

Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting on Tue 5th April 2005 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin.

Present: Chairman Nigel Smith, John Barker, Berridge Eve, Heather Rodwell, Carol Garrett, David Beale, Keith Slaughter, Andy Church, Julie Pither-Jones, Dave Pither.

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By invitation: Mary Dixon, Sherrie Green, Sgt. Mick Richardson

Apologies: Patricia O'Brien, Joe Smith

Matters Arising from March Meeting

- **Acoustic Barriers and Railway Dualling:** Following a question on the matter from another Councillor, John Barker reported that from discussions that took place at the recent Port Liaison meeting, detailed surveys were still in the process of being carried out including with regard to height and location of the acoustic barriers. Councillors from this parish felt that the barriers should be carried on until the triangle apex where the old A14 and dual carriage way A14 meet, and on the other side of the road, as far as the three bungalows just past the footbridge, Ipswich side. With regard to the railway dualling, nature studies were currently being carried out on the environment in the vicinity of the proposed area of dualling.
- **Rights of Way footpath** – District Councillor Mary Dixon brought to the council's attention the contents of a mis-directed email that had been sent to her with regard to the proposed rights of way footpath, which led from Cavendish Road onto the High Road. Opposition to this had been made in that since the pathway ran alongside SCDC owned land, this could in the future be used for a play area or housing and as such it recommended that the rights of way proposal for this footpath be refused. In reply, DC Mary Dixon expressed her support for the proposed footpath and had been asked to be kept fully informed as to the progress of the proposal.

Community Policing Report

- Sgt Mick Richardson read the March report at the meeting and there were details of just one incident. He also advised Councillors that PC Gledhill has now resumed full village duties and that PC Kerr will also be returning full time to his role in the village as from the 1st May.

County Councillor Patricia O'Brien – The Clerk read an email to Councillors which thanked them for keeping her informed of parish matters and advised that although following the change in boundary areas and upcoming elections, she would not in future be representing the Trimleys, but if re-elected, would continue to push for restraint in housing development and for urgent consideration to the increase in traffic on the A14.

District Councillor Mary Dixon – A full annual report was given during the Annual Parish Meeting held just prior to this meeting.

Public Questions – A member of the public made favourable comments on the planting along Howlett Way and on the roundabout. The bulbs have provided a colourful array of spring flowers and it was felt that this gave a good impression to the public entering the villages.

The Chairman then asked those members of the public present if there were any other questions that they would like to put forward to the Councillors and since there were none forthcoming, the Chairman advised this was the end of Public Questions and no further involvement in the meeting from them would thereafter be permitted.

Correspondence

- **David Lock Assoc.** – The Clerk advised Councillors that the Felixstowe Masterplan exercise was now underway and the consultants were in the process of researching and reviewing existing data and information to enable them to identify the key issues and priorities for the study and that the Parish Councils would be fully consulted as part of the process.
- **SCDC Local Development Framework questionnaire.** The Clerk read to Councillors the letter regarding the Statement of Community Involvement which was a document which would make clear how communities will be involved in producing new plans, who would be involved and when. SCDC are about to prepare a draft SCI and the Clerk is to reply with the Councils initial views on this.
- **SCDC – Working with Parish & Towns questionnaire.** Following the results of the SCDC Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA), SCDC are now conducting a survey to ascertain how they can improve on the current working arrangements between district council and towns and parishes. To this end, the Clerk has issued each Councillor with a questionnaire to complete which focuses on the communication aspects between SCDC and the Parish Council and the Clerk will collate the completed questionnaires and forward a copy which best reflects the views of the Parish Council as a whole.
- **Town Hall – Civic Service invite.** Clerk to reply accordingly.
- **SCC – Consultation paper on Director for Adults & Communities.** Clerk to complete.
- **East Anglian Air Ambulance** – Councillors discussed the donation request letter and agreed to donate an amount of £50.00

Planning Applications

- **CO5/0451** Proposal: Erection of detached bungalow and construction of new vehicular access.- Location: 77 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin. This had been previously discussed at a recent GP & Finance meeting and Councillors had referred this to D.C. Mary Dixon for her comments. Both Councillors and DC Mary Dixon agreed that they had concerns with regard to access to the new property and off-street parking. Full details of their concerns were to be sent to SCDC in respect of this planning application as well as asking that should a refusal of planning notice be issued, that the reasons given by the Parish Council should be noted on this.
- **CO5/0511** Proposal: Erection of timber garden building - Location: 85 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin. No objections made

Planning Decisions

- **CO5/0109** Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension. - Location: 71 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin. **GRANTED**
- **CO5/0138** Proposal: Erection of single-storey side conservatory extension - Location: 44 Mill Lane, Trimley ST Martin. **GRANTED**

Street Lighting

Clerk to report faulty lights on the Trimley Flyover roundabout

Highways & Footpaths

- A resident had approached the Vice Chairman on behalf of a third party regarding a matter of access across the A14 footbridge when using a motorised disability scooter. Whilst councillors were sympathetic to the difficulties that the cycle barriers were causing, they felt that removing them would lead to the footbridge being used by motorcyclists/moped riders/cyclists which would cause untold problems for the majority of other users of the footbridge, mainly mothers with pushchairs and young

children. The Clerk is to forward the resident's correspondence to SCC Highways along with a note of the Parish Councillors views.

- Reports were made of an SDCDC dog litter collection vehicle which was obstructing the pavement in Grimston Lane, on a regular basis. The Clerk is to make enquires as to its legitimate reasons for being parked in this vicinity for long periods than were thought necessary.
- Reports of an excess litter problem in the area of Cavendish Rod/Old Kirton Road were made. The Clerk is to contact Suffolk Coastal Services to enquire if this can be dealt with.
- Reports of overgrowing vegetation along the urban footpath connecting Cavendish Road to Old Kirton Road would be reported by Clerk to SCC.

Any other Business

- Councillors Rodwell and Slaughter reported on the latest developments regarding the improvements at the Memorial Hall. It was felt that due to the complexities completing the Lottery Application forms, that a Project Manager be appointed and a quotation is currently awaited with regard to this.
- The Parish Pump was delivered at the beginning of April and favourable comments had been received regarding its contents. Brief discussion took place with regard to how future editions could contain regular editorial from not only the Parish Council but also from clubs/societies/groups etc from within the village. The Clerk is to make enquiries into this ready for preparation of the next edition.
- The Clerk informed Councillors that the next meeting would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting, preceded by a visit from Anne Taylor of PCT at 7.00 pm.
- Just as the meeting was about to come to an end, a resident who had been in attendance for the whole meeting, attempted to make a verbal communication to the Council. However, since Public Questions had already been held earlier in the meeting, the Chairman advised the resident that this was not possible, but therein followed abusive verbal behaviour from the resident towards individual councillors. The Chairman told the resident he must leave the meeting as personal verbal attacks on individual Councillors would not be tolerated, however the resident refused to leave the meeting and at this point the Community Police Sergeant who had been present throughout the meeting also asked the resident to leave the meeting and upon the residents refusal, the Police Sergeant escorted the resident to the door of the premises.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.