

**Informal notes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007 in the Memorial Hall Trimley St Martin**

**Present:** Chairman John Barker, Vice Chairman Berridge Eve, Councillors Heather Rodwell, John Sills, Peter Waller, Joe Smith, Keith Slaughter, Dave Pither, Ian Cowan, Frank Bell (late arrival – apologies received)

**Clerk:** Mrs Tracey Hunter

**By Invitation:** Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk Coastal District Councillors Richard Kerry, Graham Harding, Sherrie Green and PCSO Liz Lake.

**Apologies:** Councillor Carol Garrett.

**Declarations of Interest:**

- **LDF** - Personal Interest - Councillor Ian Cowan
- **LDF** - Personal Interest - Councillor Frank Bell

**Community Police Report**

- PCSO Liz Lake read out the crime report for the month of October.
- The Clerk reminded councillors of the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting at 6pm on 7<sup>th</sup> November to be held at the Memorial Hall.

**Public Question Time**

- i. County Councillor John Goodwin gave a verbal report to councillors which included mention of Operation Stack; a further meeting for which he would be attending later in the week. He would continue to report to councillors as to the outcome of this and other meetings planned to discuss Operation Stack. The Chairman reminded him of the importance to the council and residents of an early resolution to this matter.
- ii. District Councillors Report – DC Graham Harding advised councillors that a representative from the Planning Dept would be available to discuss planning issues and offer advice as to how individual planning applications could be looked at and reported back to SCDC. A meeting will be duly arranged in tandem with Trimley St Mary parish council. A query was raised with regard to the issue of blue recycle bins for the village and DC Kerry advised that it may not be until 2010 that Trimley St Martin would be issued with these.
- iii. Public Questions – A member of the public with a prejudicial interest spoke on planning application CO7/1930 with regard to his views and stated that he had sent a letter of objection direct to SCDC.
- iv. Resident Rosemary Gitsham asked councillors if they had had any more thoughts on plans for the piece of land that will eventually become available when the dualling takes place on the corner of the crossing. It was discussed that this could incorporate a small woodland area.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the October Meeting**

- a) Trimley Estate Masterplan- The Clerk had received from Trinity College, the Trimley Estate Masterplan Briefing. This appeared to be an updated and revised version of the Trinity Vision, which was first published in autumn 2002. The Clerk had distributed a copy to all councillors and discussion took place with regard to the contents. Whilst appreciative of the fact that this was just one proposal from the many that have been put forward by landowners into the LDF process being carried out by Suffolk Coastal District Council, councillors felt that a statement from the parish council regarding the Trinity Estate Masterplan was warranted and the Clerk is to liaise with the Clerk from Trimley St Mary and issue a joint press statement. A copy of this is to be sent to Steven Brown at SCDC also. Chairman John Barker

advised councillors that he had in fact spoken to Steven Brown at SCDC who advised that as far as the LDF Task Group was concerned, the Trinity update was merely a further offering from a landowner towards the LDF process. Councillor Cowan advised councillors that he had seen from the SCDC website that the next meeting scheduled for the LDF Task Group had been cancelled from the 12<sup>th</sup> November and had been re-scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Councillor Cowan asked DC Richard Kerry if this meeting was to be about 'blobs on maps' but DC Kerry advised that until he had received the briefing papers for the meeting, he was unsure as to the exact agenda of the meeting. DC Kerry stated that he understood that all offers of land for development would be put out for public consultation but councillors were sceptical, feeling that it was more likely that only the sites recommended by the SCDC planning team and subsequently the LDF Task Group members, would be put out for public consultation.

- b) Standing Orders – The Clerk advised that following the adoption of the revised Model Code of Conduct, the standing orders would also require amendment in the relevant sections regarding prejudicial interests and accordingly standing order sections 33(a) and 57, 58 and 70 were duly amended and agreed by councillors. All councillors had received a copy of the relevant changes

### Planning Applications

- **C07/1930** – Location: 258 High Road, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Use of land for the erection of two dwellings with construction for vehicular access. *Councillors discussed the application and had previously heard the views of a resident from a neighbouring property (- see 57 iii). Councillors felt that the size of the land was not adequate to provide space for two properties especially since there did not appear to be adequate off street parking space available. The element of 'back building' was also an issue in that it was a case of over-development in a proposed small area. Councillors recommended that the application be refused.*

- **C07/1994** – Location: 21 Mill Close, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Two storey front extension.  
*Councillors made no objections*

### Planning Decisions

- **C07/1512** – Location: 57 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Erection of first floor bedroom extension and ground floor rear/side conservatory.  
**Refused**

- **C07/1577** – Location: 48 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Erection of two-storey side and rear extensions (demolition of existing extensions).  
**Granted**

- **C07/1724** – Location: 37 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Erection of first floor flat and single-storey rear extension. (Conversion of existing garage to habitable room). **Granted**

- **C07/1522** - Location: 17 Cavendish Road, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Erection of detached four-bedroom house.  
To be considered by SCDC South Sub Committee on 15/11/07.

### Highways and Footpaths

Several issues were brought to council's attention including:

- a report of trees needing pruning back along Howlett Way
- an overgrown footpath identified as footpath 39
- a reminder of the overgrown bush adjacent to 414 High Road
- a request for the footpaths across ploughed fields to be reinstated
- damage for banks in Thorpe Lane and mud on the road.

The clerk is to contact the relevant authorities regarding these issues.

**Any Other Business**

- a) Parish Pump – The Clerk advised that all editorial contributions have been received and the newsletter would be printed and then delivered along with the Town Crier at the end of November.
- b) Memorial Hall grass cutting – The clerk advised that she had received quotes for the work to be carried out and she gave councillors a run down of these. Councillors agreed to proceed with asking JAS Landscapes to carry out the grass and laurel bush cutting and would request the other work to be carried out as and when required.
- c) Village Sign – The clerk advised that she had been in contact with the person who had previously painted the village sign to see if she would be able to re-paint it. An update would be given at the next parish meeting.
- d) Remembrance Service – The Clerk reminded councillors of the civic remembrance service to be conducted at the Reeve Lodge memorial sign on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.
- e) Xmas Trees – The clerk confirmed to councillors that she would be ordering two trees: one for Reeve Lodge and the other for outside the Memorial Hall.
- f) Reeve Lodge Xmas Carols – The clerk reminded councillors of the carol-singing event at Reeve Lodge to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.pm.