

**Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2006  
at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin.**

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

**Clerk:** Mrs Tracey Hunter

**By invitation:** SCDC Councillors Mary Dixon and Sherrie Green

**Apologies:** PC Gledhill, Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin

**Declarations of Interest.**

- Chairman Nigel Smith declared a personal interest in the "Felixstowe Masterplan" with regard to his registered interest as a landowner in Felixstowe.
- Vice-Chair John Barker declared a personal interest in the "Felixstowe Masterplan" as a consequence of his position as Chair of Governors of Orwell High School.

**Matter Arising from the minutes of the March 2006 meeting**

- 1) **Felixstowe Masterplan Meeting:** Those councillors who attended the presentation held by David Lock Associates (DLA) at the Spa in Felixstowe, gave a brief overview of the content of the presentation and the Clerk was able to circulate a basic summary of the four 'scenarios' which DLA had put forward. These ranged from scenario 1 as being based on very little growth for the area to scenario 4 which was on a significant 'going for growth' basis and which would mean utilising a large amount of greenfield land in Trimley St Martin for development. Whilst councillors were cautiously optimistic that DLA had recommended that sites in Felixstowe, Walton and the edges of Trimley St Mary be developed as first stages, they are all too aware that any significant growth was shown to be in this parish. Councillors have always acknowledged that the parish does need some affordable housing; the overwhelming judgement was that views are unchanged to those that were expressed in our response to the Trinity Vision when it was presented in 2002, which carried a very similar scenario. The Clerk is to arrange for an initial response to be issued by way of a press statement, since there had been an article in the local paper following the presentation whereby the views of a representative of a neighbouring village council had been reported which were in direct conflict with those views held by this council.
- 2) **Acoustic Barrier letters** – The Clerk read to councillors, two letters which she had received, one a copy of a letter sent by Ian Chadney (HPUK) to the residents of the three properties on the north side of the A14 which stated that HPUK would agree to consider mitigating, so far as is reasonable, traffic noise from the A14. Further discussions to take place with the parish council once an Environmental Impact Assessment are carried out, funding for which was being sought. The second letter from one of the residents was also read out, thanking the Parish Council for their support in putting their views to the port.
- 3) **Felixstowe Cemetery** – The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Felixstowe Town Council with regard to the risings costs at the cemetery and this parish council's current contribution, and had arranged for a meeting to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> April with the Felixstowe Town Clerk to discuss the situation further. The Clerk will report her findings at the May meeting.
- 4) **Listed Oak** – The Clerk reported that a surveyor on behalf of Flagship Housing had inspected the drainage system shared by properties at 2 and 4 Cavendish Road and that he did not feel that the blockage was being caused by the roots of the listed oak tree situated at the rear of 32 Mill Lane. The Clerk had forwarded the surveyor's report to the resident who was to take the matter up with SCDC. The resident was at the meeting and advised councillors that he had received support from SCDC and was in contact with them regarding the matter. He thanked the Parish Council for their help in the matter.
- 5) **Mains Electricity Cable obstructing footpath, Trimley High Road** – The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with SCC and they are currently in the process of checking with their legal department on the next course of action. Despite letters from the parish council and SCC, the occupant of the property continues to connect an electric cable from his property to his vehicle across the public highway.
- 6) **Mill Close** – The situation with regard to the re-surfacing is being continually monitored and in the event that problems with pooling water in heavy rain continue to occur, then SCC will be kept informed.

## Community Police Officer's Report

The Clerk read the March report to councillors, which listed five incidences taking place in the village during that month. The Clerk also reported that PS Mick Richardson would be leaving the Felixstowe Police Station and Pc Kerr would now be acting sergeant of the CPO team, this means that there will not be the level of cover the village has been used to, although Pc Gledhill would be trying to cover as many weekends as possible.

### Public Question Time

- 1) **County Councillor John Goodwin** – The Clerk had received correspondence from Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin stating that he was concerned that his apologies for the March meeting had not been noted in the minutes. These had been sent in the form of an email to the Clerk, but which had not been successfully received. However, the apology was now noted.
- 2) **District Councillors Report.** Whilst annual reports had been received from both District Councillors earlier in the evening, Mary Dixon advised councillors that the amended plans for 51 Grimston Lane had been approved by SCDC.
- 3) **Public Questions** – A resident brought to the Council's attention a matter regarding the recent edition of the Parish Pump whereby he felt that a particular line in the editorial was misleading. This related to the dualling of the railway whereby it stated that this would proceed since the Felixstowe South Reconfiguration had been given the go ahead. Whilst Councillors conceded that maybe this could have been worded differently, the sentiment conveyed was correct, in that for the Felixstowe South Reconfiguration to be able to proceed, it was dependant on the dualling being carried out.

