

Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2008 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin at 7.30pm

Present: Chairman John Barker, Councillors Keith Slaughter, John Sills, Joe Smith, Ian Cowan, Carol Garrett, Frank Bell and Peter Waller.

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By Invitation: Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, District Councillor Graham Harding, and PC Raoul Pidgeon.

Apologies: Councillors Heather Rodwell, Dave Pither, and district Councillor Richard Kerry

Declarations of Interest

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

Community Police Report

PC Raoul Pidgeon read out the crime report for the month of August. Details of the proposed re-organization of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams were also given out. It was also confirmed that there would be no need for a 'satellite' base for the police in the village, as had been previously discussed.

A litter pick has also been arranged for the Trimley Foreshore, arranged by the SNT staff as part of the 'bigtidyup campaign, on the 20th September, details of which were circulated. The Clerk read out the monthly crime report for the month of July.

County and District Councillor Reports

- a) The County Councillor gave a verbal report to councillors.
- b) District Councillors Graham Harding gave a verbal report and read out District Councillor Richard Kerry's report.

Public Questions

There were no public questions but councillors did acknowledge the achievements of Rosemary Gitsham who was present at the meeting, who, along with others, had been instrumental in successfully campaigning for the Grimston Lane footpath crossing to remain open when the railway line is eventually dualled.

Matters Arising from July Minutes

- a) LDF Meeting on 4th Aug - Chairman John Barker gave a brief report of the meeting he had attended regarding the Local Development Framework, on the 4th August. This was a meeting of the LDF Task Group members that was being held in public, to discuss the options put forward in the Core Strategy Issues and Options document, which had been out for consultation, and responses of which had then formed the Task Report. Interested parties had been allowed to speak with their views on the various options for three minutes and Chairman Barker had spoken on behalf of the parish council with regard to the parish councils views, details of which were minuted in the F&GP minutes dated the 29th July. Councillor Ian Cowan had also spoken at the meeting, but this was on behalf of STAG, although he also wished it to be noted of his appreciation of the verbal support for the Trimley Villages that had been given by District Councillors Richard Kerry and Graham Harding, at this meeting, and he hoped that this would continue at future Task Group meetings. Once all the speakers had given their views, the Task Group then discussed the options, which culminated

with a surprising decision not to propose one large settlement in any one area, but to spread development in smaller numbers amongst all the areas within the peninsular. Whilst councillors were cautiously pleased that no one area would be subject to a large development, there was still a speculation of suspicion that there would still have to be some sort of larger development in one of the areas originally earmarked. New recommendations from the Task Group are to go to Cabinet in October, with further public consultation to follow.

- b) Boundary Committee - The Clerk gave councillors a brief outline of the options, which had been put forward by the Boundary Committee in respect of Unitary Authority for Suffolk. Responses to the consultation had to be provided by the 26th September and whilst the Clerk had distributed various written information leaflets to councillors, it was felt that it would be advantageous to hear the views of the three local current authorities, Suffolk County Council, Ipswich Borough Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council. The Clerk is to arrange a meeting, inviting representatives from the three current authorities and following this, a response to the consultation would be made.
- c) Community Emergency Planning - Councillor Peter Waller gave a brief report regarding a meeting he had had attended given by the Emergency Planning Department at SCDC. The idea was to arrange for each town and village to have an Emergency Plan in place, which would come into force following an emergency such as a hurricane, railway derailment, flooding, etc. Further details are to follow from SCDC regarding this.

Planning Applications

CO8/1320 Location: 27 St Martins Green Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of new higher roof over existing store.

Looked at by Planning Committee, no objections.

CO8/1431 Location: 406 High Road, Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension, single-storey side extension and new bay window to front of dwelling. (Existing conservatory to be demolished).

Looked at by Planning Committee, no objections

Planning Decisions

CO8/1030 Location: 412 High Road, Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Conversion of garage to annexe.

Looked at by planning committee, site visit carried out, application wholly unsuitable - **Refused**

CO8/1212 Location: 28 Meadow Close, Trimley St Martin - Proposal: Erection of wooden posts with plastic chain link. Granted

Street Lighting

The Clerk read to councillor's details of correspondence that had been received from SCC and SCDC regarding the street lighting in Mill Lane. Streetlights 176, 177 and 178 are to have the units replaced.

Highways and Footpaths

- a) The Clerk advised that a new litter bin was required for the bus shelter near to the Hand in Hand and councillors agreed to the cost of a 'stand alone' bin at £205 that was recommended by SCDC.
- b) The Clerk had been advised by SCC that the drains outside 217 High Rd and opposite the Hand in Hand were to be cleaned out and the ditches in Grimston Lane and Thorpe Lane to be done when contractor was in the area.

- c) The Pedestrian/Horse crossing on Howlet Way sign was put in place on the 1st September.
- d) Councillors were unhappy at the grass cutting that had taken place in the village in recent weeks; the Clerk is to contact SCDC regarding this.
- e) The chairman gave a brief report on his visit to the Port regarding lorry parking when Operation Stack is in force.
- f) Councillor Slaughter advised that the litterbin had been recovered from the trout lake and was now back in its rightful place at the entrance to the foreshore.

Any other business

As a matter of interest, the Clerk advised councillors that Trimley St Martin's oldest resident had recently passed away at 100yrs old and councillors felt it was fitting to make a donation to the Trimley Methodist Church of which Annie Taylor had been a lifelong member. The Clerk will forward a cheque for the sum of £25.00.