

Informal Notes of a Trimley St Martin Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 6th May 2008 in the Memorial Hall

Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th May 2008 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman John Barker, Councillors Peter Waller, Frank Bell, Keith Slaughter, John Sills, Joe Smith and Heather Rodwell.

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By Invitation: Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk District Councillors Graham Harding, Richard Kerry, and Police Sergeant Neil Mckay

Apologies: Vice Chairman Berridge Eve, Councillors Ian Cowan, Dave Pither and Carol Garret.

1) Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Officers of Committees

Chairman: **John Barker** Proposed by Joe Smith. Seconded by Keith Slaughter.

Vice Chairman: **Berridge Eve** Proposed by Keith Slaughter. Seconded by Peter Waller.

The following committees were then confirmed as:

General Purposes Committee:	All elected councillors
Memorial Hall Management:	John Sills
Poors Charity Trustees:	Joe Smith, Berridge Eve and John Sills
East Suffolk Travellers Assoc:	John Sills
Port of Felixstowe Liaison:	Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk
River Orwell Parishes:	Keith Slaughter
Joint Committee with TS Mary PC:	Chair, Vice Chair, Dave Pither and Clerk
Footpaths/River/Tree/Hedgerow:	Keith, Berridge, Carol, Peter and Frank
Planning Committee:	Keith (Chairman), Peter, Dave and Carol
Countryside Working Party:	All elected councillors.

Those present at the meeting agreed all the above committees.

Declarations of interest

Councillors Ian Cowan and Frank Bell

Community Police Report

- Sgt Neil Mckay read out the crime report for the month of April.
- Graham Harding advised that he had secured a room at the Welcome Hall for the Police to use as a base in the villages, but this was subject to police funding being available.

Suffolk County Councillor's Report

John Goodwin gave a verbal report to councillors and also briefly outlined the basis of the County Council's recommendation for a One Suffolk in respect of the Boundary Committee Review.

Suffolk District Councillors' Report

Richard Kerry provided councillors with a basic overview of the Boundary Committee Review and outlined the time frame for the process and also explained how it may affect parish councils. The clerk advised she would provide councillors with information on the review process, which she had received from various sources including Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council, and the parish council would submit their own views to the Boundary Committee during the consultation period of July to September.

Public Question Time

A report was received from a member of the public present with regard to a faulty streetlight. The clerk will deal with this.

Matters arising from the minutes of the April Meeting

Local Development Framework: The Clerk advised that she had written to Steve Brown, Head of Planning at SCDC with regard to 'Super Blob 6'. (*Refer to minutes dated 1st April – Item 113*). The Clerk had received confirmation that this letter would be added to our earlier response to the consultation document, which had only included Areas 1-5. The letter had pointed out that not only had this area not been included in the original document and therefore should be subject to a further consultation if it was to be made site specific in later documents but had also queried the fact that it had been proposed and seconded by two Felixstowe Town Councillors, both of whom are on the LDF Task Group.

Correspondence

- a) **Boundary Committee – Local Govt Review-** The Clerk had received a number of documents on this matter including a letter from SCC, an informal written report from Richard Kerry following a Boundary Committee Briefing meeting on 7th April, SCDC Parish Bulletin – Local Govt Review (a copy of which was provided to each councillor), and a copy of the Suffolk Preservation Society Representation to the Boundary Committee. The matter had been discussed earlier during Public Questions with both the County and District Councillors
- b) **SCDC email – Car lot at 280 High Road.** The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from SCDC to advise that the householders had been written to, advising that planning permission had to be granted for a business to be carried out from a private property. A period of 14 days has been allowed from the 30th April for the vehicles to be removed from sale from the property
- c) **SCC – Claimed Bridleway Capel Hall lane – BR10.** The Clerk advised that this matter was about to be reported to the Rights of Way committee. The parish council supports the case for this route to be added to the definitive map.
- d) **Trimley St Martin Primary School** – The Clerk advised that she had received a thank you letter from the children at the school for the £250.00 donation. It was reported that the school had come 6th out of 81 schools and the Clerk has been asked to pass on a letter of congratulations on behalf of the parish council.
- e) **Suffolk Coasts and Heaths – Beach Watch** – The Clerk advised the date of the next Beach Watch Litter Pick was the 20 – 21st September.

Planning Applications

C08/0704 Location: 348 High Road, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Erection of two-storey rear extension to part side/rear of existing dwelling.

Looked at by Parish Council Planning Committee: no objections made.

CO8/0677 Location: 268 High Road, Trimley St Martin.

Proposal: Erection of rear conservatory.

Looked at by Parish Council Planning Committee: no objections made.

CO8/0884 Location: Land adjacent Shetland Cottage, Thorpe Lane
Trimley St Martin.

Proposal: Erection of dwelling and detached garage (revised scheme to CO6/1669).
(Building work has been stopped).

The Clerk outlined the reasons as to why this was subject to a revised planning application.

The planning committee will hold a further meeting to discuss the plans and return these to the Clerk for reporting back to SCDC.

CO8/0832 Location: 10 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Single storey rear extension.

Looked at by councillors at this meeting, no objections made.

Street Lighting

Reports were made of faulty streetlights, which the Clerk will report to the authorities. Councillors also requested that the Clerk write to SCDC with regard to the old type street lighting along Mill Lane to see if it could be updated.

Highways and Footpaths

- Reports were made of an overgrown hedge in Grimston Lane, Footpath 37 not having been reinstated and Footpath 1 being overgrown as well as rubbish being stored nearby which was being blown about and also a tree blocking the path which had still not been removed. The Clerk will contact authorities in this respect.
- A report was also made of a dog bin having been vandalised and missing and councillors agreed for this to be replaced.
- The litterbin has also been damaged again and the Clerk will make arrangements for this to be repaired.
- It was also pointed out that the bus shelter opposite the Hand in Hand had a leaking roof and the Clerk is to obtain a quotation for this to be repaired.

Any Other Business

- a) **Ray Howlett Trimley St Martin Primary School Awards** – The Chairman had spoken to the Headmaster at Trimley St Martin School and it was agreed by councillors to reinstate the Ray Howlett Awards and provide book tokens at the end of each academic year to the most improved pupils of each year, as chosen by the school. It was agreed a total sum of £90 be used for this purpose.
- b) **Councillor Slaughter** advised he had arranged for a beach litter pick at the retreat for Saturday if any councillors were available to volunteer.
- c) **Councillor Rodwell** advised that a grass cut and weed kill was needed around the Memorial Hall and the Clerk is to contact JAS Landscaping for carryout the work.
- d) The next meeting is to be the 3rd June.