census amongst other topics.
- c) LDF latest update – The Clerk advised, and councillors were in fact aware from recent media reports, that the next stage of the LDF process has been postponed to allow for more analysis of a new study that was submitted as part of the consultation process, by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust in respect of the potential impact of visitors from future developments in areas to the north and east of Ipswich on nature conservation sites in the 'Suffolk Sandlings', north of the river Deben.

Correspondence:

- a) SCC Changes to Recycling Centres – The Clerk reported on the local recycling centres that would be closing, Felixstowe however remains open but with shorter opening hours.
- b) Quotes for Memorial Hall Ceiling - See Item 110 – Public Questions.
- c) SCC- Fire & Rescue IRMP Consultation – Details of the meeting given to councillors.
- d) SCDC Litter Spring Clean – Details given to councillors.
- e) Trimley Peace Sign refurbishment – The Clerk has been contacted by a Ms Little regarding the refurbishment of the peace sign, which was originally established by her father. The Clerk is to liaise with the parish clerk from Trimley St Mary and make enquires regarding refurbishment of the sign.
- f) Port Liaison Meeting invite – 10th March – The Chairman and Clerk to attend.

Planning Applications:

C11/01202 6 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin

Proposed two storey rear extension and single storey rear extension. Detached double garage with accommodation above.

This was looked at by the planning committee prior to the meeting including a site visit from the location of a neighbouring property and plans were further discussed at the parish meeting. Councillors did not support the application due to the plans not being correctly laid out, concerns regarding the loss of privacy of neighbouring properties and most importantly their view that the proposed double garage extension with accommodation above was a contravention of policy AP39.

C11/0248 The Pump House, Morston Hall, Trimley St Martin.

Erection of summer house – (existing conservatory to be removed)

Looked at by Councillors, no objections made.

C11/0419 – Land to the west of Alston Hall, Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin.

Use of Land for stationing cabins to be used as temporary accommodation for six students employed at the farm. (Renewal of previous lapsed appl).

Looked at by councillors prior to the start of the meeting and later discussed. The views of the members of public that were present who were objecting to the application were also taken into account. Councillors felt that the existing conditions of the caravans had been allowed to deteriorate to a poor condition and that the present location was not suitable and that a new site within the land owned by the applicant should be sought.

Planning Decisions:

C09/0610ful – Land rear of 75 – 85 Mill Lane, & 53-57 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin.

Request for Modification – **Granted** subject to conditions.

C10/1396 56 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin.

Enlargement of detached garage and erection of rear extension for clothing workshop.

Granted with conditions.

C10/3161 – 147 Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin

Replacement of existing first floor flat roof with a tiled, pitched roof (including panels) **Granted**

C10/3234 – 282a High Road, Trimley St Martin.

Erection of two-story rear extension. **Granted** with conditions.

Highways and Footpath:

- a) Renewal of roundabout agreement – The Clerk advised that Goslings Farms wished to renew the contract for a further year and the parish council agreed to this on the basis that the roundabout grass is regularly cut in line with the SCDC schedules.
- b) Bench seating – The Clerk advised that the current state of the benches at the entrance location to the village were in a poor state and ought to be refurbished. An earlier quotation of £200 per bench had been given by Whitehouse Enterprises. The Clerk is to contact them to confirm the price and arrange for the work to be carried out.
- c) Chapel Picnic Sign – The Clerk had been contacted by resident Doug Hart who was willing to refurbish the Picnic Sign and had given an idea of the minimal costs of materials to repair the sign. The parish council agreed for this to be carried out but were not prepared to spend the estimated £300 which was needed to repair the footpaths map sign at the same location. The Clerk is to advise Mr Hart accordingly.
- d) Railway crossing and Stile (see Feb mins Item 106B) – The Clerk advised that she had contacted Network Rail regarding the dangerous bolts and also the SCC Rights of Way regarding the broken stile.
- e) A new report of a broken latch on one of the gates at the Grimston lane crossing was reported and the Clerk will contact Network Rail to fix this.

Any Other Business:

- a) Elections – The Clerk issued nomination forms to councillors and requested that these be returned to her by the 25th March if they wished her to take them to SCDC offices at the allotted appointment time on the 29th March.
- b) Next Parish meeting – Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 5th April followed by parish meeting at 7.30pm.