

Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council Meeting Held Tuesday 4th September in the Memorial Hall Trimley St Martin

Present: Chairman John Barker, 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 District Councillors Richard Kerry and Graham Harding

Apologies: Vice-Chair Berridge Eve, Councillors Keith Slaughter, Dave Pither, Suffolk county councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk District Councillor Sherrie Green. Pcs0 Liz Lake

Declarations of Interest.

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

Community Police Officers

- The Clerk read the monthly crime report for August.
- Chairman John Barker reported on the Safer Neighbourhood Liaison meeting that he had attended on the 16th August. He briefly outlined the agenda items that were discussed and also advised that since policing within the village was not on the agenda, it was his intention that he will meet with Sgt Neil McKay along with DC Graham Harding and Trimley St Mary Chairman Brian Frost to further discuss this matter.

Public Questions

- i. **Suffolk County Councillor's Report** - the Clerk read this.
- ii. **Suffolk Coastal District Councillors Report** - The clerk read the report prepared by District Councillor Sherrie Green. SCD Councillor Richard Kerry advised that he had attended a meeting at SCDC recently with regard to reviewing the alcohol designation orders. (He briefly outlined the definition of the orders to councillors).
- iii. **Public Questions** - A member of the public advised councillors that she was aware that the land known as the Piggeries was up for auction on the 5th September. Another member of the public commented that there had been two cuts to the footpath leading from Gun Lane.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a) **LDF** - The Clerk advised that all decisions made at the General Purpose and Finance meeting in respect of the LDF would have to be ratified at this public parish council meeting. All those present confirmed that their decisions in the way they had voted at the GP and Fin meeting, in respect of putting forward possible sites to SCDC, remained the same. Discussion then took place as to the sites that had been identified. With regard to the Piggeries (of which outline planning permission had been granted in 2006), all voted to put forward this as a site*, as was also the case for the land at the Old Poultry Farm*. With regard to those present at this meeting, Councillors J. Barker, J. Smith, H. Rodwell, J. Sills, F. Bell, and P Waller all agreed to put forward the Greenfield site on the Kirton side of the A14, (between the Capel Hall picnic site and the Trimley St Martin School). (*Councillor Cowan had voted not to put forward any sites, both at the previous GP and Fin meeting and also this parish council meeting.)
- b) **LDF** - The Clerk advised that following the GP and Fin meeting, she had composed a letter to Stephen Brown (Senior Planning Officer - Development - at SCDC) which gave details of the sites proposed. Copies of the letter were given to councillors who then proceeded to read through the letter, making one or two minor alterations.

This letter was to be given to Stephen Brown at a meeting scheduled for the 6th September, which had been arranged by DC Graham Harding and which would also be attended by the Chairman of Trimley St Mary Parish Council, who had also held similar meetings with regard to putting forward sites in their own village. The Clerk was also asked to attend the meeting.

- c) Councillor Cowan advised councillors that under the Freedom of Information Act, the lobby group STAG (of which he is a member) had obtained up to date housing numbers from SCDC. He then ran through the figures and pointed out to councillors that not only had a number of brownfield sites been edited from the figures as opposed to those issued in April 04, but also that the housing numbers were extended for a further three year period. He has questioned these points with SCDC under a further FOI request and was currently awaiting a reply. However, he felt that since the LDF Task Group would be discussing housing at the next LDF meeting on the 10th September, that this change in numbers and extension of a further three year period should be queried at this meeting by District Councillor Richard Kerry, who represents the Trimleys and who was also a member of the LDF task group. Councillor Cowan stated that it was imperative that our views be represented at the LDF meetings, not just by another District Councillor representative for the Trimleys, Sherrie Green, whose vocal support at the previous LDF meeting was acknowledged and welcomed, but by DC Richard Kerry who is on the task group. This view was supported by other councillors present.
- d) **SALC Membership** - The Clerk advised that she had been in contact with SALC and whilst they provide legal advice regarding correct legal council procedures, anything more detailed would have to be referred to NALC. However, the clerk advised that aside from this issue, she felt the council would benefit from the support of SALC and advised that they had been very informative regarding the recent change to the Model Code of Conduct and could in fact assist with the placing of the public notice advertisement following the adoption of the code, both administratively and financially and that the cost of joining SALC would in itself be a saving on what the council would have to pay for the public notice themselves. They would also provide details of councillor training and updates on any other changes to council administration. Councillors agreed to rejoin SALC and the Clerk is to make the necessary arrangements.
- e) **Thorpe Lane Rail Crossing** - The Clerk advised that she had received both an email and a phone call from the Inspector of Railways department, who advised that they are aware of the problem of the 'phantom' barriers and that they were looking at ways of trying to resolve the problem which was being caused by the freight trains travelling slowly towards the dock and the tail end of the train 'tripping' the barriers again. They had advised that possibly only a change in the signalling system would alleviate the problem and this would be carried out once the dualling of the line took place. However, as councillors pointed out, this would not take place for some time and was still subject to a public enquiry. Councillors requested that the Clerk write back to Network Rail in the strongest terms possible stressing the urgency of the matter. Chairman Barker advised that he would also raise this matter at the Port Liaison meeting at which he was attending along with the Clerk, on the 10th September.

