

Matters of interest from Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 1st June 2004 at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: Mrs T. Hunter

By invitation: Mary Dixon, Pc Jim Kerr – community Police Officer

Apologies: Heather Rodwell, Dave Pither, Julie Pither-Jones, Joe Smith, C.C. Patricia O'Brien

Declarations of Interest:

Personal interests declared by John Barker, Carol Garrett and Andy Church as residents of Mill Close, in respect of the planning application number C04/0890 from Councillor Joe Smith of 14 Heathfields (leading from Mill Close).

Matter Arising:

- a) **High Road/Mill Lane:** The Clerk had received a letter from SCC regarding proposed amendment work to this junction following a site visit with the Chairman and Guy Pearse from SCC Eat Area Highways Manager. The letter stated that an estimated cost of £895 would be charged for the additional work of dropping the kerbs on the eastern corner of the junction, a substantial proportion of this cost payable by the Parish Council. After discussion by Councillors, who felt that the problems with the junction were as a direct result of earlier work being carried out incorrectly and with no previous consultation with the Parish Council regarding the proposed works, the Clerk has been requested to write to the SCC county Councillor Patricia O'Brien for her help in bringing this matter to a satisfactory conclusion. Councillors are adamant that the Parish Council should not be liable for what they consider to be errors made by the Suffolk County Council Highways Department, especially since they were not initially consulted on the original works.
- b) **Dock Spur Roundabout:** As a result of discussions at the Local Liaison Meeting at the Port on the 4th May, the Clerk had received an email from Ian Chadney of HPUK, inviting representatives to discuss further the Ports proposed plans for the Dock Spur Roundabout. Councillors discussed the proposed changes, which had been put forward by HPUK, and it was agreed that these would in no way increase the safety at the roundabout and would in fact lead to more problems. A meeting has been arranged at the Felixstowe Town Hall for representatives from Felixstowe Town Council and Trimley St Mary and Trimley St Martin Parish Councils to meet and discuss the proposed changes, prior to their attendance at the meeting at Tomline House on the 7th June. The Chairman, V. Chairman and Clerk were to take forward such ideas as traffic lighting at one or more entrances onto the roundabout and keeping the filter lane. Two representatives have been requested to attend the meeting at the Port on the 7th June and the Chairman and Vice Chairman will represent the Parish Council.
- c) **Trimley St Martin School site visit:** The Chairman and V. Chairman reported on their site visit with Guy Pearse regarding the problems of parking outside the school. Vehicles were being parked back as far as the bridge with very little passing space for vehicles travelling along this stretch of road. It was suggested that a ratio of six cars parked to a three-vehicle length-passing bay, be implemented along this stretch of road, commencing from 125 Kirton Road. Vehicles were seen to be parking in the lay-by outside the school for longer than merely dropping children off and this was leading to further congestion. Guy Pearse advised he would be agreeable to implementing the revised parking scheme but that this would incur a cost towards this from the Parish Council. County Councillor Patricia O'Brien had previously indicated that perhaps some of her locality budget for this area could be used

towards the scheme and the Council are awaiting the cost of the works from SCC Highways in order that further consideration may be given to the matter.

Community Police Officers' Report:

Pc Jim Kerr reported on 4 incidents that had occurred since the last meeting.

SCDC Councillor's Report:

Mary Dixon reported that a new Chief Executive had been employed by SCDC, namely Jan Ormondroyd who will start in September. Mary reported on a property in the village, which had been subject to an amended planning application, and it would appear that the builders had not properly adhered to the plans. Mary confirmed to Councillors that once a property, as part of a development, has been given planning permission, the inspection and control of the site was passed to the National House Building Control Services Ltd. In this instance, the property had clearly not been built in line with the details provided and a stern letter from SCDC regarding the poor quality of the work was being sent to the NHBCS.

Correspondence:

- SCDC – Local Plan Second Alteration: Affordable Housing. This had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and the opinion of its contents was that there appeared to be too many get out clauses for developers and that the rules were not specific enough and lacked any real definition. The Clerk is to reply to SCDC accordingly.
- Trimley Carnival – The Council agreed a donation of £50.00

Planning applications:

- **CO4/0857** Proposal: Erection of new sign. Trimley Sports and Social Club. – Circulated to Councillors, no objections.
- **CO4/0939** Proposal: Erection of first floor rear extension. Location: 2 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin. Discussed by Councillors, no objections made although concern mentioned of additional living space in possible connection to the knock on effect of more vehicles being owned by number of inhabitants of property and the provision of off street parking.
- **CO4/0890** Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension. Location: 14 Heathfields, Trimley St Martin. No objections made. (See note under declaration of interests)
- **CO4/0435** Proposal: Erection of one dwelling with detached garage (existing bungalow to be demolished) Location: 51 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin. Application subject to a site visit on Monday 7th June.
- **CO4/0625** Proposal: Retention of detached dwelling (alternative design to that approved under Planning Application CO2/0985) Location: 21 Blue Barn Close Trimley St Martin. Application considered at Development Control Sub-Committee meeting on 27th May. Letter received from resident concerning the above, which was read to Council.

Planning Decisions:

- **CO4/0641** Proposal: Erection of single-storey side extension to form study with utility. Location: 30 High Hall Close, Trimley St Martin.

Highways & footpaths:

The following points were brought to the attention of the Council:

- a. Potholes in Road surface adj to 11 Mill Close.
- b. Road surface lifting adj to Nos 7/9 Mill Close.
- c. Road surface damaged on Reeve Lodge/Howlett Way Roundabout –this was a danger to motor cyclists
- d. Visibility problems for vehicles exiting Church Lane onto Trimley High Road. It was suggested that a mirror be provided.
- e. “Children playing” signs required in Grimston Lane – in that part of lane with no footpaths.
- f. The Fence on the approach to the Trimley Footbridge (Kirton side) has still not been repaired.

The Clerk will raise the above with SCC East Area Highways.

Any Other Business:

- Parish Pump – Articles to be received by 5th June.
- Councillor Eve advised he had attended a Hedgerows course along with Councillor Garret and help was requested in completing the survey. A request for volunteers was to be placed in the Parish Pump.
- Councillor Slaughter confirmed the Memorial Hall Committee were in the process of obtaining quotations for the proposed work at the Hall and were exploring avenues of possible grants.
- Plants had been obtained for the beds in Howlett Way and JAS Landscapes were waiting for the right weather conditions in order that the plants may be put into the ground.
- A reminder was given that the next meeting takes place on Tuesday 20th July.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.