

**Matters of interest from Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held at the Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2004 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Chairman Nigel Smith, John Barker, Keith Slaughter, David Beale, Julie Pither-Jones, Dave Pither, Heather Rodwell, Berridge Eve, Carol Garrett.

**Clerk:** Mrs Tracey Hunter

**By invitation:** Mary Dixon, Sherrie Green

**Apologies:** County councillor Patricia O'Brien, CC Patricia O'Brien, Joe Smith, Andy Church

**Declarations of Interest:**

No new declarations made

**Matters Arising from the Minutes of the October Meeting**

1. **Acoustic barriers** – POF had reported to the Clerk that of the 142 letters that had been sent out to residents in both Trimley villages, 66 had been returned in support of the acoustic fences, 7 against and 12 were returned unopened. The Chairman told those present, that he had spoken to HPUK who had advised him that the Highways Agency had in fact walked the proposed route of where the acoustic barriers would be placed and it was felt that the line of fencing may have to be adjusted to take into account existing tree lines. However a full report on this was being awaited which would also show the exact location of the proposed barriers. Brochures showing examples of acoustic barriers were circulated to Councillors. HPUK had also advised the Chairman that the Highways Agency had had a change of mind with regard to the earlier proposal put to them of putting traffic lights on the Dock Spur roundabout and that these would be operational at all times as opposed to the 'peak' times that were originally suggested. Furthermore, it was suggested that further sets of traffic lights may have to be situated at the Copdock roundabout. With regard to rail traffic, a proposal has been made to 'dual line' four and a half miles of track starting from the Port through both Trimleys and it had been confirmed following an inspection, that this work could be carried out within the existing fence lines and that no other land would have to be used. HPUK also advised that should the Felixstowe South Reconfiguration receive the go ahead from the Government, and then all the proposed safety changes to the Dock Spur roundabout would be carried out prior to any work beginning on the F.S.R, to take into account the increase in construction traffic that would be using the road to the Port during the expansion.
2. **Mill Lane/High Road junction** - The Clerk reported on the latest developments regarding the Mill Close/High Road situation in that a letter had been received from SCC stating that the cost of removing what had been built and reinstating the former arrangement, would amount to £2400. Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction with this proposal along with the previously advised cost of £895 for dropping the kerbs and the Clerk was asked to contact the County Councillor to see if she had any thoughts on how this matter could be satisfactorily resolved. In the absence of any workable suggestions, it was discussed that the Parish should not be expected to bear any costs of amendment work to the kerbs and in light of the fact that no funding was available from SCC.
3. **Trimley St Martin School parking** - The SCC is waiting to hear from Kirton Parish Council that the new parking proposals are acceptable and upon receipt of this, the Traffic Regulation Order would be formally advertised.

**Community Police Report**

There was neither a report available nor a police representative present.

## Public Question Time

- The Clerk read a report from the County councillor. The County councillor has requested that £2600 of her locality budget be allocated to improvements to the Memorial Hall in accordance with the request made from the Parish Council, whilst £400 would be spent on the traffic order/improvements outside Trimley St Martin School.
- Mary Dixon, SCDC councillor reported that she had recently attended a meeting of the Crime Reduction and Prevention Partnership which also had representatives from the County Council and Police in attendance and whose aim is to see how funds allocated from Central Government could be put to the best use in respect of crime reduction and prevention schemes.
- Mary Dixon, ESTA representative reported In her role as a member of ESTA, Mary also outlined details of a new schedule of timetables which ESTA would be producing including for the Felixstowe area, of the local bus and train timetables, in and around the village and to Ipswich. Rail timetables would be undergoing a significant change in December and the booklet that ESTA are producing would include these. Funding for the brochure would be sought from sponsorship from the bus and rail companies but if needed, Parish Council financial support may be sought, up to a limit of £100, which Councillors agreed would be acceptable.
- A resident commented on the poor lighting in some parts of the village and the Clerk had advised that she had been told that there was no funding available for increasing lighting within this years SCC budget. Councillors agreed that SCC should be approached again in April 2005 regarding this.
- A resident whose home is trackside at a crossing asked if the Parish Council could assist her in any way with regard to the unrelenting noise and vibrations that her home was subjected to by the increase in the rail traffic. Councillors advised that the only possible source of hope would be when the Port carried out an environmental consultation with regard to the proposed dualling of the track and the possibility of compensation of some sort being made to owners whose properties were next to the tracks.
- It was reported that the buses are not always stopping at the bus stop opposite Reeve Lodge. The Clerk is to contact SCC again in an attempt to resolve this long running problem.