Planning Applications

- **CO7/1512/ful Location: 57 Grimston Lane**, Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of front first floor bedroom extension and ground floor rear/side conservatory. (See papers on last application also) - no objections
- **CO7/1522/OUT Location: 17 Cavendish Road**, Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of detached 4 bedroom house. The Clerk had circulated details of this outline planning application prior to the meeting such that councillors could take the opportunity of having a look at the site, prior to discussing the plans. Councillors all agreed that the site was far too small for a four-bedroom property and that it would have an imposing presence on the street scene, especially on the footpath alongside the property.

- **CO7/1577/ful Location: 48 Mill Lane**, Trimley St Martin.

Proposal: Erection of two-storey side and rear extensions (demolition of existing extensions) - no objections.

Planning Decisions

- **CO7/1074 - Location: 137 St Martins Green**, Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of fence to provide boundary and fronting of property - **refused**.
- **CO7/0591/FUL Location: 13 Grimston Lane**, Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Replacement pitched roof over flat roof - **granted**
- **CO7/0953/Ful Location: 36 Grimston Lane**, Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of detached garage and carport. - **Granted**
- **CO7/0896/FUL Location: 4 Mill Lane**, Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of two-storey extension and garage.- **granted**
- **CO7/FUL Location: 64 Old Kirton Road**, Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Siting of log cabin in rear garden. - **Granted**
- **CO7/1179/FUL Location: 24 Meadow Close**, Trimley St Martin. - Proposal: Erection of conservatory. - **Granted**
- **C06/1669/FUL Location: Land adjacent, Shetland Cottage and caravan site area, Thorpe Lane**, Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of one and a half storey dwelling and detached garage. - **granted** - (subject to conditions).

Street Lighting

- Councillors advised that lamp 256 was still not functioning properly; the Clerk will contact SCDC again.
- Clerk advised that street lamps were currently being painted light green.

Highways and Footpaths

- a) **HGV limits in village** - Chairman John Barker advised he had been advised by the Chairman of Trimley St Mary PC that there were signs missing and others covered by foliage in respect of weight limits allowed within the two villages and that Terry Loveridge of East Area Highways had dealt with this matter.
- b) **Mill Lane parking** - Councillors discussed the ongoing problem of vehicles parking too close to the junction in Mill Lane, which was causing problems for vehicle accessing this road from the High Road. It was agreed that the Clerk is to apply to Angela Rapley, SCC Highways for a Double yellow line - no waiting restriction to be placed on both corners of the Trimley High Road/Mill Lane junction.
- c) **Damaged Dog Bin** - The clerk was advised that the dog bin in Old Kirton Road had been damaged and left propped up against a fence. The Clerk will make arrangements for this to be fixed.

Any other Business

- a) Memorial Hall - Councillor Rodwell advised that the fascias of the Hall building required replacing, as did some of the drainpipes. She had obtained a quotation of £950 plus VAT and since the parish council are the Trustees of the hall and consequently responsible for the upkeep of the building, councillors agreed to the work going ahead. The outside of the building also requires painting and Councillor Rodwell advised that the Hall Committee would be able to fund the cost of this and the go ahead was also given for this work. The clerk also advised she had received a note from Councillor Slaughter who advised that the tall laurel tree that bordered the dock club and the Memorial Hall was completely dead and needed to be removed. The Clerk will write to the Dock Club in respect of this matter. Councillor Slaughter also advised that he was now the Chairman of the Hall Committee and that a new council representative would be required for the Hall Committee and Councillor John Sills agreed to be the new committee member. Councillor Rodwell advised that the Hall Committee were holding a small presentation of the latest new

facilities at the hall, on Saturday 8th September and an invitation to all councillors was extended.

- b) **Bus Shelter - corner of Trimley High Rd/High Hall Close** - - The clerk advised that the bus shelter was to be painted the following week. It was reported that there was a hole in the roof and the Clerk will make arrangements for this to be repaired.
- c) **Parish Pump** - Discussion took place as to when to put out the next edition and it was agreed that this should go out at the end of November with an update on the LDF and details of Christmas services plus editorials from the other usual contributors.
- d) **Trimley Sports and Social Club.** - Councillors had received complaints about noise coming from the Social Club late into the evening and the Clerk is to check on the public licence of the Club to ensure that the times are being adhered to.
- e) **"Trimley Books"** - Chairman Barker advised that a large supply of the Trimley books that were stored at the Methodist Church needed to be removed and asked whether they could be stored at the Memorial Hall. The Clerk suggested that some could be put in the farm shop and post office to be issued free and any remaining could be stored at the hall.
- f) **Next meeting** - The Clerk advised the next parish council meeting was to be Tuesday 2nd Oct.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.00