

Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2005 at the Methodist Church, Trimley St Martin.

Present: Chairman Nigel Smith, Vice Chairman John Barker, Carol Garrett, Dave Pither, Joe Smith, David Beale, Keith Slaughter, Heather Rodwell, Berridge Eve.

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By invitation: SCDCouncillor Mary Dixon, Pc Dave Gledhill, Ian Chadney(HPUK) Rachel Jackson (HPUK)

Apologies received: SCDC Councillor Sherrie Green, Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, Parish Councillor Julie Pither-Jones

Declarations of Interest.

Chairman Nigel Smith declared a prejudicial interest under planning application C05/1668 and left the room for the duration of the discussion on this item.

Councillor Eve declared a personal interest under planning application CO5/1985.

Matters arising from minutes of October 2005 Meeting

1. Representatives from HPUK had been asked to attend the Parish Council meeting to further discuss the proposed railway dualling of the line from Felixstowe to just west of the Levington Bridge. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk had previously attended a meeting at Tomline House on the self-same subject on the 27th October and had been aggrieved to be told that the dualling of the line, would result in standing trains within the village vicinity. Following this meeting, a letter had been sent to Jane Stanbridge at HPUK and as a result of our written objections to the scheme, Ian Chadney and Rachel Jackson had agreed to attend the parish council meeting with a view to discussing the matter further. Ian Chadney began by outlining the reasons for the dualling (which would only go ahead if the FSR received the green light – the decision for this presently being awaited from the Government) and advised that the length of the dualling would be approximately 4 ¼ miles long, stopping just short of the Nacton Bridge. Following submission of their plans, Network Rail had produced a timetable of trains including the passenger service which would result in freight trains having to stand waiting on two sections of the track, one being near to Morston Hall the second between Gaymers and Gun Lane, for up to eleven minutes, whilst the passenger train completed its journey from Trimley station to Felixstowe station and back again. HPUK had already been in discussions with Network Rail voicing their concerns with the length of the waiting times and up to date discussions had resulted in a reduction of the waiting trains to five trains waiting for up to one minute each. However, Parish Councillors and also those members of the public present at the meeting, stated their extreme dissatisfaction at the fact that there should be any waiting trains at all, stating that surely the idea of the dualling was to alleviate any such problems not accentuate them. Ian Chadney was however keen to point out that they were still in discussions with Network Rail and were striving to reach the position whereby trains would not have to stand idling at any point on the track, (final reports are due by the 30th November) but that they had to put forward the worse case scenario within their application for the Transport and Works Act which would be submitted on the 9th December. HPUK would be sending out a leaflet to 900 residents in the village outlining the up to date situation and the whole scheme would be subject to a Public Inquiry in the summer of 2006. Ian Chadney advised Councillors that he would keep them informed of the latest developments of the scheme including updates from Network Rail and would be happy to attend further parish council meetings to further discuss the dualling.
2. Councillors also took the opportunity to question Ian and Rachel on the latest developments of the Acoustic Barriers scheme, again the go-ahead for this is subject to the Port of Felixstowe Southern Re-configuration being successful and in particular raised the question of barriers being put in place on the Kirton side of the A14, alongside the properties near to the bridge. However, the council were advised that the environmental noise officer had stated that he had carried out investigations in this area and that the properties would only benefit from barriers if they stretched for at least 300metres. The Council requested that HPUK write to the residents affected by this decision.
3. Operation Stack was also discussed, since during the last week high winds had caused the Port to close for a short period and this scheme had been put into effect. However it was a unanimous agreement that this had not been successful and in fact the A14 had been gridlocked by HGV's waiting to get into the Port. Rachel Jackson agreed that there needed to be better communication between all the parties involved, especially the policing of the scheme and the Clerk has been asked to write to the Traffic Police at Martlesham to express our concerns.
4. Felixstowe Masterplan: The Clerk read to Councillors the letters she had received from Stephen Brown at SCDC and Susan Robinson, Town Clerk at Felixstowe Town Council. Both had expressed

their disappointment that our Parish Council felt our input had been disregarded by David Lock, the consultants for the scheme, and would take our comments into account when they received the Draft Report of the Local Strategy for the Felixstowe Penninsular which was expected soon.

Community Police Officer's Report.

Pc Gledhill read out his report detailing the crimes that had taken place in the village during the month of October which overall had been a good month especially since this covered the half term and Halloween periods and this may have been in part to their having been beat officers on the ground during the night. Pc Gledhill was asked about the speed guns which were being used within the village and these had been successful in getting motorists to reduce their speed within the village although 4 or 5 drivers an hour were still being caught. Councillor brought up the matter of cars being placed for sale in the vicinity of the lay-by near the roundabout which were resulting in passing motorists hastily pulling over to view the details of sale. Pc Gledhill asked that he be informed of any vehicles that were causing a problem by being parked at this vicinity.