## Correspondence

- Suffolk Coasts and Heaths - Birds in your Parish Project - The Clerk is to return the reply slip noting the Councils interest in the proposed project.
- Bentley against Mushroom Farm letter - The Clerk read to Councillors a letter she had received from BAMF who were opposing the introduction of a new mushroom farm premises at Bentley. The only notable point for this Council was that should this go ahead, the branch at Trimley would eventually close. Councillors noted the comments made in the letter. (Capel Mushrooms had approached Chairman Nigel Smith for his personal views of living close to the Mushroom Farm in Trimley and a letter that he had sent in reply was read to Councillors. Confirmation had been received from the Monitoring Office that since this was a personal view and not one representative of the Parish Council, no declaration of interest was deemed to be necessary to declare.)
- Disability Care donation request. - Councillors agreed to make a £50.00 donation.

## Planning Applications

- **CO/4 1949** - Erection of extension to shop and installation of wc - Location: Seamark and Nunn, 400 High Road, Trimley St Martin. Councillors discussed the proposed extension and whilst no objections were made with regard to the extension itself, concern was raised with regard to the off road parking availability. It was agreed that currently there is not the parking availability that the application stated and this would be even less if the extension was to proceed. The Parish Council would not support this application on the grounds of inadequate off-street parking.
- **CO4/2017** - Erection of single storey rear sunroom extension - Location: 9 Brick Kiln Close, Trimley St Martin. Councillors discussed this application and no objections were made.

## Planning decisions

- **CO4/1698** - Alterations and extension to provided improved facilities including those for the disabled. - Location: Memorial Hall, High Road, Trimley St Martin- **Granted**
- **Tree Preservation Order No. 51** - Location: 240A High Road, Trimley St Martin. - Approval given to raise Holm Oak tree over highway to 5.5m. Clean out crown - removal of dead/dying branches and shrubs.

## Highways and Footpaths

The Chairman reported that all the bulbs have been planted and that the shrub beds have been replanted where there were gaps. The shrub beds, which did not take last year, have been grassed over. All the overgrown vegetation had been cleared away by JAS Landscapes, leaving just the rubble and old rubbish and the Clerk is to contact Suffolk Coastal Services with a view to arranging for this to be removed.

## Any Other Business

- Remembrance 11th November at Reeve Lodge, 11.00am. (Wreath laying on Sunday 14th November - Trimley St Martin/Mary church.)
- The Parish Pump will be distributed at the end of the month and all contributions to be received for this edition to be given to John by 12th November.
- The Clerk reminded Councillors of the upcoming carol service on the 14th December at Reeve Lodge.
- Heather Rodwell advised that there was a new Caretaker of the Memorial Hall and her details are to be given to the Police station for their records.
- Heather Rodwell advised that new lights would be required for the Christmas tree at the Memorial Hall and Councillors agreed to the cost of these, which were expected to be about £30.00.
- Recent negative press reports regarding the PCT's recent changes at the two local hospitals in Felixstowe were brought to the council's attention. The Clerk was instructed to write to the PCT expressing the councils concern regarding the changes that had been made and to request an explanation as to why beds had been closed the Felixstowe General and the outpatient clinics that were promised in their place, having not yet materialised.
- Trimley St Mary Parish Council had asked if this Parish Council would be prepared to fund the purchase of the Christmas tree for Reeve Lodge this year as their usual source of supply was no longer available. Trimley St Martin would purchase the tree this year and the Clerk is to write to the Clerk at Trimley St Mary PC to see if each council can pay the cost of the Christmas tree for alternate years.
- The Clerk advised the next meeting to be Tuesday 7th December