

**Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2006
at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin.**

Present: Chairman Nigel Smith, Vice-Chairman John Barker, Keith Slaughter, David Beale, Andy Church, Berridge Eve, Carol Garrett.

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By Invitation: SCD Councillor Mary Dixon, Suffolk County Councillor John Godwin, Community Police Officer - Dave Gledhill

Matters arising from minutes of the January 2006 Meeting

Dualling matters:

- Chairman Nigel Smith reported on the meeting that he had attended along with Vice-Chairman John Barker and the Clerk that was held by Ian Chadney of HPUK on the 30th January, to further discuss the issues with regard to the proposed dualling. Following on from this meeting, an email had been received from Ian Chadney, which the Chairman proceeded to go through and each point was discussed thoroughly. The Clerk then read out to those present, the response letter that had been sent to the Secretary of State, in respect of the Transport and Works Order. Whilst Ian Chadney's email had addressed many of the objections contained in our response, these having been discussed with him at the meeting on the 30th January, it would appear likely that one or two concessions could be made, but it was felt that there was still a long way to go before both parties would be satisfied with the proposals for the dualling.
- The Clerk confirmed that she had received a reply from the Secretary of State to her response letter, noting the objections of the Parish Council. District Councillor Mary Dixon advised the parish council that Ian Chadney had in fact attended the Trimley St Mary Parish Council meeting on the 6th February and during their discussions had advised that a 'time and motion' person was carrying out studies at the Colchester signal box to see if it was possible for the systems at the Trimley Station to be over-ridden so that there could be a quicker up time on the barriers thus reducing the prospective down time of 20 minutes in the hour.

Acoustic Barriers - A14: The Clerk read to the meeting, the letter that had been sent to Ian Chadney (HPUK) with regard concerns of the parish council in respect of the acoustic barriers. It was also noted that a copy of correspondence had been received from the one of the residents at the three bungalows on the north-side of the A14, unhappy that their side of this road had not been included in the scheme.

Listed Oak: The Clerk advised Councillors that she had heard from Suffolk Heritage who were arranging for a surveyor to carry out an inspection of the listed oak tree and the damage that it was causing to neighbouring property and drainage systems.

Community Police Report: PC Gledhill read to the meeting the report containing the incidences, which had occurred in the village during the month of January, including the robbery at the local post office. A man has been arrested and on bail, pending further enquiries.

Public Question Time

- County Councillor John Goodwin reported on all the meetings that he had attended during the past month including a Budget Scrutiny Committee meeting. He also thanked councillors for attending the SCC Rights of Way meeting that was held on the 27th January at Endeavour House, which was held to discuss the issue of footpaths and how these would be affected in respect of the dualling of the railway line. Councillors were exceptionally pleased to be told that £2000 of the county councillor's locality budget would be granted to the Parish Council in respect of the disabled facilities being installed at the Memorial Hall.
- District Councillor Mary Dixon reported that the South Development Committee at SCDC would be carrying out a site visit to the Trimley villages looking at the points of contention that had been raised by the two Parish Councils in respect of their objections to the dualling scheme.
- A member of the public brought to councillor's attention the amount of rubbish, mainly bottles that were littering the copse just off Howlett Way. PC Gledhill advised he would keep an eye on the area, as the litter was likely to be caused by under-age drinkers. The Clerk is to contact SCDC with a view to having the area cleared.

Planning Applications

C06/133/ful: Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension. Location: 4 Capel Close, Trimley St Martin. Councillors discussed the application and no objections made.

Planning Decisions

CO5/2276/FUL147 - Proposal: Erection of building to provide replacement farm shop (existing to be removed) Location: Roselea Nursery, Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin. GRANTED (subject to conditions)

Highways and Footpaths

- The Clerk read to Councillors the letter she had received from SCC in respect of the subject of the owner of the burger van who drapes a cable across the path from his property to van, but it would appear that this had not solved the matter, since the practice continues. The Clerk is to contact SCC Highways again.
- A full schedule of the footpath signposts in the village have been sent to Debbie Adams at SCC with regard to the new signs which are replacing the old. Details of destinations and distances will now be included on each post.
- The Clerk informed Councillors that she had been made aware of funding grants being available in respect of 'off-street parking' and had therefore written to SCC in this respect enclosing two estimates for the land at the side of the Memorial Hall in the hope that the Parish Council might be successful in obtaining funds to resurface this.
- It was reported at the meeting that the revised yellow lines have now been painted along Kirton Road from Roselea Nursery down to the school, thus creating more passing opportunities for vehicles travelling along this road.
- Councillors were made aware that areas of Grimston Lane (outside No 49/51) were awash with mud: the situation would be monitored over the next few days and if wet weather did not wash it away and the problem continued, the Clerk would contact SCC with a view to these being cleaned.
- Councillors Garret and Eve raised the subject of the footpath, which runs to Levington via the pumping station and its unsuitability for use by horses. Whilst it was currently graded as a footpath and thereby officially not for use by horse riders, it was felt that as there was no other route to Levington for horses, then the Rights of Way department at SCC could be contacted with a view to turning this into an official bridleway although there would need to be considerable work in upgrading the ground and cutting back overhanging trees. The Clerk is to make enquiries.

AOB

- The Clerk updated councillors on the progress being made with the Memorial Hall improvements and advised that whilst the original lottery application had been turned down on a technicality, a further application was being made. The Clerk has also written to HM Customs to obtain a directive with regard to paying VAT on the extension work.
- It was decided to circulate a further edition of the Parish Pump at the end of this month, concentrating on the dualling issues to keep residents informed of current progress.
- Councillor Slaughter confirmed he would be taking down the footpath map that was situated on the outside of the Memorial Hall due to its out of date and also poor condition.
- The next Parish Council meeting will be the 7th March.