

**Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd  
May 2006 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin**

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

**Clerk:** Mrs Tracey Hunter

**By Invitation:** Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin.

**Apologies:** Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Mary Dixon

## **ELECTIONS**

- **Election of Chair:** Nigel Smith (nominated by John Barker, seconded by Keith Slaughter)
- **Election of Vice Chair:** John Barker (nominated by Nigel Smith, seconded by Joe Smith)
- **Appointment of Committee and Representatives:**
- **General Purpose Committee:** Chair, V. Chair and all elected councillors
- **Memorial Hall Management:** Keith Slaughter
- **Poors Charity Trustees:** Joe Smith, Andy Church
- **East Suffolk Travellers Assoc:** Mary Dixon
- **Port of Felixstowe Liaison:** Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk
- **River Orwell Parishes:** Keith Slaughter
- **Brackenbury Sports Centre:** Heather Rodwell
- **Joint Committee with Trimley St Mary:** Chair, Vice Chair, D. Pither and Clerk
- **Trimley Marshes Group:** Vice Chair John Barker
- **Footpaths, River Orwell, Tree and Hedgerows:** Keith Slaughter, Berridge Eve, Carol Garrett, Julie Pither-Jones, Dave Pither
- **Countryside Working Party:** All elected councillors.

**The above committees were jointly proposed by Berridge Eve and seconded by Carol Garrett.**

## **Matters arising from minutes of May 2006 Meeting**

- a) **Memorial Hall Developments** - The Clerk brought Councillors up to date with the progress of the Memorial Hall improvement project and confirmed that this would be a joint project with the parish council and Memorial Hall Committee. The Parish Council had written to the builders accepting the contract and work is to commence on the 15<sup>th</sup> May. The Clerk has received correspondence from HM Customs confirming that the VAT element of the costs invoiced to the parish council can be recovered. As this was a joint project, a formal tender exercise was not necessary but alternative estimates were required and these have been duly sought. The costs of these were higher than those put forward by AL Walkers Ltd and the contract was awarded to AL Walkers. Councillor Slaughter advised that it was unlikely that the front door of the Hall could be re-used in its new position and therefore he would ask the builders to supply a new door, which had not previously been quoted for. Chair Nigel Smith thanked Councillor Slaughter for all his work in preparing the plans and liaising with the builder and Councillor Rodwell for her work in securing some of the funding.
- b) **Felixstowe Cemetery Costs** - The Clerk advised that she had attended a meeting with Felixstowe Town Clerk, the Felixstowe Town Clerk regarding the rising costs of burials at the cemetery. Currently the parish council pay a sum each year to Felixstowe Town Council such that 'single fees' only are paid for the cost of a burial and not the 'double' fees that would normally be due for persons being buried who had lived outside of the parish. Currently the single fees are in the region of £500 and thus would be £1000 if the parish council did not pay the subsidised fee, which this year amounted to £495.00. Felixstowe Town Clerk had suggested that between

a 7.5% - 10% increase be implemented each year to the subsidised fee payable by the parish council. Parish Councillors were in agreement with this. Felixstowe Town Clerk will confirm the exact increase once full Town Council has debated the matter. Any increase would be implemented commencing next year. On a separate note, councillors felt that information regarding the reduced fees should be inserted in the next edition of the Parish Pump.

- c) **Computer** - Further to discussions at the last meeting, the Clerk confirmed that a new computer has been purchased by the parish council for use by the Clerk.
- d) **Cable obstruction on the highway - Trimley High Road.** The Clerk advised that she was still awaiting advices from SCC regarding this matter. They had confirmed by letter that they had approached their legal department with regard to the best way of pursuing the matter. County Councillor John Goodwin requested full details of the matter such that he could investigate the current situation.
- e) **Mill Close/Heathfields** - Vice Chair Barker and Councillor Smith advised that following the resurfacing of Mill Close and Heath fields, there were parts of the surface, which were cracking and breaking up. They also reported that weeds had been growing up in these cracks in the middle of the road and also that there was excessive weed growth in the gutters. County Councillor John Goodwin asked to be emailed the details of this and arrangements would be made for a site visit to be made with SCC East Area Highways and parish council representatives

### **Community Police Officer Report**

- No report had been received.
- Councillor Slaughter advised councillors that there had been a spate of incidences in the Grimston Lane/Thorpe Lane area and he had wished to discuss these with the community policeman. The Clerk is to contact PC Gledhill to see if the Police are aware of the increase in crime in the area and whether patrols had been stepped up in this part of the village. Councillor Andy Church also brought to the council's attention the matter of older youths playing football on the small greens in Mill Close and annoying residents in the process. Councillors agreed that judging from previous experience, there was not a lot that could be done, but Councillor Church would contact PC Gledhill for any advice that he could give.

