

Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th June 2006 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin

Present: Chairman Nigel Smith, Vice Chairman John Barker, Joe Smith, Carol Garrett, Dave Pither, Julie Pither-Jones, David Beale.

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By invitation: SCD Councillor Mary Dixon, Pc Dave Gledhill

Apologies: Councillors Heather Rodwell, Berridge Eve and Keith Slaughter, Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin.

Declarations of Interest.

Nigel Smith declared a prejudicial interest under the agenda item 8 Planning CO6/1008 and duly left the meeting whilst this item was being discussed.

Matters Arising from the May 2006 Meeting

- 1. Port meeting** - The Chairman and Vice Chairman reported on the meeting that they had attended at the port with representatives HPUK namely Ian Chadney and Andrew Cann and also in attendance were representatives from Trimley St Mary PC. The Chairman and Vice Chairman advised councillors that they had discussed fully the matters, which were the subject of the parish council's objections to the Transport and Works Order relating to the proposed dualling of the railway line through the villages. Some of the points it appears, have been resolved to the parish councils satisfaction but there remain one or two issues that still need to be resolved and it is likely that these will be dealt with at a public enquiry which it was felt that was to be the likely outcome following the number of objections that had been lodged against the Order. Councillors have asked the Clerk to write to Ian Chadney to confirm their understanding of the issues that have been resolved and to reiterate their objections to the ones that have yet to be resolved.
- 2. Memorial Hall** – The work at the Memorial Hall is going well and the Clerk reported that they had received an invoice for the first instalment of the work that had been carried out. It was reported that there were problems with the downpipes and drains which were not part of the scheduled works but that the builders had provided a quotation for in the region of £1000. Councillors agreed that the work should be carried out and the Chairman and Clerk would be seeking an alternative quotation for the cost of the works. If a more favourable quotation were not forthcoming, then the quotation from AL Walkers would be accepted. It was also reported that the original quotation from AL Walkers for the improvement work had not included water heaters for the new kitchen and Councillors agreed that these should now be included.
- 3. Cable across the Highway** – The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Derek Oldham of SCC who having received advice from his legal department, wished to inspect the offending cable for himself and would be carrying out an inspection at the earliest opportunity and would then report to the parish council as to the best course of action to take.
- 4. Mill Close/Heathfields** - Vice Chairman Barker reported to councillors of his meeting with Malcolm King of SCC who could see the problems with the re-surfacing for himself. The surfacing was starting to break up in places although Mr King advised VC Barker that this could be caused by the effects of power-steering of vehicles on the road surface. Chairman Barker has been in correspondence with CC Goodwin regarding this matter and they will continue to liaise with Malcolm King in order that the problems may be rectified. The weed killing had been carried out and seemed to have had the desired effect. The work to the broken drain in Mill Lane had been carried out.
- 5. Grass Cutting** - Councillors were not happy with the grass cutting in the village. It had been sporadic and not in accordance with the schedules that the Clerk had

received from Tim Collard at SCDC. The Clerk had reported that she had contacted Tim Collard with regard to this matter and was advised that there had been problems with machinery but that that schedules should now be adhered to, although in practice, this clearly was not the case. DC Mary Dixon took note of councillors concerns and would relay these to the relevant department at SCDC.

Community Police Officer's Report

- Pc Gledhill read the monthly crime report for May listing three incidences.
- He also reported on staff moves, which would directly affect the village in that PC Kerr is now acting sergeant for the CPO team, which means that for most of the time there would only be one CPO working within the village.
- Pc Gledhill had tried to schedule his time in the village to be mainly in the evenings when most crimes seem to be committed.
- Pc Gledhill also gave councillors an overview of current changes likely to take place in the police force including with regard to the proposed amalgamation of the Norfolk/Cambus and Suffolk forces which the Police Authority were not in agreement with but which the Home Office were likely to insist upon. Pc Gledhill also reported on the new Neighbourhood Policing Strategy which would come into force by as earliest as next year whereby towns and surrounding villages would be split into their own areas with their own teams policed by a Sergeant and 2/3 police officers and 3/4 community officers.

