

Matters of interest from Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held at the Trimley Memorial Hall on Tuesday 6th April 2004 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman Nigel Smith, V. Chairman John Barker, Heather Rodwell, Carol Garrett, David Beale, Berridge Eve, Joe Smith, Andy Church, Keith Slaughter.

Clerk: Tracey Hunter

By invitation: Mary Dixon, Sherrie Green, PC Dave Gledhill

Apologies: Patricia O'Brien, David Pither and Julie Pither-Jones

Declarations of Interest

David Beale declared a personal interest with regard to the correspondence received from Citizens Advice Bureau.

Draft copies of the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March had been circulated and approved by councillors and the file copy was duly signed and dated by the Chairman Nigel Smith.

Matters arising from the March 2nd Meeting

- **High Road/Mill Lane junction.** The Chairman and V. Chairman reported on their site visit to this junction, they met with Guy Pearse of SCC East Area Highways Manager - and came to the conclusion that the kerb that had been put in was proved to be too high and a cause of vehicles having to pull out widely into the High Road when turning left towards Felixstowe. Guy Pearse is to provide a written quotation for the cost of reducing the kerb and once this has been received, Councillors will discuss the suggestion made by SCC of partnership payment for the cost of the works.
- **Felixstowe South Reconfiguration:** The Clerk advised Councillors that following her attendance at the Port and Local Authority Meeting, where a number of queries had been raised in respect of the POF South Recon, a further meeting had been arranged for the two Trimley Councils and Felixstowe Town Council to discuss these items in more detail. The meeting is to be held on Tuesday 4th May, 10.30am at Tomline House where the issues under discussion will be the Dock Spur roundabout, idling trains in Trimley St Mary and possible acoustic noise barriers along the A14.
- **Howlett Way** – The Clerk reported on a meeting that had taken place with Mary Dixon representing Trimley St Mary Parish Council, which discussed the planting that had taken place, the continued maintenance plans and the proposed signage for the roundabout. Councillor Dixon reported that some of her Councillors felt that there was already enough place name signs to the entrance of the villages and after further discussion, the Clerk is to obtain quotations for ornamental type signs, that the Joint Parish Committee members can then discuss the options available.
- **Trimley St Martin School Lay-by** – The Clerk had received two letters from parents who had complained that the lay-by is a no loading/unloading area and as such were prevented from using this to drop their children off and pick them up. However, as confirmed by PC Gledhill, this practice was being and continues to be abused by parents who leave their vehicles for periods of 10 to 15 minutes and this was causing obstruction to other vehicles in that the lay-by could not be used as a natural passing bay with oncoming traffic. Councillors felt that the present restrictions on the lay-by should remain in force.
- **Mill Close Greens** – The Clerk advised that she had been told by representatives of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in this area that they did not feel that this was a matter for the NHW and had requested that the Parish Council deliver a copy of their letter to NW, to each household in Mill Close. However, Councillors felt that this could be seen to be a 'heavy-handed' approach and a better solution would be for the NW to include an item in their newsletter. The Clerk is to liaise with the co-ordinator of the NW scheme.
- **Morston Hall Cottages-** Councillor Rodwell raised the issue of the large ditch that had been dug out and then left empty, outside one of the properties in Morston Hall Lane and the Clerk is to contact the relevant authorities with a view to the ditch being filled.

Community Police Officer's Report

- PC David Gledhill reported that only two incidents had occurred during the month of March and that a person had been arrested for the mugging of a young man which had taken place earlier in the year

Public Question Time

- **County Councillor Patricia O'Brien** – an annual report had been read at the Annual Parish meeting earlier in the evening.
- **District Councillor Mary Dixon** advised that she had attended the recent Local Plan Task Group meeting and figures for housing in the Suffolk area had been intimated, although were still not confirmed. It would appear that locations for approximately 1020 houses were to be found, with a third possibly on the fringe of Ipswich, a third in Felixstowe/Walton and a third elsewhere in the County. It will not be until September 2004 that an Options and Issues Report will be published, which can then be responded to by interested parties. Councillor Dixon advised that she had walked the villages with the Director of the Suffolk Preservation Society whose overall impression was that he would like to see the villages remaining as they are. Details of the Parish Liaison meeting were also given and Councillor Dixon hoped for a good turn out of Parish Councillors to be in attendance as considerable effort had been made to arrange for representatives from various agencies to be in attendance to answer queries raised.
- **Public Questions** – There were no questions from the public present.

Correspondence

- **SCC Letter – A14 footway and Howlett Way.** The bridge fencing has been repaired and arrangements have been made for the gorse to be cut and the debris cut along Howlett Way.
- **Hutchinson Port** – A14 Dock Spur – Work is in progress to install the vehicle activated signs.
- **SCDC** – Litter at Howlett Way – This will be regularly inspected and cleared.
- **Suffolk Constabulary** – Survey on Mobile Police Station – Not applicable as the Mobile Police Station has not been situated in the village.
- **SWT** – Grasslands Course in August – Details given to Councillors.
- **Primary Care Trust** – Parish views have been requested and the Clerk is to see if she can arrange for a meeting to be arranged from a representative of the PCT.
- **Suffolk Waste Local Plan** – Revised Deposit Draft – Details not relevant to this Parish.
- **SALC** – AGM– Details given to Councillors.
- **C.A.B.** – Donation request. Councillors agreed to donate £50.00.
- **SCC** – Road closure cancelled – Details given.
- **Atkins** – A14 footbridge. Currently investigating the use of suitable materials to be used in the resurfacing of the bridge and once this has been concluded, a meeting will be arranged with Parish Councillors to discuss the details of carrying out the work.

Planning Applications

CO4/00435 - Erection of one dwelling with detached garage. 9 existing bungalow to be demolished)
Location: 51 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin
This was looked at by Councillors who had no objection. However, following a letter from residents of 53 Mill Close, a closer inspection of the plans revealed that they did not adequately convey the true size of the proposed property and its effects on the neighbouring properties and the Clerk has been asked to request a site visit by SCDC.

Planning Decisions

CO4/0243 Proposal: Erection of two storey (second storey in roof space) annexe buildings attached to outbuildings and extensions to existing garage. Location: Trimley Rectory, 17 Church Lane, Trimley St Martin. **GRANTED**

Highways and Footpaths

- Councillor Eve reported that he was now the Co-ordinator of the Hedgerow Survey and appealed to fellow Councillors for help in his task in identifying the various species of hedgerow vegetation within the Parish.

- The Clerk was advised of deterioration in the road surfaces of Mill Lane and Mill Close and she is to contact SCC Highways.

Any Other Business

- The Clerk reminded Councillors of the date of the Parish Liaison meeting, which takes place on Tuesday 27th April.
- Councillor Rodwell advised the Council that one of the heaters in the Memorial Hall needed to be replaced and the bill for this amounts to £1100. Councillors agreed a sum of £500 to be paid towards this from this year's precept.
- Copy for the next issue of the Parish Pump is required by the 7th June, for the July edition.
- Next meeting will be the Annual Council Meeting at 7pm followed by the usual Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm on May 4th.