

## **Informal notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th March in the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin**

**Present:** Chairman John Barker, Councillors Heather Rodwell, Berridge Eve, Carol Garret, Dave Pither, John Sills, Peter Waller, Keith Slaughter, Frank Bell (late arrival – apologies received)

**Clerk:** Mrs Tracey Hunter

**By Invitation:** County Councillor John Goodwin, District Councillors Richard Kerry and Sherrie Green, PCSO Elizabeth Lake.

**Apologies:** Ian Cowan, Vice Chairman Joe Smith, DC Graham Harding.

Chairman John Barker started the meeting by welcoming new members to the parish council.

The first item of business was to elect officers of the council and these were as follows.

### **Election of Officers**

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>John Barker</b>
<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	<b>Berridge Eve</b>
<b>General Purposes Committee:</b>	All elected councillors
<b>Memorial Hall Management:</b>	Keith Slaughter
<b>Poors Charity Trustees:</b>	Joe Smith, Berridge Eve
<b>East Suffolk Travellers Assoc:</b>	John Sills
<b>Port of Felixstowe Local Authority Liaison:</b>	Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk
<b>River Orwell Parishes:</b>	Keith Slaughter
<b>Brackenbury Sports Centre:</b>	Heather Rodwell
<b>Joint Committee with Trimley St Mary Parish Council:</b>	Chair, Vice Chairman, Dave Pither & Clerk
<b>Footpaths/River/Tree/ Hedgerows:</b>	Keith Slaughter, Berridge Eve, Carol Garrett, John Sills, Peter Weller, & Frank Bell
<b>Countryside Working Party:</b>	All elected councillors

### **Declarations of Interest.**

The Clerk explained the importance of councillors declaring both personal and or prejudicial interests at the beginning of each and every meeting. She advised that Members Interests Forms would be shortly distributed once these had been received from SCDC and these should be completed and returned to the Clerk.

### **1Community Police Report**

- PCSO Liz Lake read the monthly crime report to councillors, which featured a number of vandalism against car crimes, for the month of April.
- Councillors also questioned PCSO Liz Lake about Operation Stack and

- The 'mini rave' down at the foreshore, from which resulted a large amount of rubbish being left behind.

**Suffolk County Councillor Report:**

- John Goodwin gave a verbal report, which included items on Operation Stack and the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.
- He also advised that he had been elected onto the Felixstowe Town Council and his wife Angel Goodwin onto both the Felixstowe Town and Suffolk Coastal District Council.

**Suffolk Coastal District Councillors Report:**

- No report, as the District Council elections had only taken place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
- Chairman John Barker welcomed Richard Kerry to his first meeting as a District Councillor.

**Matters Arising From April 2007 Meeting:**

1. **Operation Stack** – The Clerk advised that she had received an email from Andrew Osman (Head of Emergency Planning at SCC), who was awaiting feedback from Suffolk Police over Operation Stack which had again been put into force on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, just the day before this meeting. It was discussed that again, Operation Stack was not working effectively since lorries and cars were using both lanes of the A14 and cars were continuing to travel through the Trimley Villages, in turn, causing major disruption and long delays. The Clerk is to write to Andrew Osman with the council's concerns regarding the implementation of Operation Stack.
2. **Acoustic Barriers** – Councillor Peter Waller raised the issue of acoustic barriers stating that he felt they should be extended further than was planned, to help dampen the noise from the traffic for residents living on the outer edges of the village. However, Chairman John Barker advised that a study had been carried out by the noise consultant for POF and that barriers were only effective for properties that were situated close to the barriers themselves and not properties further away, as the noise merely travels over the top of the barriers. The Clerk confirmed that the acoustic barrier scheme would only be put into force if and when the railway dualling was given the go-ahead, which in turn would mark the start of the Felixstowe Reconfiguration scheme.
3. **High Tides** – Councillor Peter Waller also expressed his concern at the high tides that were occurring down at the river foreshore. He felt that we ought to write to the relevant authorities to express our concerns, especially in respect of the dredging around the Port and the Clerk advised that she would be drafting a letter to the Harwich Haven Authority with the assistance of the ex-chairman Nigel Smith who had raised this issue at the previous meeting. The Clerk also advised that Steven Bracewell of HHA had in fact offered to run a short presentation regarding dredging the coastline and the Clerk is to make enquiries as to whether such a meeting can be arranged.

