

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

Present: Chairman John Barker, Vice Chairman Joe Smith, Councillors Nigel Smith, David Beale, Keith Slaughter, Berridge Eve, Heather Rodwell, Julie Pither-Jones, Dave Pither, Carol Garrett, Ian Cowan

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Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

Apologies: Suffolk District Councillor Sherrie Green, PC Dave Gledhill.

By Invitation: Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk District Councillor Mary Dixon, and Inspector Steve Gallant

Declarations of Interest: Councillor Nigel Smith declared a prejudicial interest in an item under Planning Decisions but since the item was not discussed and merely noted as a decision on a planning application, Councillor Smith remained in the room.

Matter Arising from the minutes of the October 2006 meeting

- i. Latest update on LDF – The Clerk advised that she had received the notes on the meeting with Stephen Brown that had taken place on the 11th October at the Memorial Hall (Appendix A) and a copy of these had been issued to each parish council member. It had been suggested at this meeting with Stephen Brown, that a copy of our Local Plan Submission and our response to the Trinity Vision be sent to all the LDF Task Group members together with a letter from the parish council stating their concerns that their views do not appear to have been taken into account at previous LDF meetings. The Clerk confirmed that such correspondence had been sent to the SCDC members as instructed. The Chairman asked parish councillors if they wished to comment on the notes of the meeting and discussion took place with regard to the fact that it appeared they correctly covered the points raised with Stephen Brown and that he had taken note of these and they had been presented at the meeting of the LDF Task group on the 16th October. Councillors were not reassured however that their views were being seriously taken notice of, even if the minutes had shown that they had been 'noted'. It was also of some concern that the housing figures which had been queried at the meeting with Stephen Brown and which had also been referred to in the parish council's letter emailed to the councillors had not been addressed at this meeting. The LDF Task group are to meet again on the 15th November to further discuss the Core Strategy Preferred Options and once parish councillors are able to view the minutes of this meeting, it was suggested that a GP& F meeting be convened to discuss these and also to compose a response which would be sent to the SCDC Cabinet Members who would be considering the document before it goes out for public consultation. Councillor Ian Cowan then informed those present that he had heard that Trimley St Mary Parish Council would be holding one of their regular Strategy meetings on Monday 13th November to further discuss the LDF and that it was their intention to invite the Chairman of the LDF Task Group, Andy Smith, to this meeting or at a future date to discuss the options being considered and that a press notice on behalf of both parish councils be released confirming this. Councillor Ian Cowan suggested that this parish council should also be present at this proposed meeting. However, District Councillor Mary Dixon advised that she was not aware of any such proposal to extend an invitation to Andy Smith to attend a meeting, having been put forward at the Trimley St Mary PC meeting on the 6th November of which she had been in attendance and therefore the Clerk was asked to contact the Trimley St Mary clerk to ascertain the correct situation. Councillors agreed however, that should Trimley St Mary Parish Council extend such an invitation, then it would be beneficial for this parish council to also be in attendance.

- ii. POF Transport Order – The Clerk advised councillors that she had received correspondence from DLA Piper in respect of the POF Transport and Works Order, which confirmed that it was a typographical error, which showed the proposed closure of Thorpe Lane when it should have been Grimston Lane.

Community Police Officer's Report:

Sector Inspector Commander Gallant attended this meeting to present to councillors, details of the proposed changes to the future of policing which was in fact a national initiative and one, which would come into effect from the end of February 2007. Each area would now be divided into sectors (Trimley villages falling within the Colnies peninsular) and would be fronted by a Sector Sergeant with 4/5 police constables and 3 community support officers. This would be in addition to the 24/7 cover provided by the 999 response policing. Community Task Group meetings would also be set up which would include statutory partners such as parish/town councils, SCC, SCDC, Fire Brigade e.t.c. which would highlight the particular problems that each sector area could be experiencing. Councillors asked Inspector Gallant a number of questions about the forthcoming proposals and overall felt that the new scheme could be better for the village and not any worse than was currently being experienced.

Inspector Gallant also read to councillors details of the crime for the month of October in the village which was restricted to just two incidences.

Public Question Time:

- Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin gave a verbal report to councillors of the committees that he had recently attended and also took details of the complaints being made with regard to the public bus shelter, the issue of which was raised by a member of the public.
- Suffolk District Councillor Mary Dixon verbally provided councillors with figures regarding the recent report on recycling and the Suffolk area is achieving good results in respect of this. The new twin bin scheme is going well with a 100% take up rate and 99.9% of bins being collected.
- Public Questions – Two members of the public advised councillors that the bus shelter along from the Hand in Hand public house was in a terrible state and needed a good clean. The Clerk had in fact already made enquires with regard to the steam cleaning of the shelter but the cost was excessive at £350, although John Goodwin advised that locality money could pay for this, if that was the route the parish council wished to go. However, after much discussion it was decided that the Clerk would contact SCDC to see if they had a sanitation department that could offer a cleaning service and also, that enquires be made to see if the shelter could be amended perhaps by removing some brickwork at the sides such that the shelter was not so enclosed. The Clerk is also to contact SCC to enquire as to whether the shelter can be removed and a Perspex one is put in its place.

