

Matters of interest from Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held at the Trimley Memorial Hall on Tuesday 4th May 2004 at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: Mrs T. Hunter

By invitation: Mary Dixon

Apologies: Patricia O'Brien, Joe Smith, David Beale, and Pc. D. Gledhill

Nigel Smith was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year. John Barker was elected Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Parish council Committees/Working Parties and Representatives to outside bodies

- **General Purposes Committee:** Chairman, Vice-Chairman and all elected Councillors.
- **Memorial Hall Management:** Keith Slaughter
- **Poors Charity Trustees:** Joe Smith, Andy Church
- **East Suffolk Travellers Association:** Mary Dixon
- **Port Of Felixstowe Liaison:** Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk
- **River Orwell Parishes:** Keith Slaughter
- **Peninsular Parishes:** Keith Slaughter
- **Brackenbury Sports Centre:** Heather Rodwell,
- **Joint Committee with Trimley St Mary:** Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Dave Pither and Clerk.
- **Police Quarterly Forums:** Vice-Chairman
- **Trimley Marshes Group:** Vice-Chairman
- **Footpaths, River Orwell, Tree and Hedgerows:** Keith Slaughter, Berridge Eve, Carol Garrett, Julie Pither-Jones and Dave Pither.

Draft minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated - amendments were made to item 119 Planning Applications whereby under C04/0435, 'Mill Close' was changed to the correct road of Grimston Lane and under 122 Any Other business, it was noted that Keith Slaughter discussed the proposed improvements to the Memorial Hall and the suggestions which had been put forward by the Memorial Hall Committee. The file copy of minutes is to be duly amended by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman

Matters arising from the 6th April Meeting

- **Local Liaison Meeting** – Both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman gave an brief outline of the matters discussed at the meeting with Port Representatives at the meeting at Tomline House on the morning of the 4th May. The meeting was also attended by representative of Trimley St Mary Parish council and Felixstowe Town Council. Matters discussed included the dock spur roundabout, increase in traffic from the proposed Felixstowe South Reconfiguration together with noise reduction measures, landscaping and the idling trains at Trimley and various track improvements. The Port had that morning received from the Highways Agency, plans of proposed changes to the Dock Spur roundabout All members of the Trimley and Felixstowe Councils present appeared to be strongly opposed these changes, as they felt if these were to be made, it would make the roundabout even more dangerous than it is now. There was also concern regarding the newly installed flashing "lorry tipping sign" – the consensus was that it was installed too close to the roundabout and that it was being ignored by the lorry drivers. 95% of the lorries triggering the operation of the sign. It was felt that joint action by both Trimley Parish Councils, Kirton and Falkenham and Felixstowe Town Council would be necessary to achieve a safe and satisfactory outcome with regard to the Dock Spur Roundabout. The Chairman will contact the Felixstowe Town Clerk in order to discuss this possibility with her. Our Clerk will write to the Road Haulage Assoc. to ascertain their views of the Dock Spur roundabout.
- **Mill Close Greens** – The Clerk reported on a letter she had received from the "Mill Close and Heathfields Neighbourhood Watch Committee" - whilst they were in agreement with our comments regarding the damage to the greens – they felt that they were unable to do anything further in this matter. Since many of the individuals responsible for the damage to the greens did not in fact live in Mill Close, it was felt that a letter to all residents in this road would serve no real purpose and it was suggested that perhaps an article in the Parish Pump would be the only way to bring this matter to the attention of those involved. The Council felt that incidents of

anti-social behaviour should be brought to the attention of the Community Police Officers.
(could be deleted if you wish but this was actually said at the meeting)

Community Police Officer's Report

- The Clerk read the report received from Pc Gledhill detailing three incidences recorded in the month of April and it was also noted that there were few problems in the village during the Easter school break.