Suffolk County Councillor's Report

- **County Councillors Report** - The Clerk read to councillors the report received from John Goodwin, which included details of the launch of the Felixstowe alcohol free zones within the town which prevents the public from drinking in public, refusal of which can lead to arrest. CC Goodwin had also now been appointed the Deputy Portfolio holder for Environmental Waste and Economical Development.
- **District Councillors Report.**- Mary Dixon reported that the District Council Local Task Group met to consider the David Locke report and had unanimously decided that they must look to plan for the area beyond 2021 and aim for sustainable long term growth which was outlined in Scenario four of the David Lock report. This would mean that significant greenfield land in Trimley St Martin would be utilised, something which Parish Councillors were vehemently opposed to. The proposals of Local Task Group would now be written up, confirmed at their next meeting and then are submitted to full cabinet as their recommendation. Parish Councillors requested to know if the brownfield sites in Felixstowe and the greenfield separation land between Walton and Trimley St Mary would be utilised first and Mary Dixon had received advices that this would likely be the case. However, the whole proposals put forward by the District Council would be subject to a full formal consultation and public enquiry.
- **Public Questions** – A member of the public commented that they felt the charges made by SCDC to collect large items of refuse (washing machines/TV's etc) were excessive and believed that this is why some irresponsible people disposed of their items by fly tipping within the village. Councillors were advised that the cutting of the Gun Lane footpath had been carried out well and that the Memorial Stone within the grounds of Reeve Lodge needed to be cleaned.

Correspondence

- **CAB – Invite to AGM** – Councillor Beale would be taking the minutes of this meeting and therefore would also be representing the council.
- **SCC – Extra Felixstowe to Woodbridge bus route.** The Clerk gave details of the new service.
- **SALC subscription renewal** – The Clerk reported that she had received the renewal of the SALC subscription at a cost of £424. The Clerk advised that she had only contacted SALC once or twice during the year and Councillors questioned the value of renewing for another year. Following further discussion and a vote by a show of hands, councillors unanimously decided not to renew the subscription for this year.

Planning Applications

CO5/0344 Proposal: Erection of single-storey link and rear extension.

Location: 2 Ashground Close, Trimley St Martin, Felixstowe. *Discussed by councillors, no objections made to planning permission being granted.*

CO6/0942/FUL Proposal: Erection of rear conservatory (affecting the setting of listed building)

Location: 202 High Road, Trimley St Martin, Felixstowe. *Discussed by councillors, and no objections made to planning permission being granted.*

CO6/0799 Proposal: Erection of a conservatory.

Location: 18 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin.

Circulated to councillors and no objections made to planning permission being granted.

CO6/0961/FUI Proposal: Erection of single-storey front and side extension.

Location: 77 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin. *Discussed by councillors and no objections made to planning permission being granted.*

CO6/1008/ful Proposal: Conversion and alteration of existing dwelling to form four flats (renewal of planning permission CO1/1053).

Location: Longford House, High Road, Trimley St Martin.

Chairman Nigel Smith declared an interest and left the room whilst Councillors discussed the application. Chairman Nigel Smith recalled by councillors to answer one or two points from councillors regarding the application, he then left the room whilst further discussion took place and councillors then confirmed no objections to the renewal of the planning permission being extended.

Planning Decisions

CO6/0533 Proposal: Erection of a two-storey side extension.

Location: 38 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin. **GRANTED**

CO6/0641/ful Proposal: Erection of a double garage with room over (existing garage to be demolished)

Location: 12 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin. **GRANTED** (with conditions)

Planning Appeals

Mr and Mrs Dyer – 51 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin

Appeal to be held at SCDC on 13th June.

Highways & Footpaths

- **Side driveway of Memorial Hall** - The Clerk advised councillors that SCC, via CC John Goodwin, had advised her that the bid for grant funding to pay for the side entrance/parking at the side of the Memorial Hall had been successful. Once the clerk has received written confirmation of this, she will contact the contractors who supplied the lowest quotation to arrange for the work to be carried out. It was pointed out that it may be possible for the contractor to also provide a quotation for the works to the downpipe and soakaways from the Hall and Chairman Nigel Smith agreed to make enquiries regarding this.
- **Councillor Garrett** advised that two of the footpaths in the village had not had the signs replaced when the scheme to replace the old wooden signs was carried out. The Clerk is to make enquires regarding this.

- **Councillor Garrett** also requested to know if the parish council would be able to put a dog bin in place in the vicinity of the footpath, which runs from the High Road to Mill Close. The clerk is to make enquiries into the cost of a new bin.

Any Other Business

- **Parish Pump** – Vice Chairman Barker advised that contributions for this edition must be received by the end of the week and articles to be included in addition to the usual columns were those regarding burial fees, use of the Sports and Social club play equipment, recycling and an update on the river care scheme and Memorial Hall improvements.
- **April 07 meeting** – Councillor Rodwell, as bookings secretary for the Memorial Hall, had received a request to book the hall for the first week in April 2007 but this coincides with the April Annual Parish meeting. Following discussion by councillors, they felt that as the parish council is a permanent booking, they felt that the new hirers should choose a different date or the option was also given that the parish council would be willing to move their meeting to the second week in April as long as this date was vacant. The Clerk is to inform Councillor Rodwell of the council's advices.
- **The Next meeting** of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 4th July.