

Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council Meeting Held Tuesday 2nd October in the Memorial Hall Trimley St Martin

Present: Chairman John Barker, Vice Chairman Berridge Eve, Councillors Heather Rodwell, Carol Garret, John Sills, Peter Waller, Joe Smith, Ian Cowan, Frank Bell (late arrival - apologies received)

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

In Attendance: Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin

Apologies: Suffolk District Councillors Richard Kerry, Graham Harding, Sherrie Green and PCSO Liz Lake

Declarations of Interest.

- ILDF - Personal Interest - Councillor Ian Cowan
- ILDF - Personal Interest - Councillor Frank Bell

Community Police Report

- The Clerk read the monthly crime report to councillors.
- The Clerk had circulated details of a Community Speed Watch scheme to councillors and following discussion of this, councillors decided unanimously not to proceed with the scheme.
- The Chairman and Clerk then gave a brief summary of the meeting they had attended with Sgt Neil McKay on the 26th September along with representatives from Trimley St Mary PC and local district councillors, regarding police presence in the Trimleys. Matters discussed include the possibility of having a 'satellite' local station within Trimley and also having PCSO's being in place at the schools on several occasions during the week. The Clerk also extended an invitation to all councillors to attend the next Safer Neighbourhood Liaison meeting on the 7th November when Sgt McKay would be giving a talk on Collaborative Problem Solving.

Public Question Time

- i. County Councillor Report - John Goodwin gave a verbal report to councillors on meetings that he had attended in his role as County Councillor.
- ii. District Councillors Report - No reports provided.
- iii. Public Questions - Resident Rosemary Gitsham advised that she had attended a site visit in respect of the dualling of the railway, including visits to the footpath crossings within both Trimleys. Resident Bridget Gosling also advised there was a query with regard to the status of Gun Lane and she would advise the council of any information that she obtained from local authorities, in respect of this matter.

Matters arising from Minutes of the meeting held September 2007

- a) **LDF** - The Chairman and Clerk gave a brief summary of the meeting held on the 6th September with Stephen Brown of SCDC, whereby the letter composed by councillors at the last meeting in respect of putting forward possible housing sites, was given to Stephen Brown. The Clerk then read to councillors the letter that she had received from Steven Brown following the meeting, whereby he confirmed that the sites put forward would be given full consideration by the LDF Task Group. Councillor Cowan advised councillors that he had attended (in the public gallery) the last LDF meeting on the 11th September and further advised that the next meeting of the Task Group was to be held on the 30th October which he understood would be about putting forward various sites for housing. Some councillors expressed a wish to attend this meeting.

- b) SALC (Suffolk Association of Local Councils) - The Clerk advised that the parish council were now members of SALC and that SALC would be placing the public notice on behalf of the parish council in respect of the adopted revised Model Code of Conduct.
- c) **Standing Orders** - The Clerk advised that if the revised Model Code of Conduct was to be properly adopted, then sections 33(a) and 57 and 58 of the Standing Orders must be revised. Councillors fully agreed and the Clerk is to make the necessary alterations and councillors will adopt these at the next meeting.
- d) **Thorpe Lane Rail Crossing - Phantom Barriers.** - The Clerk advised that she had been in contact with the Inspectorate of Railways who advised that they would be serving a legal notice on Network Rail in respect of the Level Crossing Order which currently is not being complied with. Councillors requested that the Clerk request regular updates on the situation from the Inspectorate of Railways.

Planning Applications Received

CO7/1748/ful Proposal: Erection of two storey extension (existing single storey extension to be demolished) (resubmission of C07/0845) - Location: 29 Cavendish Road, Trimley St Martin. - no objection

CO7/1724/ful Proposal: Erection of first floor front and single storey rear extension (conversion of existing garage to habitable room). - Location: 37 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin. - no objections

Planning Decisions

CO7/1424/ful Proposal: Erection of two storey extension and conservatory Location: 2 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin - **Granted**

Street Lighting

- Lamp 153 reported as being faulty.

Highways and Footpaths

- a) **Mill Lane/High Road** - The Clerk advised that she had been in contact with SCC about the painting of double yellow lines at this location and had been advised that SCC would carry out an inspection but that funding for this would probably not be available until next year.
- b) Councillors then brought to the Clerks attention the following matters:
 - Vehicles causing obstruction
 - Flooding drains on footpaths
 - Overgrowing vegetation at 414 High Road
 - Overflowing Dog bins

The Clerk will contact the relevant authorities.

Any other Business

- a) **Remembrance Sunday** 11th November - The clerk gave details of the civic service.
- b) **Reeve Lodge Christmas Visit** - December 13th - The Clerk advised details.
- c) **Parish Pump** - The Chairman advised that contributions should be received by the first week in November.
- d) **Parish Sign** - It was brought to councillor's attention that the village sign required re-painting and the Clerk is to make enquiries into the cost of this.
- e) **Litter Bin at the Foreshore** - Councillor Slaughter advised that proper arrangements should be made for the collection of litter at this area and he will bring forward some suggestions to the next meeting.