**Correspondence:**

1. **Felixstowe Branch Line** – The Clerk advised that she had received confirmation from Persona Associates that the enquiry would be resumed again on the 15<sup>th</sup> May but that it would be adjourned immediately again and re-resume on the 26<sup>th</sup> June
2. **Standards Board for England** – The Clerk advised that a new model Code of Conduct had come into force on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May and should be adopted by councils by the 1<sup>st</sup> October. The Clerk directed councillors to the relevant website in order that they may look at the code. It was also recommended by the Standards Board that the code be adopted un-amended with one exception, paragraph 12(2) which relates to prejudicial interests. The Clerk advised that she would study the new model code in more detail with a view to it being adopted at a future meeting of the parish council.
3. **Suffolk County Council Highways** – The Clerk advised of a temporary road closure of part of Capel Hall Lane from the 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May.

4. **Allianz-Cornhill** – The Clerk advised that the parish council insurance was due for renewal on the 1<sup>st</sup> June at a premium of £487.27 and it was agreed by councillors to renew the policy accordingly.

### Planning Applications

- **CO7/0700/ful Location: 32 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin-** Proposal: Erection of detached garage. (revised scheme to CO6/1999) - *no objections made to planning permission being granted.*
- **CO7/0725/ful Location: 57 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin -** Proposal: Erection of two-storey rear extension - *no objections made to planning permission being granted.*
- **CO7/0784/ful Location: Marantha, Thorpe Lane, Trimley St Martin -** Proposal: Erection of a double garage. *no objections made to planning permission being granted*

### Planning Decisions

- **CO7/0322/ful Location: 68 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin -** Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension. **Granted**
- **C06/2260/ful Location: 22A Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin -** Proposal: Erection of first-floor side extension, single storey rear extension and porch. **Granted**

**C07/0386/FUL Location: 19 Meadow Close, Trimley St Martin -** Proposal: Erection of single-storey side extension (re-submission of CO6/2200) **Granted.**

### Highways and Footpaths

1. The Clerk advised that she had contacted SCDC with regard to certain areas of Howlett Way and the rear of the Memorial Hall where grass was not being cut. SCDC had advised that the grass cutting team at SCDC would address these.
2. Councillor Frank Bell brought up the issue of overgrown footpaths across fields, in particular the one opposite the Hand in Hand which the clerk identified as footpath 32. Other councillors agreed that many of the footpaths were severely overgrown and the Chairman suggested that the footpaths committee check out the ones that required attention, report them to the Clerk and she in turn would contact the landowners/farmers concerned.
3. A report of overgrown foliage outside a property in Old Kirton Road was also made; the Clerk will contact SCC regarding this.
4. A report of several black bags that had been 'flytipped' on the corner of Morston Hall Road was made and the Clerk will contact SCDC regarding this matter.

### Any Other Business

1. **Memorial Hall Dispensation:** The Clerk advised that a new Dispensation Form had to be signed by the new council in respect of any discussion taking place regarding the Memorial Hall, since all councillors, as part of the Parish Council were Trustees of the Hall and therefore had prejudicial interests in this respect. The form was circulated at the meeting for signatures.
2. **Ex-Chairman Nigel Smith** – The Clerk put forward the suggestion that to mark the long term in office held by Nigel Smith as both a councillor and chairman, in excess of 28yrs, that a village seat be purchased, marked with a plaque noting the term in office of Nigel Smith, and duly situated somewhere in the village for the benefit of local residents. This was agreed by all those present and the Clerk is to make enquiries as to the cost and proposed location of the bench.

3. **Councillor Frank Bell** advised that Councillor Cowan, had requested him in his absence, to raise the issue of the agenda item 115(d) as minuted in the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007, regarding the point he had made about stakeholders in the Statement of Community document. Chairman Barker advised that since Sherrie Green had since left the meeting, it was not possible to ask if she had been able to ascertain the information requested. The Clerk advised that she would contact Steven Brown herself directly to obtain the information that Councillor Cowan had initially requested.
4. **Councillor Keith Slaughter** raised the issue of the continuing problem of litter down at the foreshore and advised he would liaise with the local farmer about getting the litter receptacles up to the farm for collection by SCDC refuse collectors. It was also stated that the gate, which accessed the route down to the river, was not locked and therefore cars were continuing to park down at the foreshore. Chairman John Barker will make enquires with Nigel Smith about whether the gate can be locked or whether it does have in fact to be left unlocked in the event of emergency vehicles having to gain access to the foreshore area.