

**Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2005
at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin.**

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

Clerk: Mrs T. U. Hunter

By Invitation: SCD Councillor Mary Dixon, Suffolk County councillor John Godwin

Apologies: Community Police Officer(s)

Matters arising from minutes of the November 2005 meeting

- **Railway Dualling** – The Clerk read out a copy of a letter which had been sent to FDRC from Neil Lister at Suffolk Coasts and Heaths which had outlined their concerns with regard to the closure of footpaths in Trimley St Martin, whether temporary or permanent, during the proposed dualling of the branch line. Following this, a copy of the FDRC's letter of reply to Suffolk Coasts and Heaths was also read to Councillors. In addition to this correspondence, the Clerk reported that she had received an email from Ian Chadney to advise that they had received Network Rail's Strategic Access Planning 24hr timetable for the branch line and it now shows that there will be no requirements for trains to be kept standing in Trimley St Martin. Councillors fully discussed the contents of the correspondence and whilst they were relieved to note the information regarding the standing trains, they were concerned with the Port's attitude towards the footpaths in the village, especially with regard to Grimston Lane which some Councillors felt was used a lot by residents and was an alternative access route if for any reason, Thorpe Lane was closed, albeit even for a very short time. The Clerk was instructed to write back to Ian Chadney stating the council's objections to the closing of any footpaths in the village.

Community Police Officers Report

The Clerk read the report to Councillors, which detailed just two incidences during the month of November.

Public Question Time

Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin gave a full report to Councillors of the meetings that he had attended recently including those on the proposed Police Merger and the Crime and Disorder Reduction Panel. He had also attended pre-budget meetings at SCC, advising that the funding from central government was lower than in previous years, which consequently would lead to difficult decisions in reducing services. Parish Councillors asked about the locality budget as they wished to put forward a request for this in respect of the improvements to the Memorial Hall. John Goodwin advised Councillors that he was looking into purchasing a mobile CCTV camera, which was linked to a laptop and could be used in various trouble spots within his district. He is currently making enquiries into the cost of this and should be able to report to Councillors by the Jan/Feb meetings if he was going to go ahead with this and advise whether there would be any surplus locality budget for other requests.

Suffolk District Councillor Mary Dixon reported that following site visits, the beach groynes in Felixstowe were to be replaced, most likely during March – June 2006. Mary was also involved in a site visit to the proposed South Development as a new application was being presented which gave the Martello Tower more significance and the gardens were to be simpler and easier to maintain.

Public Questions – A member of the public wished to comment on the earlier agenda item regarding the Grimston Lane footpath crossing as she felt that it was used more than Footpath 1 in the village, which is further along the line.

Planning Applications

Application CO5/2147/OUT (Outline planning permission)

Proposal: Use of land for residential development.

Location: Land Rear of 77 to 85 Mill Lane and 53-57 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin.

Councillors discussed the application and whilst they had no objections in principle to the change of use of the land to residential, they did express serious concerns at the current width of the entrance to the land, since this is not adequate as the main ingoing and outgoing route for traffic. The Clerk is to relay these concerns to SCDC when replying to the application.

Planning Decisions

CO5/1668 Proposal: Retention of cabins as accommodation for up to nine students.

Location: Alston Hall Farm, Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin.
GRANTED (subject to conditions)

CO5/1773 Proposal: Retention of single storey dwelling.

Location: 51 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin.

REFUSED (Going to appeal – see minutes of 4th October 2005 – previous appeal was against stop notice).

CO5/1597/ful Proposal: Retention of garage on parking spaces.

Location: Parking area between 25 – 27 Jasmine Close, Trimley St Martin. GRANTED

Street Lighting

It was reported that the amber flashing lights outside the Trimley St Martin School were now working properly. The clerk is to report a missing casing on a streetlight in Thorpe Lane.

Highways and Footpaths

- It was reported that there was an unsightly vehicle parked outside 3 Old Kirton Road, which was sitting on bricks along with a Renault which had for some time been parked on the verge, was subject to a yellow removal notice from SCDC but had now reappeared on the road. The Clerk is to contact SCDC to see if these vehicles could be removed and also to contact the Police since it was thought that they were both untaxed. Mary Dixon advised that she would speak to the department concerned at SCDC also.
- The Clerk had not received a reply from the owner of the fast food van who was currently running an electrical supply to it from his property (see October minutes) and she was instructed to write to SCC to see if they would deal with the matter.

Any other business.

- Memorial Hall – It was reported that the lottery application was shortly to be sent once the full bank details had been received.
- Listed Green Oak at rear of 32 Mill Lane – The householder at 4 Cavendish Road had contacted the Vice Chairman with regard to this tree, since he was concerned about the large number of roots within his property. The Clerk has been instructed to write to Ann Westover at SCC in respect of this matter.
- Councillor Eve reported on the successful completion of the Hedgerow Survey, which he had carried out along with a small band of volunteers. The results were circulated to Councillors.
- The Clerk reminded Councillors of the carols evening at Reeve Lodge which was taking place on Wednesday 14th December. The clerk has been asked to invite Rev. Terry Wells to the proceedings. Food to be provided by Trimley St Mary PC and the beverages by this parish council. Debbie Marfleet has kindly agreed to provide the piano accompaniment.
- The next meeting was confirmed to be Tuesday 3rd January 2006 at the Memorial Hall.