

Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2006 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin

Present: Chairman John Barker, Vice Chairman Joe Smith, Nigel Smith, David Beale, Keith Slaughter, Berridge Eve, Dave Pither, Julie Pither-Jones, Carol Garrett, Ian Cowan.

Clerk: Mrs T. Hunter

Apologies: Heather Rodwell, Suffolk District Councillor Mary Dixon

By Invitation: Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Sherrie Green

New Councillor

The Chairman advised councillors that, following the election held on the 28th September, Ian Cowan had been duly elected as councillor of this parish council. Mr Cowan had furnished the Clerk with his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form along with the Register of Members Interest document. The Chairman welcomed Mr Cowan to the Parish Council and advised him and also reminded other councillors that only the Chairman or Clerk were able to provide comments to the Press regarding parish council matters.

Declarations of Interest.

- Councillor Cowan declared a personal interest under matters arising a member of STAG.
- The Chairman declared a personal interest under Correspondence as family member works at Orwell Housing.
- Councillor Nigel Smith declared a prejudicial interest in planning application CO6/1669 which was noted but since this application was received immediately after the last meeting and had already been looked at by Councillors (excluding Mr Smith) and returned to SCDC, the application was not discussed at this meeting.

Matters Arising from the September 2006 Meeting

- Local Development Framework (LDF)** - The Clerk advised that she had duly written to Stephen Brown at SCDC as requested at the last meeting, with regard to the LDF and in particular the fact that Option 6 seemed to be the one being favoured. He had replied by offering to attend a meeting with Councillors so that an informal discussion could be held with himself and officers from his department. This has been arranged for October 11th at the Memorial Hall. The invitation to attend had also been extended to members of Trimley ST Mary Parish Council although the Clerk had been advised that their Chairman Richard Kerry would not be able to attend due to holiday commitments. The Clerk advised that she had in fact received an email late in the day of the 3rd October, from the Trimley St Mary clerk asking if councillors would consider forming a 'task force' with some members of Trimley St Mary parish council, to deal with Option 6 etc. Councillors felt this might be a good idea but were cautious with regard to joining forces since they are keen to stress the importance of keeping the identities separate. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Richard Kerry to discuss the matter with the possibility of representatives being chosen from each parish, after the meeting on the 11th October with Stephen Brown at SCDC. Further discussion then took place regarding the LDF with Councillor Cowan stating that he felt the parish council were on a limited time frame with regard to putting their views across to SCDC and he felt that members of the Cabinet Committee should be contacted directly since Stephen Brown's department were merely making recommendations to the Cabinet and were not the actual decisions makers. However, other Councillors felt that by meeting with Stephen Brown and his fellow officers to discuss the LDF was a step in the right direction and that this would be a good time to put forward the views of the parish council and also question the data

that SCDC were using when putting together the LDF. Councillor Cowan was querying these since he and members of STAG, the local action group of which he is a member, had written to SCDC accusing them of using out of date figures. Councillor Cowan asked whether the Clerk could contact Stephen Brown prior to the meeting next week requesting to know:

- How many houses have been built during the 2005 – 2006 period in the SCDC area?
- How many planning permissions granted for new dwellings in SCDC for the same period?
- Has the Trimley St Martin Local Plan Submission document been presented to the Task Group?

The Clerk will report back to councillors once she has received this information.