### Correspondence

- 1) **SCDC – Copy of letter sent to Paul Coffey from HPUK re: dualling.** The Clerk read the letter to councillors, which covered the subject of footbridges and underpasses and their unsuitability due to their extreme costs.
- 2) **JAS Landscapes** – The Clerk advised that JAS Landscapes had confirmed a price for the maintenance of Howlett Way/Reeve Lodge landscaped areas for the coming year; Councillors agreed to accept this. The Clerk is to write to Trimley St Mary Parish Council to ask if they would share the cost of the maintenance as in previous years.
- 3) **Orwell High School - Donation request.** – Councillors discussed the request and felt that whilst they were unable to consider this from this year's precept budget, they would recommend to the school that they write to Rev Terry Wells with regard to the Poores Charity, which may be able to assist.
- 4) **Childline donation request.** – Declined this year preferring to allocate the donation budget to smaller local charities.
- 5) **Felixstowe Town Council – Civic Service invitation.** – Councillor Slaughter to attend on behalf of the parish council.
- 6) **SCC Avian Bird Flu letter.** – The Clerk circulated copies to councillors who were able to pass these onto known residents who kept chickens in the area.
- 7) **DEFRA – Clean neighbourhoods and Environment Act letter.** – Clerk read the details of this to councillors who whilst welcomed the Act, felt that enforcement would be difficult to implement

### Planning Applications

**CO6/0417/ful Proposal:** Retention of single storey dwelling

**Location:** 51 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin

Plans were circulated to councillors and it was felt that if planning consent was given to the existing built property, there should be 'cast iron' conditions that should be applied such that the first floor of the property should not be used for living accommodation and that any such proposal to do so, must be the subject of a further planning application. The further amended plans also showed the previously glassed section at the front was boarded up above the ground floor up to the roof space, but Councillors felt this should be boarded up to the top of the roof.

**CO6/0392/ful Proposal:** Erection of a single storey rear extension and side porch and alterations to front of porch.

**Location:** 141 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin.

Plans were circulated to Councillors and their only concern was that the extension wall appears to be on the boundary of 139 St Martins Green and that there will also be a loss of light to this neighbouring property.

**CO6/0370/ful Proposal:** Erection of two-storey rear extension.

**Location:** 15 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin.

Plans circulated to Councillors, no objections raised.

**CO6/0437/ful Proposal:** Erection of a garage block (resubmission)

**Location:** Hams Farmhouse, Back Road, Trimley St Martin, Ipswich.

Councillors looked at the revised plans, no objections made.

**CO6/0533/Ful Proposal:** Erection of two-storey side extension.

**Location:** 38 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin

Councillors looked at the plans, no objections raised.

### Planning Decisions

**CO6/0133/ful Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear extension.

**Location:** 4 Capel Close, Trimley St Martin. **APPROVED**

### Streetlight Lighting

Faulty streetlight no 350 reported, clerk to inform SCC.

### Highways and Footpaths

- 1) A damaged water hydrant post was reported, along with the glass broken in a telephone kiosk and a bollard in Cavendish road. The Clerk to report each matter to the relevant authority.
- 2) Councillors who live in Heathfields/Mill Close reported that weeds are already growing in the gutters, through the recently resurfaced road.
- 3) The footpath from Cavendish Road to Old Kirton Road was also reported as being waterlogged after rainfall.

### Any Other Business

- 1) **Memorial Hal Building Development** – Councillor Heather Rodwell reported that the lottery application had been successful and a grant of £5000 had been allocated. The Clerk brought councillors up to date with regard to the rest of the funding and advised that building work was likely to take place sometime during May. The decision regarding the VAT situation was still being awaited but the Clerk advised Councillors that should the Parish Council undertake the project, then according to the Standing Orders, it would be necessary to formally invite tenders for the work to be carried out. A sample of a public notice was circulated. However, if the Memorial Hall were to manage the project, then an alternative estimate to the one already provided by a building contractor on which funding had been sought, would have to be obtained. The Clerk advised councillors that the clarification regarding possible VAT reclaim should be received by the end of the week and the decision on how best to proceed would be made depending on the answer from HM Customs.
- 2) **Memorial Hall Insurance** – The Clerk had received a photocopy of a renewal schedule for the insurance for the Memorial Hall from the Committee at an annual renewal premium of £938.47. The parish council agreed to pay £500 towards the premium, monies had been allowed in the 2006/2007 budget for this item.
- 3) **Clerk's Computer.** The Clerk advised councillors that her personal computer was reaching the end of its working life. On commencing employment in September 2002, the parish council had not provided the Clerk with a computer. The Parish Council decided to rectify this, the Clerk was authorised to purchase a replacement PC at the Council's expense. The Clerk will liaise with the Chairman with regard to purchasing a replacement.
- 4) **Port of Felixstowe Liaison Meeting.** The Chairman gave brief details of the Port Liaison meeting, which was attended by him (Vice Chair John Barker and the Clerk were both unable to attend due to ill health). Full details of the meeting will be contained in the minutes, which would be prepared by HPUK and circulated once they had been received.
- 5) **RiverCare** – Councillor Slaughter advised councillors that he had arranged a date for a beach clean up at the Trimley Foreshore on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, meeting at 10.00am at Goslings Barn.
- 6) **Next meeting** – The next meeting will be the Annual Council meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May.