Correspondence:

- Robinson and Hall – Haven Gateway- Redundant Buildings Survey. The Clerk gave councillors details of this but Councillor N. Smith advised that he had received a similar survey as had other local farmers in the area and that any redundant buildings would most likely be covered under these surveys.
- Suffolk Wildlife Trust – Membership renewal. Councillors agreed to renew the membership at the cost of £30.00 for a further year.
- Atkins Highways – Bridge Survey to complete. The Clerk to complete.

Planning Applications:

CO6/1894 Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension (revised scheme to CO4/0708) new canopy and bay window on front elevation and erection of single storey rear extension at 85 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin.- Looked at by Councillors, no objections made.

CO6/1999/ful Proposal: Erection of detached garage at 32 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin - Looked at by Councillors, no objections made.

CO6/2036 Proposal: Erection of detached single garage and erection of single-storey rear extension at 2 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin - Looked at by Councillors and by a majority decision, councillors were not supportive of the application in that they felt the rear extension would be far too imposing on the neighbouring property. The Clerk advised that this was also the view of the neighbours who had looked at the plans prior to the meeting.

Planning Decisions:

CO6/1510/ful Proposal: Erection of single and two storey rear extension at 14 Ashground Close, Trimley St Martin - granted

CO6/1493/FUL Proposal: Conversion and alteration of existing dwelling to form flats (renewal of planning permission CO1.1053) resubmissions of planning application CO6/1008) at Longford House, High Road, Trimley St Martin - granted

Street Lighting:

It was reported that most of the lighting on the Trimley Flyover was not working.

Highways and Footpaths:

- Mr Dunningham, the bus shelter cleaner had reported that the bin inside the Hand In Hand bus shelter had been set alight and that a dog bin was needed in the area of the Howlett Way brick bus shelter as doggy bags had been left in the shelter. Councillors agreed that since there was not a dog bin in the immediate vicinity, that one be purchased.
- The Clerk advised that the dog bin had been replaced at the A14 footbridge and a new dog bin will be attached to the footpath post on the High Road once the post flag has been replaced with new style.
- The Clerk was informed that there had been SCDC workers tending the landscaped area around the roundabout and since the parish council have the licence for this, the Clerk was asked to check with SCDC why these workers were in this area of the village.

Any Other Business:

- The Clerk informed councillors that following a meeting with herself and members of the Memorial Hall Committee that finances for the final payment of the improvement works had been completed, with the Hall committee being in the financial position to be able to settle the final account without further funds being required from the parish council. However, there is still the issue of supplying water to the new kitchen and the possibility that a system be put in place that could both provide this service and also at a later date, supply new radiators in the hall, which would replace the existing heaters. The Clerk reminded councillors that they had agreed that if the hall required further funding, this could be taken from the Village Amenity Fund Reserve. Since the parish council would be able to claim VAT on any works that were paid by them from their own funds, and the Memorial Hall had exhausted the donated funds for the improvement work, then the cost of providing the water supply to the kitchen, would be borne by the parish council. Councillor Rodwell is in the process of obtaining quotations for the cost of the work and will give details of these to councillors at a future meeting.

- Councillor Heather Rodwell requested to know if the small areas of grass were still going to be covered in shingle as the weeds were growing and cars were parking on these areas. Councillor Nigel Smith advised that the Bowls Club were currently in the process of laying some hard core on the rear car park and this should extend to cover these areas.
- The Chairman asked that any submissions for the Parish Pump be provided by not later than the 15th November such that the issue could be put together for printing and then distribution via the Town Crier.
- The Clerk reminded councillors of the November 11th Remembrance Service at Reeve Lodge. Councillor Slaughter will lay the wreath at the church service on the 12th November on behalf of the parish council.
- The Clerk reminded councillors of the date of the Reeve Lodge Christmas Evening had been arranged for the 14th December. This parish council is to provide food this year, details to be taken at the next parish council meeting.
- The Memorial Hall requested that a 12ft tree be provided by the parish council for the outside of the Hall, with the Memorial Hall paying for an artificial tree for the inside of the Hall. Councillors also agreed to the purchase of replacement outside lights for the outdoor tree at a cost of not exceeding £50.00.
- Councillor Beale confirmed that he would be attending the Orwell Housing Seminar on the 17th November on behalf of the parish council.

The meeting on 5th December would start at the later time of 7.45pm; this was due to the "lighting up Ceremony" for the Memorial Hall Christmas tree, which would be at 6.30pm.