

Matters of Interest from Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 4th October 2003

Present: Chairman Nigel Smith, Vice Chairman John Barker, Keith Slaughter, Joe Smith, Andy Church, Carol Garrett, Berridge Eve.

Clerk: Mrs T. Hunter

By invitation: Mary Dixon

Apologies: Heather Rodwell, Patricia O'Brien

Declarations of Interest

None Declared.

New Councillor

The Chairman welcomed Berridge Eve to his first Parish Council meeting, following his co-option at the General Purpose and Finance meeting on the 22nd September

Matters Arising from the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

nb: Due to the previous Declaration of Interest made by the Chairman at the meeting of Monday 1st September, the Vic-Chairman took the chair for this item.

- a) All councillors had received a copy of the draft response to SCDC in respect of the Trinity Vision and it was agreed that this be sent to SCDC. A copy of this is to be sent to Tim Collins of Bidwells, District Councillor Mary Dixon, Sue Robinson the Felixstowe Town Clerk and to Lorraine Dickson, the Clerk for Trimley St Mary.
- b) Following the letter received from SCDC dated the 23rd September 2003, with regard to the submission that had been made by the Limes and Grange Farm Estate to SCDC in December 2002, the Clerk was requested to write to SCDC asking that the Parish Council be kept informed promptly in future, of any further submissions that they may receive. It was felt that this was of paramount importance, such that the residents may be kept informed of any developments that may occur.
- c) The Parish Council had been in contact with the agents for the Limes and Grange Farm Estate requesting to know whether in light of the Trinity submission, they would be withdrawing their own submission. An emailed reply from them was read out to the Council, which briefly stated that their representations were to the Issues Paper only and that a further round of more formal representations will be required once the Authority publicise either a Deposit copy of the Review Local Plan or a draft Local Development Framework. However, they did also confirm that they are now working with Bidwells in pursuing their interests so far as they relate to the planning framework.
- d) A brief resume of the visit by John Gummer to the Parish on the 3rd October was given and it would appear that his concern with the Planning Framework was the amount of greenfield sites that this would be using and not brownfield which was the Government's main aim with regard to building development

Matters arising from the September 1st meeting

- **Harbour Revision Order:** Having contacted the Port following our last meeting with regard to obtaining further information regarding this matter, the Port have invited Councillors to see a model of the proposed scheme, see a short video and also to visit the site. The Clerk is to arrange a suitable time for this.
- The Clerk has arranged for three new bus shelters in the village to be cleaned

- **Link Road:** The Clerk has received correspondence from SCDC requesting to know the new name for the Link Road, but despite several suggestions, a final name could not be decided on. Councillors were asked to put forward names for discussion at the next meeting.

Community Police Officer's Report

- PC Gledhill reported that crimes in the village had been minimal and he felt that this had coincided with the increased regular foot patrols that were being carried out in the village. Regular checks were being made at dropping off and picking up times at both Trimley Schools, although it was pointed out by him, that the amount of vehicles being parked in these areas, did in fact, act as a natural traffic calming effect, especially on the High Road.

SCC & SCDC Councillors' Reports

- The County Councillor Patricia O'Brien had sent her apologies for the meeting and the Clerk read her report at the meeting which included the subject of the build up of traffic on the 7 Hills roundabout at busy times, reaching along to the main A14. Monitoring had taken place but showed that traffic was not spilling onto the A14 highway, although if anyone had any anecdotal evidence to the contrary, the SCC would be pleased to hear from him or her. She also reported on the apparent problems that the public have encountered when trying to contact Suffolk Police HQ in respect of non -999 incidents. A Police Forum takes place on October 23rd when residents can air their grievances.
- Mary Dixon reported that there had been major staff changes at SCDC following the unrest, which had been the result of Consultants being employed to re-organise the Councils working practices. A number of senior management were not happy with the results of the report and as a result had retired/resigned and there were a number of high profile vacancies at SCDC, not least the one of Chief Executive.

Correspondence

- SCDC letter – re: Refuse Collection services – A major review of these services is to take place and Councillors were asked to make any relevant comments with regard to the collection of all types of refuse.

Planning Applications

- **CO3/1862** Proposal: Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed development: conversion of existing garage to living accommodation. Location: 57 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin. **Decision:** Councillors were unaware of why a Certificate of Lawfulness was required for this and Mary Dixon is to make enquiries into this. However, Councillors had no objection to the application.
- **CO3/1875:** Erection of one detached bungalow (amended scheme to previously approved under C98/1206) Location: 14a High Hall Close, Trimley St Martin. **Decision:** It was recalled that when this was previously presented to the council some five years ago, that it was deemed to be unacceptable for a property to be built on such a small piece of land available. The Clerk is to research the past records and advise SCDC accordingly of our views.

Planning Decisions

- **C03/1403 Proposal:** Conversion and extension to existing garage to form annexe. Location: Black Mill House, 196 Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin. **GRANTED SCDC: Supplementary Planning Guidance N 16 House Alterations and Extensions.**

Highways & Footpaths

- Whilst the Clerk has not received a reply to her letter from Network Rail concerning the problems at the crossings, The Chairman reported that following his telephone call made from the trackside phone, a representative had been to look at the problems and whilst he was there, the crossing barriers failed to lift following the train going through. It was hoped that as a result of this, some action might now be taken to rectify the problem.
- It was reported that the dog bins did not appear to be being emptied regularly enough and the Clerk is to report this and find out the time schedules and perhaps have these increased.
- The problem of litter in general was discussed and in particular the Link Road. The Clerk had already been in contact with SCDC on their Litter Hotline to try and arrange for a litter pick in the village.
- It was reported that vehicles were being parked indiscriminately along Mill Lane near to the High Road junction, especially when their were meetings being held at the Methodist Church and the Clerk is to ask PC Gledhill to perhaps make patrols at these times in order to perhaps sort out this problem.

Other Matters

- **Locality Budget-** Further discussion took place with regard to this years locality budget and the decision was made to spend this on a new notice board and signage for the village.
- **Village Amenity Fund:** Councillor Rodwell had asked the Clerk in her absence to raise the matter of resurfacing the driveway along the side of the Memorial Hall and perhaps to use funds from the Village Amenity Fund. However, after much discussion, it was felt that since this driveway was used in the main by the Bowls Club members to reach the Clubhouse, which prior to the new building being erected had no previous vehicle access, (it now has parking for at least two disabled spaces), and that a £500 donation had already been made to them for the building, that the Village Amenity Fund was to be used for the benefit of the whole village and not just members of a Club.
- **Parish Pump:** It was decided that the next edition of the Parish Pump be distributed at the end of November/beginning of December and that a copy of the SCDC response to the Trinity Vision be included
- **Remembrance Day:** The Clerk informed the Councillors of the Remembrance Day service, which takes place on Tuesday 11th November.