

Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2009 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin - 7.30pm

Present: Chairman John Barker, Councillors Keith Slaughter, Ian Cowan, Frank Bell, Dave Pither, Peter Waller, Joe Smith, John Sills.

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By Invitation: Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Graham Harding

Apologies: SDC Councillors Richard Kerry, and Sherrie Green, Parish Vice Chairman Berridge Eve, Councillors Heather Rodwell, Carol Garrett

Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Officers of Committees.

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

Vice Chairman: Berridge Eve
Seconded by Peter Waller
Proposed by John Barker

The following committees were then confirmed as:

General Purposes Committee:	All elected councillors
Planning Committee:	Keith, Peter, Dave and Carol
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
Police SNT Quarterly Meetings:	All elected councillors
Footpaths/River/Tree/Hedgerow:	Keith, Berridge, Carol, Peter and Frank
Countryside Working Party:	All elected councillors.
POF Freight Quality Partnership:	John Barker
Felixstowe/Trimleys Futures Group:	John Barker

The above committees were agreed by all those present at the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Cowan - Personal Interest - Local Development Framework
Councillor Bell - Personal Interest - Local Development Framework

Community Police Report

Pc. Raoul Pidgeon gave a verbal monthly crime report for April.

The Clerk reminded councillors that the next SNT meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 12th May.

Ward Councillor Reports

Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin – Verbal report given to councillors.

Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Graham Harding – Verbal report given to councillors.

There were no questions from members of the Public

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- a) **Structural Review of Suffolk** – Councillors discussed the further draft proposals received from the Boundary Committee but agreed that the earlier response submitted by the parish council to support the ‘status quo’ was unchanged. The Clerk is to reiterate this by writing in response to the latest draft proposals.
- b) **Parish Insurance** – The Clerk advised that a more competitive quotation had been received from the Norwich Union and councillors agreed to take out cover with this insurer and also to sign up for the 3 year long term agreement. Both the cover and sums insured were improved on the existing insurer and the new premium was confirmed to be £438.20.
- c) **Memorial Hall Doors** – Following discussion of the quotation received, it appeared that the description of works did not match the work required and the quotation is to be referred back to the Memorial Hall Committee for review.
- d) **Bus shelter** – The Clerk had received the quotation for demolition of the bus shelter outside the Hand in Hand and councillors agreed the cost of this. However, the Clerk is to enquire as to whether the associated costs of temporary traffic lights, barriers etc can be negotiated with SCC and also to contact the SCC Councillors to enquire as to whether assistance with funding can be considered.
- e) **Public Questions- 2 Grimston Lane** – The Clerk read out a letter which had been received from the Enforcement Officer at SCDC which stated that after a previous inspection in February of this year, the property was not understood to be used for commercial use. However, this is contrary to reports received from neighbouring properties and the matter is still under discussion.

Statement of Annual Audit – The Clerk completed Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return, with councillors. The Chairman duly signed this. The Clerk will arrange for the accounts to be internally audited by Colin Monk.

Planning Applications

CO9/0153 Location: 14 Ashground Close, Trimley St Martin.

Proposal: Divide into two properties.

Looked at by the planning committee and discussed by all councillors, objections to be made.

CO9/0545 Location: 38 Mill Close, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Erection of new lean-to-roof over lounge/dining room.

Looked at by planning committee, no objections to planning permission being granted.

CO9/0610 Location: Land rear of 75 – 85 Mill lane and 53 – 57 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Erection of 11 dwellings with access off Old Kirton Road.

Looked at by councillors prior to the start of the meeting, discussed proposal and clerk to confirm objection to the application based on the number of properties proposed, along with the points previously raised in the earlier application which still apply to this one. Councillors

particularly pointed out the danger of having the exit to the development adjacent to the Trimley Footbridge, which is used extensively by young children at school times.

Planning Decisions

CO9/0234 Location: The Cottage, Thorpe Lane

Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Construction of balcony and bay window to rear of property. **Granted**

C09/0341 Location: Gate House, 3A Grimston lane, Trimley St Martin. **Withdrawn**

Street Lighting

- Clerk advised correspondence received advising new contact names in charge but also notification that there is currently a backlog of faults.

Highways and Footpaths

- a) **Grimston Lane/Thorp Lane** – white lines at junction to be repainted within next eight weeks.
- b) **Thorpe Lane** – verges/mud on road – reply received from Malcolm King at SCC who advised inspection carried out and currently no problems with road condition: this being due in part to drier weather experienced of late. Clerk to discuss further with County Councillor.
- c) **Damaged manhole cover** – SCC have referred this to Telephone Company, as this is their responsibility.
- d) **Phone box graffiti** – Clerk received reply to complaint made, engineer to deal with damage.
- e) **Fly tipping** – Reports made by councillors of fly tipped items left just beyond Goslings Farm. Clerk to speak to local farmer.
- f) **Dog Bin** – A new bin to be ordered and placed on the corner of Thorpe Lane, near the lake. Councillors agreed cost of this to be taken from earmarked reserves, locality funding 03/04.
- g) **Members agreed** to co-opt Andrew Marfleet to the Footpaths Committee in his role as a resident of the village.

Any other business

- a) **Felixstowe & Trimleys Futures Group** – John Barker gave brief details of this meeting including details of new projects being able to be put forward for consideration by the Futures Group. It was agreed to put forward the Circular Walk project that had been discussed by the parish council a couple of years ago but which at the time had been thwarted by the land owners.
- b) **Parish Pump** – It was discussed that the next issue would go out at the end of June.
- c) **The next parish** council meeting is the 2nd June.