Public Question Time

- **District Councillors Report** - Mary Dixon reported that there had been a number of appointments made at Suffolk Coastal District Council of the higher management levels including Jeremy Schofield as Strategic Director. There had been a large number of applications for the post of Chief Executive and interviewing for this post was currently taking place. Mary thanked those Councillors who were able to attend the recent Parish Liaison Meeting and she hoped that some of the matters, which had been raised, would be dealt with satisfactorily. In turn, Chairman Nigel Smith thanked Mary for all her hard work in co-ordinating the meeting and putting together the agenda.
- **Public Questions** - The matter of the bus stop opposite Reeve Lodge was brought up and the Clerk is to contact Suffolk County Council regarding this matter. Clearly, not all buses are stopping when they should and present arrangements are obviously not working. Suggestions were made that the words Bus Stop should be written on the road or the stop be moved some 20 yards back to the nearest lamppost.
- **The Bowls Club** - It was reported that the Bowls Club had spent £300 on hard core to help the surfacing of the rear car parking area as a temporary measure and it was intimated that they may be successful in obtaining £1500 worth of funding to help in providing some sort of proper hard surfacing for the car parking area behind the Memorial Hall. If this were to be the case, the Parish Council would then be able to make arrangements for the side entrance to also be re-surfaced.

Correspondence

- **Port of Felixstowe South Reconfiguration** - The Clerk had received notification that this is to go to a Public Enquiry, which is likely to be held in October 2004. The Parish Council is to present its objections in writing and the Clerk is to deal with this
- **SALC Membership** – Renewal documents had been received but the Clerk had queried this with SALC since the invoiced amount was in excess of the proposed 15% rise that they had previously advised. After discussion with Councillors regarding the benefits provided by membership to SALC, the matter would be put forward to next months agenda for further discussion and a decision as to whether to renew the membership.

Planning Applications

- **CO4/0623** Proposal: Retention of detached dwelling (alternative design to the approved under Planning Application CO2/0985) Location: 21 Blue Barn Close Trimley St Martin. This was received immediately after the last meeting and was therefore circulated to Councillors for their views, they raised no objections to change in plans but asked SCDC for site visit following letter from a third party who voiced concerns that property had not been completed as per plans submitted.
- **CO4/0641** Proposal: Erection of single-storey side extension to form study with utility. Location: 30 High Hall Close, Trimley St Martin.
- Received after last meeting, plans circulated to Councillors for their views - no objections.
- **CO4/0798** Proposal: Erection of two-storey side extension. Location: 85 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin - no objections.
- **CO4/0795** Proposal: Erection of rear conservatory. Location: 51 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin. – no objections.

District Councillor Mary Dixon advised that she would be attending a site visit to application CO4/0435 at 51 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin since the proposal of demolishing the existing bungalow to make way for a new property, would result in a very substantial increase in size. This would contravene the recommendations contained within the Supplementary Planning Guidance issued by SCDC.

Planning Decisions

CO4/0130 Proposal: Erection of two-storey rear extension. Location: 1 Meadow Close, Trimley St Martin. REFUSED.

CO4/0302 Proposal: Erection of two-storey side/rear extension. Location: 12 Jasmine Close, Trimley St Martin. GRANTED

CO4/0337 Proposal: Erection of two-storey rear extension to dwelling. Location: 284 High Road, Trimley St Martin. GRANTED

Highways and Footpaths

- Councillors again brought up the matter of the overgrown hedge at 46 Old Kirton Road – this has been ongoing with SCC, Eastern Area Highways since September 2003. The Clerk is to chase this.
- Overgrown hedges and damaged woodland at various sites were also discussed and the Clerk is to contact the appropriate authorities in connection with these.
- Comment was also made of the motorcycle kept parked on the High Road outside “old paper shop”; this is covered with no visible markings making it difficult to see at night. Clerk to contact Community Police Officer regarding this.

Any Other Business

- Councillor Slaughter circulated plans that he had drawn up with regard to the proposed changes to be made to the Memorial Hall which included toilet and access facilities for the disabled, a new kitchen area complete with serving hatch and a dressing room area next to the stage. Funding was being sought from a number of sources and the Councillors were unanimous in giving the project their full backing.
- Parish Pump- Whilst it was felt that past editions of the Parish Pump had been generally well received by residents, the editor suggested that it could be enhanced by putting in articles of both a past and present nature concerning the village as well as keeping residents informed of Council matters. This was agreed and will be implemented for the next issue – end of June 2004.
- Next meeting of the Parish Council takes place on Tuesday 1st June at the Memorial Hall.