

Informal Notes of Trimley St Martin Parish Council Meeting Held Tuesday 5th July 2005

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

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By invitation: SCDC Councillor Mary Dixon, Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, PC Jim Kerr

Matter Arising from June Meeting

- **Felixstowe Masterplan** – The Chairman outlined brief details of his meeting with David Lock Associates that were held on the 9th June, along with the Clerk and Councillors Mary Dixon and Bryan Frost from Trimley St Mary Parish Council. He advised that the Associates had been made fully aware that parish councillors were anxious that the Plan should include input from those representing the Trimley villages and to this end, the Clerk informed Councillors that a further meeting had been arranged for Monday 25th July with the Associates such that the views of the Parish Council can be put forward in respect of the Masterplan, with regard to those issues that they wish to highlight regarding the village. Some councillors had attended the public exhibition that was held in the town on the 1st and 2nd July and received the impression that the Associates were keen to regenerate the town itself. It was noted that representatives from Felixstowe Town Council that were spoken to, were also in agreement that the Trimleys should also be included in the overall MasterPlan exercise.
- **Suffolk Coasts and Heaths** – The Clerk read to Councillors a letter she had received from Simon Hooton at Suffolk Coasts and Heaths and based on the contents of this, a meeting has been arranged with them on the 18th July to discuss the ideas that the Parish Council have in respect of improving the rural aspect of the village. Following this, a meeting was scheduled to take place on the 19th July at the Memorial Hall for Councillors to discuss the matter further and to be able to formulate a presentation to put forward to the MasterPlan consultants the following week.
- **Local Development Framework Workshop** – Councillors Berridge Eve and Joe Smith had attended this on behalf of the Council and relayed their findings to councillors. They advised councillors of the category system put forward by SCDC, which was split into 6 categories. Category 6 included such rural areas as Hemley going to category 1 which included Ipswich, Kesgrave and Felixstowe. Councillors at the meeting were asked if the Trimley villages should be included under Felixstowe and this was met with an emphatic No! The issue of affordable housing had been discussed and SCDC had expressed their deep disappointment that their plans of insisting on a 'one in three' criteria of affordable houses being built had been overruled by government and that property developers could build up to nine houses before this would be bought in. SCDC told councillors that it was preferable for Parish Councils to draw up a Parish Plan for their own villages or at the very least show that residents had been consulted fully on their thoughts with regard to issues that may affect them. To this end, Councillors discussed the possibility of including such a questionnaire within this month's issue of the Parish Pump and the Clerk is to liaise with the Chairman in respect of this.
- **Felixstowe Railway Dualling** - The Vice Chairman had attended the public consultation and exhibition that was held at the Memorial Hall on the 21st June and he felt that having spoken to the Port Representatives, that it was imperative that a meeting be

arranged with the Port to ascertain the current position with regard to the Parish Councils involvement in future consultations on this project, since the village will be seriously affected if the dualling goes ahead. The Clerk is to contact Jane Stanbridge to arrange this.

Community Police Report

- PC Kerr read out the report for incidents occurring during the month of June and the Clerk also read out to Councillors, the letter she had received from Sgt Richardson in respect of the acquisition of the speed gun, which would be operational by the community Police Officers by the end of September. Funding for this is no longer required from Parish Councils.

Planning Applications

CO5/0741/FUL Proposal - Erection of two-storey and single storey extension. - 1 Seabridge Cottages, Stratton Hall, Ipswich. **(Revised plans)**

Whilst Councillors acknowledged that the overall increase had reduced in size by way of the new plans not now including the conservatory, they still felt that the problem with this application would be the second storey extension as this would be evasive to neighbours.

Planning Decisions

CO5/0890 Proposal: Retention of summerhouse - 14 Ashground Close, Trimley St Martin granted

Other Planning Matters

CO4/1358 51 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin.

The Clerk reported that she had been made aware of a Stop notice, which had been served on the applicant in respect of the above property. This was due to the property not being built in accordance with the approved planning application. A report is to be submitted to the SCDC sub-committee on the 23rd July to obtain a permanent stop notice until matters are resolved.

Highways and Footpaths

- The Clerk informed councillors that SCC had advised that the sign would not be replaced at Grimston Lane, due to a limited budget and the fact that there was already a flinger sign post clearly showing the direction of both Grimston Lane and Thorpe Lane, at the junction of the road.
- The Clerk also updated Councillors with regard to some of the outstanding issues that she had discussed with Terry Loveridge at SCC, these being the pathway on the High Road from the footpath along to Seamark and Nunn, this is to be cut back. The weeds in the gutters in Mill Close and Heathfields are to be skimmed and the reflector posts will shortly be replaced.
- The issue of vehicles being parked in the lay by next to the roundabout, for selling purposes, was raised and the Clerk is to contact Sgt Richardson with regard to the exact law on this. Where vehicles have been parked on the verges, the Clerk has been contacting the owners asking that they be removed but was uncertain as to whether those merely parked in the lay-by were committing any offence.
- A report of flooding outside the premises of 69 Grimston Lane was reported and the Clerk is to inform SCC regarding this.

- The issue of the vehicles being parked outside the premises of Seamark and Nunn was again raised and the Clerk has written to the proprietors regarding this problem.

Any Other Business

- **Memorial Hall-** Councillor Rodwell advised Councillors that a meeting of the Memorial Hall Committee was to be shortly held with regard to the proposed improvements at the hall. Councillors are to await the decision of this before deciding upon the best route of providing further funding, perhaps in the way of requesting further locality budget to put towards the cost.
- **Footpaths Board** – Councillor Slaughter informed Councillors that the footpaths board outside the Memorial Hall was in a poor state and ideally needed replacing. The Clerk advised Councillors that there were earmarked reserves in the account from the last locality budget, which could be put towards this. Enquiries will be made as to the cost of replacement.
- **Howlett Way** – Enquiries were made as to why a street sign had not been erected in Howlett Way, following the extensive planting scheme. The Clerk advised Councillors that she had approached SCC about this sometime ago but was advised that since there are no properties leading off from the road, that a sign was not deemed to be necessary. Councillors requested the Clerk to make enquiries as to the cost of the Parish Council purchasing a street name for this road.
- The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th September 2005.