- ii. **Haven Gateway** – Councillor Nigel Smith reported that he had attended the second meeting of the Felixstowe and The Trimleys Future Steering Group. It had been set up under the umbrella of the Haven Gateway Partnership to attract European funding to the area, in particular for projects that will provide facilities not able to be funded elsewhere but that accord with the new LDF. The minutes of this meeting and details of the group's future aims would be circulated during the next ten days.
- iii. **Bowls Club** – The Clerk advised that she had met with representatives of the Bowls Club along with the Chairman Barker and Councillor Nigel Smith. It had been stressed to the Bowls Club that the parish council were not presently in a position to provide funding towards re-surfacing the car park but had suggested that contact be made with John Goodwin with a view to obtaining routes into various grants schemes that may be available including his locality budget funding. The Clerk stated that she had sourced details of the 'Off Street Parking' grant scheme, which was available from SCC via the County Councillors and had provided this information to the Secretary of the Bowls Club. CC John Goodwin advised that he was in fact attending a meeting to be held on the 9th October with the Bowls Club.
- iv. **POF Transport Works Order** – The Chairman advised that he had met informally with Andrew Cann, HPUK representative, along with Councillor Nigel Smith and the Clerk to discuss the objections that the parish council had submitted to the Order. Andrew Cann had provided details of the improvements at the Thorpe Lane crossing that were to be carried out and this was circulated to councillors at this parish council meeting. The Chairman advised councillors that HPUK were not prepared to consider either a footbridge or underpass at Footpath No 1 but had taken away the information that the parish council would not settle for anything less than at least warning lights and information signs at this particular crossings and that they were not prepared to retract any other objections at this stage. Councillors at the parish council meeting were adamant that the parish council should not withdraw their objection to Grimston Lane being closed. Councillor Cowan brought to the council's attention the fact that the recent HPUK Statement of Case document, which had been distributed, stated under paragraph 31 that the Thorpe Lane crossing was to be closed. Councillors felt that this was clearly a typographical error but as Councillor Cowan pointed out, this was a legal document and that the whole document should be withdrawn and re-issued. The Clerk was to contact Andrew Cann regarding this point.

Community Police Officer's Report

A report had not been received. There was no representative of Suffolk Constabulary present at the meeting.

Public Question Time

- County Councillor John Goodwin provided a verbal report to councillors with details of the recent meetings he had attended.

- Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Sherrie Green also gave a verbal report to councillors and answered their queries with regard to questions they raised about the LDF. She felt that it would be a good idea to send the cabinet members (of which she is one) a copy of the parish councils Local Plan Submission.
- Members of the public brought to councillors' attention the uneven path near to the roundabout and the Clerk advised she would contact SCC Highways in respect of this.
- The problem of speeding along St Martins Green was also raised and CC John Goodwin is to speak to the community police about this
- The possibility of providing a crossing island near to the St Martins Green turning on the High Road was also brought up and CC Goodwin is to speak to Angie Rapley at SCC about this. The Clerk advised that this matter was looked into last year but seemed to recall that lack of funding was the problem at the time with this project.
- Mrs Gitsham also wished to inform councillors that she had put forward her own Statement of Case with regard to retaining the Grimston Lane crossing in reply to the Transport and Works Order.

Correspondence

- a) SCC – Invite to Community Safety Form – Clerk gave details to Councillors but none available to attend.
- b) SCC –Minerals Specific Site Allocations – Elmswell/Wetherden.
- c) Suffolk Acre – New Parish Plan Funding – The Clerk is to contact Suffolk Acre with a view to arranging a visit to outline further details of the parish plan scheme.
- d) Orwell Housing – Rural Housing Seminar in November. – Councillor Beale to attend on behalf of the parish council.

Planning Applications

CO6/1669/FUL - Proposal: Erection of one and half storey dwelling and detached garage.
 Location: Land adjacent Shetland Cottage and Caravan Site area.
Planning application received immediately after last meeting, circulated to councillors (excluding N. Smith) and no objections made.

CO6/1778/FUL - Proposal: Erection of single-storey extension to rear of dwelling.
 Location: 3 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin.
Looked at by Councillors, no objections made.

Planning Decisions

CO6/1387/FUL - Proposal: Erection of first floor side extension
 Location: 1 Red House Close, Trimley St Martin - **refused**

CO6/1498/FUL - Proposal: Erection of conservatory on rear of house.
 Location: 2 Heathfields, Trimley St Martin - **refused**

Highways and Footpaths

- Dog Litter Bins – The Clerk advised that funds were adequate to replace the vandalised dog bin and also put one in place at the end of the footpath leading from Mill Close to the High Road.
- Reports were made to the Clerk of a smashed phone box in Old Kirton Rd, broken road signs at Mill Close and Cavendish Road and overgrown hedges outside Owl cottage had still not been cut
- The grassed triangle at the fork in Grimston Lane was not presently being cut and the Clerk was asked to write to SCDC such that this may be included in the grass cutting schedule.

Any Other Business

- The next edition of the Parish Pump will be published for distribution at the beginning of December.
- The Clerk reminded Councillors of the Remembrance Day on Saturday 11th November at Reeve Lodge. Councillor Keith Slaughter will lay the wreath at the church service on the Sunday.
- The next parish council meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th November.