

**Informal notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 1st November 2011 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin at 7.30pm.**

Present: Chairman John Barker, Councillors Berridge Eve, Carol Garrett, Justine Good, Joe Smith, Dave Pither, Frank Bell, Ian Cowan.

By Invitation: Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk District Councillor Graham Harding, Pcs0 Glyn Bown

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

Apologies: Vice Chairman John Sills, Councillor Heather Rodwell, PC Gledhill, Suffolk Coastal District Councillors Richard Kerry and Susan Harvey

The Chairman firstly introduced and welcomed new councillor Ann Owen along with the newly appointed parish clerk Kit Coutts.

Declarations of Interest:

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

Community Police Report:

- Monthly crime report read by PCSO Glyn Bown.
- A reminder was given of the next SNT meeting on the 29th November, Councillor Garrett to attend on behalf of the parish council.

Reports from Ward Councillors:

- Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin gave a verbal report to councillors. With regard to the issue of vehicles parking on the footpath adjacent to the High Road bus shelter, he advised that if the parish council agreed, then permanent reflective bollards would be put in place to prevent vehicles from parking on the footpath. Councillors agreed that this would be acceptable and John Goodwin will arrange for the works to be carried out.
- Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Harding gave a verbal report to councillors.

Matters arising from minutes of the October Meeting:

- a) **Local Development Framework (LDF)** - The Clerk advised that the parish council's completed response (see Oct mins, item 53b) to the LDF Updated Sustainability Appraisal and Appropriate Assessment documents had been duly submitted both online to the SCDC website and sent separately to the planning department. The Clerk advised that the next stage of the process was to be a meeting of SCDC Full Council in order for them to look at the responses that had been received. A further public consultation was due in the New Year looking at the 'soundness' of the Core Strategy documents.
- b) **Acoustic Barrier meeting** - The Chairman gave a brief overview of the meeting that he had attended with the Port and SCDC regarding the proposal by the Port to put up acoustic barriers alongside the A14 from the dock spur roundabout to the slip road in Trimley St Martin, which had been part of the Section 106 agreement made in 2004. However, since the Highways Agency, as the owners of the land, are opposing this (see Sept mins Item 42B) in the current form, the plans, measurements, noise studies etc are to be looked at again to see if alternative forms of noise reduction can be put forward.
- c) **Village signs repairs** - The Clerk advised that both the village sign and peace sign are in desperate need of refurbishment and she had obtained a rough idea of costs to repair in the region of £400 per sign. Based on this information, the Clerk is to contact the sign writer to ask her to proceed with a firm costing once she had inspected the signs in site. The Clerk confirmed that the cost for re-painting the Peace sign at Reeve Lodge would be shared by Trimley St Mary PC.
- d) **Freight Quality Partnership Meeting** - Chairman John Barker gave a brief report of the meeting.

Correspondence:

- a) Felixstowe Dock & Railway - Transport Works Order - Details given.
- b) Disability Advice Service - Donation request - Councillors agreed a £50.00 donation.
- c) SWT - Membership renewal - Councillors agreed to renew at £38.00.

Planning Applications:

C11/2427 - 46 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin - Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension – Objection

Additional planning matters - Councillor Cowan reported his observation to the meeting that a structure was being erected at an address in Grimston Lane which had not been previously subject to a planning application. The Clerk advised that she would contact SCDC to make enquiries regarding this matter.

Street Lighting:

- Clerk to report faulty streetlight on High Road.

Highways and Footpath:

The Clerk reported that the overgrown hedge in Mill Lane had been cut and the broken drain cover had been inspected by Anglian Water and would be replaced. Reports were made of overgrown foliage on the Howlett Way roundabout in the area of the road sign and CC John Goodwin would arrange for this to be cut.

Any other business:

- a) Act of Remembrance-11th November at Reeve Lodge - The Clerk advised councillors of arrangements. Councillor Smith will lay the poppy wreath at the church on the following Sunday.
- b) Reeve Lodge carols - The Clerk confirmed this event would take place on the 15th December.
- c) Councillors agreed the Clerk could order the Christmas tree for the Memorial Hall and new lights, if needed.
- d) Parish Pump - an edition would be put out at the beginning of December.
- e) Councillor Cowan queried the regular non-attendance of some of the District Ward Councillors to the parish meeting but the Chairman pointed out that their attendance was on an 'invitation basis' only and that as councillors of SCDC, it was quite likely that they could have other commitments on the same date. (Suffolk Coastal District Harding was commended for his regular attendance at the parish meetings.)
- f) Councillor Garrett asked if the parish council would be commemorating the Queens Diamond Jubilee next year and the Chairman advised that this could be discussed at a parish meeting in the New Year.
- g) Next Parish meeting -6th December 7.45pm. (Later start due to the Christmas Lights Switch On being held at the Hall earlier in the evening.