Public Question Time

1. **County Councillor John Goodwin** – The Clerk read CC Goodwin's report to Councillors which contained information on the Suffolk Road Transport Forums, the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Primary Care Trusts.
2. **Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Sherrie Green's Report** - The Clerk read out her report which outlined those matters of discussion on which she had been involved including the proposed national changes to the Police Forces and the completion of the Primary Care Trust consultation document.
3. **Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Mary Dixon** referred to the query raised at last month's meeting regarding the disposal of paint tins and their contents and gave details of the information she had been able to source. As part of the Overall and Scrutiny Committee in respect of environmental issues, she had been involved in discussions regarding Coastal Erosion especially with regard to the Bawdsey Martello Tower.
4. **Public Questions** – a resident reported that a street light was out on the Kirton side of the A14 footbridge. The Clerk is to report this to SCC.

Planning Applications

CO5/1668 Proposal: Retention of cabins as accommodation for up to nine students.
Location: Alston Hall Farm, Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin.
Councillors discussed this application and had no objections to permission being granted.
(see note under Declaration of Interests).

CO5/1985 Proposal: Erection of a single-storey rear extension.
Location: 65 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin.
Councillors discussed this application and had no objections to permission being granted.
(see note under Declarations of Interests.)

CO5/2026 Proposal: Erection of part single storey and part two storey rear extension.
Location: 5 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin.
Councillors discussed this application and had no objections to permission being granted.

Planning Decisions

CO5/1642/ Proposal: Erection of double garage with room over, existing garage to be demolished.
Location: 12 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin. **REFUSED**

CO5/1508 Proposal: Erection of single storey dwelling and construction of vehicular access.
Location: 77 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin. **GRANTED (with conditions)**

CO5/1697 Proposal: First floor extension over ground floor extension to enlarge bathroom.
Location: 1 Heath Court, Trimley St Martin. **GRANTED**

CO5/1608 Proposal: Single Storey rear extension.
Location: 29 Jasmine Close, Trimley St Martin. **GRANTED.**

CO5/1649 Proposal: Erection of garage.
Location: 73 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin. **GRANTED**

CO5/1513 Proposal: 15m street column with four ground based cabinets, set back against the tree line within the Highways Authority controlled verge.

Prior approval of the Authority is NOT REQUIRED for the siting and appearance of the development.

CO5/1773 Proposal: Retention of single storey dwelling.
Location: 51 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin.

Correspondence had been received from SCDC advising that this application had been taken to appeal and that any comments we wish to make should be directed to The Planning Inspectorate by the 30th November. It was agreed that the Clerk should forward copies of our letters that had previously been sent to SCDC in respect of this planning application.

Street Lighting

The Clerk read out a letter which had been received from SCC in respect of street lighting that was being upgraded along sections of the High Road. The Clerk read out extracts from emails that had been sent between the Vice Chairman and County Councillor John Goodwin in respect of the faulty amber flashing lights outside Trimley St Martin School and it appears that a faulty switch is causing the problem and this should now be rectified in the next few weeks.

Highways and Footpaths

- Emailed correspondence had been received from resident Doug Hart who had advised that SCC Highways (Rights of Way) were in the process of replacing roadsign signposts in the county with a new design whereby information containing both the destination and distances could be included on the new signs and would the Parish Council like this to be included on the two signs in the village that would be eligible on the scheme. Councillors agreed that this would be acceptable and the Clerk is to write to SCC requesting this once the work is being carried out in this area.
- Councillors have asked the Clerk to contact SCC in respect of the Traffic Order that was processed in respect of the parking and loading/unloading restrictions outside the Trimley St Martin School, since nothing else had recently been heard of this.
- Vice Chairman Barker referred again to the cycling issue across the A14 bridge. He had recently been involved in a situation whereby walkers were confronted with cyclists across the bridge who had not heeded the warning 'cyclists dismount' signs at the foot of the bridge and had continued to cycle across the bridge. He felt that Angela Rapley at SCC should be informed that the current blue signs advising cyclists to dismount were not a deterrent and that a traffic order should be put in place such that red 'no cycling' signs could be erected which could then be enforceable. Whilst it was pointed out that it would be difficult to enforce such a flouting of the signs, a vote of 7 – 1 carried the motion forward that SCC should be contacted.
- Councillor Garrett pointed out to the council that there were currently no signs on the road running through the village noting that it was called the High Road and the Clerk is to enquire with the appropriate authorities as to whether one can be put in place.
- Vice Chairman Barker stated that he did not feel that the latest cut to the grass in the village had been up to the usual standard and that the strimming of Howlett Way had not yet been carried out as requested. The Clerk advised that she had already reminded SCDC of this and had been assured that this would be carried out during the coming week.

Any other Business

1. **Memorial Hall** – Councillor Slaughter presented amended plans for the improvements to the hall to Councillors and advised that the cost of these would be in the region of £25,000. It was decided to arrange for a meeting to be held with the Memorial Hall committee to further discuss this issue in more detail. This would be held in the next few weeks.
2. **Parish Pump** – Submissions for this issue were currently being collated ready for printing and delivery of the end of November.

3. **Remembrance services** – The Clerk reminded Councillors of the dates of both services.
4. **Reeve lodge Carols.** The Clerk reminded Councillors of the date of this event as being the 15th December.
5. **December Parish Council meeting.** The date of the next meeting would be the 6th December at a later start time of 7.45pm due to the Christmas Tree lights switch on and carols being held in the hall at 6.30 – 7.30pm on this date.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.35pm.