

**Matters of interest from Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday November at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Chairman Nigel Smith, V. Chairman John Barker, Heather Rodwell, Joe Smith, Keith Slaughter, Andy Church, Carol Garrett, Berridge Eve.

**Clerk:** Tracey Hunter

**By invitation:** Mary Dixon, SCDC Ward Councillor

**Apologies:** Patricia O'Brien, PC Gledhill

**Declarations of Interest**

- No new declarations declared

**Matters arising from the October 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

- Port of Felixstowe - Felixstowe South Reconfiguration: A brief report was made of the meeting with representatives of Hutchinson Ports. The Clerk gave details of the arrangements for the evening presentation being held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. After discussion, it was agreed that our main concern was the issue of the increased volumes of traffic, which would result from this development, in particular with regard to the Dock Spur Roundabout. Full consultation documents are to be sent to the Parish shortly, along with a copy of the planning application and it was felt that the appropriate response would be forwarded to SCDC once further discussion of this matter had taken place.
- Bus Stop outside Reeve Lodge. The Clerk reported that she was in correspondence with SCC on this matter, the latest being a proposed slight change in the position of the bus stop itself. The Clerk will keep the parish council informed of further developments. Whilst on the subject of bus stops, the Clerk was asked to write to SCC with regard to placing an official bus stop sign near to Grimston Lane.
- Local Plan: The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from SCDC acknowledging our response to the Trinity Vision.
- Memorial Hall: The Clerk had made enquiries with regard to the subject of VAT in respect of the Memorial Hall. Councillors discussed this and it was felt that perhaps the way forward was to include VAT on the hiring fees in order to properly reclaim any VAT paid. The Clerk is to seek further clarification on this matter from Suffolk ACRE and the Memorial Hall committee are also to meet shortly, their views will also be taken into account. A firm decision regarding this matter will be made at the December meeting, in time for the new financial year on the 1st January 2004.

- Resurfacing/Memorial Hall: This matter was brought to the council's attention, as it was suggested that once the Bowls Club had completed their building works, that the side of the Hall could be resurfaced using either the Village Amenity Fund or Suffolk County Councillor's Locality Budget. The Clerk is to write to the Bowls Club to enquire as to whether it is their intention to resurface the immediate front area of the clubhouse, since it was felt that if this was not the case, then any side area that was resurfaced would suffer from vehicles bringing mud (especially in wet conditions) onto the new surface.

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

- Clerk read PC David Gledhill's report to the Council, noting the five 'incidents' that had occurred in the village during the last month.

### **Public Question Time**

1. County Councillor Patricia O'Brien - Clerk read the report to council, mention was made of the SCC road shows with regard to next years budget, the results of the consultation exercise will be published in January 2004.
2. District Councillor Mary Dixon also made mention of the proposed new developments at the Port and its relation to the Dock Spur roundabout and advised the Council that every effort must be made to highlight this problem of the extra traffic on the roundabout and also the problem of the increased noise on the A14.
3. The problem of car parking in and around the Memorial Hall was raised and the Clerk is to check if the "informal agreement" with the Trimley Sports and Social Club still stands with regard to overspill parking from the Hall being able to park in the Social Club car park.
4. Mention was also made of the footpath signs that appear to be in a poor state and the Clerk is to write to SCC regarding this.
5. An email had been received from a resident with regard to damaged woodland in the village and the Clerk will include this matter in the letter to SCC.
6. The matter of speeding along the High Road was discussed and the Clerk is to enquire from the local police if a period of policing with speed cameras can be carried out.
7. Reports of a damaged gate at the Grimston Lane crossing was also made, Clerk to write to Network Rail.

### **Correspondence**

- Residents Letter: Re: parking outside Trimley St Martin Primary School. Clerk to send copy to SCC Eastern Area Highways Manager Guy Pearse requesting that the problem of parking in the vicinity of the school be re-addressed.

- Suffolk Wildlife Trust - Subscription. Agreed to be renewed.
- SCDC Letter: re: Air Pollution: Clerk read out relevant details eg: Port of Felixstowe.
- Residents reply from Network Rail re Thorpe Lane Railway Crossing: Clerk read letter to councillors who did not entirely agree with Network Rails findings with regard to the problem with the “barriers staying down”.

## **Finance**

Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003 were presented to Councillors and were agreed to be a correct record of finances for the year 31<sup>st</sup> March 2002 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003.

## **Planning Applications**

- C03/1954 Proposal: Erection of rear conservatory extension. Location: 147 Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin. The application was received after the October meeting. The application was looked at by Chairman and two other councillors - No Objection.
- C03/1994 Proposal: Erection of single-storey rear conservatory extension. Location: 34 Mill Close - Councillors discussed this at length and were presented with a copy of letter from a resident. Councillors recommended that a site visit be carried out by SCDC in view of the concerns of councillors with regard to the proposal.

## **Highways & Footpaths**

Clerk to write to SCC with regard to the overgrowing gorse bushes next to the A14 Trimleys roundabout.

## **Other Matters**

- Councillors were advised to participate in an “Act of Remembrance” at the Trimley Villages Sign in the grounds of Reeve Lodge on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am
- It was agreed that the link road between Reeve Lodge roundabout on Trimley High Road and the Trimley flyover be named Howlett Way.
- The annual singing of Carols by both Trimley Parish Councils at Reeve Lodge will take on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

- David Beale, Julie Pither-Jones and Dave Pither were co-opted as members of Trimley St Martin Parish Council.