### **Public Question Time**

County Councillor John Goodwin provided councillors with a comprehensive run down of his recent work activities including the launch of the new 'motorcycle awareness' signs. He also highlighted the problems that had been incurred as a result of the new resurfacing at the Orwell roundabout in Felixstowe and told councillors of the 'shared concept' scheme which he had viewed first hand in Europe, whereby there were areas of roadways where there are no signs, traffic lights, road markings etc, and having been sceptical at first, was now a convert to the scheme! Councillor Goodwin also advised that locality budget money was now available if the parish council wished to apply.

### **Correspondence**

- **Suffolk County Council - SID Data.** The Clerk circulated the report from SCC regarding the data collected from the SID report which gave details of speed of vehicles through the village recorded during a two hour period in March
- **Trimley Bowls Club** - A letter had been received from the Bowls Club concerning resurfacing of the car park at the rear of the Memorial Hall and requesting whether the Parish Council would pay for the side entrance to be covered in the same way at a cost of £600. The Clerk is to write to the Bowls Club informing them that they are currently awaiting the outcome of a grant application to resurface the side entrance and once they had received the answer to their application, they would contact the bowls club.

## Planning Applications

**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

Plans were circulated to councillors and the general feeling was that the original design under CO5/1642 was actually better than the revised plans which had in fact been turned down by SCDC. The minimal size change does not appear to improve the overall design and there are concerns that it is too close to the neighbouring property.

**CO6/0707/OUT Proposal:** Use of land for residential development.

**Location:** Land rear of 77 to 85 Mill Lane and 53- 57 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin.

The Clerk gave details of the application to Councillors and also read to them a copy of letter that was attached to the application, written by a planning representation at SCDC to the applicants architects, outlining a number of points that needed clarification before the application could be properly considered. However, there was no further information contained in this application to the one previously submitted and Councillors felt that without the information, the application could not be properly considered and therefore the Clerk is to write to SCDC pointing this out to them.

## Planning Decisions

**CO6/0392/ful Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear extension and side porch and alterations to front of porch.

**Location:** 141 St Martins Green. Trimley St Martin - **granted** with conditions

**CO6/0370ful Proposal:** Erection of two-storey rear extension.

**Location:** 15 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin. - **granted**

**CO6/0417/ful Proposal:** Retention of single storey dwelling.

**Location:** 51 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin. - **granted** (with conditions)

## Highways and Footpaths

Councillors reported the following matters:

- a) Broken manhole cover in Thorpe Lane
- b) Small area of land between Cavendish Road and High Road - grass not being cut.
- c) Cut Leyland debris dumped on Howlett Way - pay to be removed.
- d) Protruding ironwork on drain cover at Mill Lane/High Road junction.
- e) Cavendish Road sign (Mill Lane end) sign intact but broken off supports.
- f) Grimston Lane sign missing.

The Clerk is to contact the relevant authorities with regard to the above.

Vice Chair Barker had reported to the Clerk that the grass cutting that had been carried out by Suffolk Coastal District Council was below standard and had resulted in large piles of cut grass being left. Councillors agreed that the haphazard cutting schedule at present being carried out was not acceptable. The Clerk is to contact Tim Collard at SCDC Contracts with a view to remedying the situation.

## Any other business

- a) The Clerk advised that the contract with Goslings Farm whereby they are responsible for the grass cutting and maintenance of the roundabout in return for small sign advertising was due for renewal. Councillors agreed to renew this for a further year. The Clerk and Vice Chair signed the contract on behalf of the parish council and Nigel Smith on behalf of Goslings Farm.
- b) The Clerk advised that she had received an email from a member of the public requesting to know if the play area at the Sports and Social Club was open to the use of the general public as well as the playing fields and tennis courts. The email also requested to know if the conifer trees in front of the building were protected in

any way. Discussion amongst councillors brought to light that the writer of the email was in fact believed to be on the committee of the Sports and Social Club although the writer did not mention this point. The Clerk is to obtain the answers to the points raised and reply to the email accordingly.

- c) Councillors discussed a publication date for the next edition of the Parish Pump. It was agreed that this should be at the end of June and therefore all contributions should be received by the 10<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.
- d) Councillor Slaughter advised that the "beach clean-up" carried out on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April had been successful and thanked the councillors that had been able to attend and help with the litter pick. Chair Nigel Smith thanked Councillor Slaughter for arranging the "beach clear up".
- e) The Clerk advised that she would not be available to take the minutes on the 6<sup>th</sup> June due to exam commitments and therefore the next parish council meeting would take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.