

Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2005 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin.

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

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By invitation: Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Mary Dixon, and Pc Jim Kerr.

Apologies: David Beale, Heather Rodwell, and Berridge Eve.

Matters arising from September meeting

- Concept for the village: Correspondence had been received from Neil Lister of Suffolk Coasts and Heaths and the Chairman Nigel Smith had subsequently spoken to him about the contents which basically outlined the next course of action to take along with information on grant funding. SC&H advised that before matters can be taken further with our 'concept' for the village, permission would have to be gained from the Landowners, Trinity College. It was discussed that a working party of councillors with an invitation to past parish councillor Doug Hart whose knowledge of the local footpath area would be welcomed, could be set up, to try to push forward with the concept and further discussion on this would take place at the next meeting.
- Felixstowe Masterplan: The Clerk had circulated an email to Councillors which she had received from Peter Chambers of David Lock Associates with regard to their currently producing a draft final report in respect of the Masterplan. Parish Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction that they did not feel that they had been properly consulted with regard to the importance of the surrounding villages to Felixstowe and wished to register their concerns with this to SCDC. The Clerk is to write to Stephen Brown with a copy to Felixstowe Town Council.

Community Police Officer's Report

Pc Kerr reported on the incidents that had occurred during the month of September and also advised Councillors that the Community Police Officers had started to use the speed guns within the Trimley villages. It appears that most of those who had been caught travelling in excess of the speed limit were actually Trimley residents and for the first week of its operation, verbal warnings would be given, with tickets issued thereafter.

Public Question Time

- a) Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin reported that the recent Fire Service dispute had been settled and on the same subject, a new Deputy Chief Fire Officer had been employed, of which CC Goodwin had been part of the interviewing team. He also gave details of the Public Transport meeting that takes place on the 13th October and also left with the Clerk for circulation to Councillors, literature on a number of issues, which may be of interest to them.
- b) Suffolk District Councillors Report. - Mary Dixon brought to the Councillors attention, results of the Waste Management Survey which they had taken part in as a Council. The outcome of this will be considered by SCDC over the coming months to see how best to proceed.
- c) Public Questions - Following on from Mary's report, there were a number of questions with regard to different types of recycling, in particular a member of the public enquired as to the best place to dispose of unwanted paint tins since these could not be collected in the usual refuse collection, nor taken to the local recycling centre. Mary will make enquiries into this.

Planning Applications

CO5/1597/FUL Proposal: Erection of garage on parking spaces. - **Location:** Parking area between 25 and 27 Jasmine Close, Trimley St Martin - Councillors to carry out a site visit to check suitability of site.

CO5/1773/FUL Proposal: Retention of single storey dwelling. (Revised scheme) - **Location:** 51 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin.

The Clerk reported that this was in respect of the property which has been built contrary to the planning application number CO5/1340 which has recently been subject to a stop notice and a meeting by the SCDC South Sub-control committee. Councillors discussed the new application and felt that their views had not changed from those discussed at their planning meeting on the 23rd August, since it appeared that the property had been built which would enable first floor accommodation to be utilised. (Some work has already been carried out to indicate this intent). Councillors felt the only way forward was for SCDC to impose a condition under this application that the roof space must only be used for storage purposes and that any request to alter this must be subject to a separate planning application.

Planning Decisions

CO5/1340/FUL Proposal: Retention of single-storey dwelling - **Location;** 51 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin. **Refused** as contrary to Policies AP34, AP30 and AP19.

CO5/1526/FUL Proposal: Single Storey rear extension - **Location:** 300 High Road, Trimley St Martin.
PERMISSION GRANTED

Street Lighting

Trimley St Martin Primary school crossing amber flashing lights still out, Clerk to report to SCC.

Highways and Footpaths

- a) An email had been received from SCC advising that the footpath 39 leading to the pump house has been cleared
- b) The Clerk advised that the paths in Mill Close had been cleared of weeds and that a weed spray operation had been carried out on the gutters in Mill Close and Heathfields, although some Councillors who had witnessed the work being done were less than impressed by its efficiency.
- c) Correspondence had been received from Guy Pearse stating that reflector posts would be installed on the Mill Lane/High Road pavement.
- d) It was reported that a burger van had been parked outside premises with a cable leading from this to the property, which it was felt, constituted a health and safety issue and the Clerk is to write to the appropriate authorities regarding this.
- e) It had been noted that there appears to be a large number of patrons parking their vehicles outside of the Hand in Hand public house on the High Road, rather than using the car park provided at the rear of the premises. The Clerk is to write to the Landlord asking that he encourage his customers to use the proper facilities.
- f) Vice Chairman John Barker felt that SCDC had not kept to the fortnightly grass cutting schedule that was promised and asked that the Parish Council make enquiries as to whether it may be more beneficial to take on the grass cutting of Howlett Way themselves, in return for the appropriate financial reimbursement. It was pointed out that due to the large grass cutting work undertaken by Suffolk Council Services overall, that reimbursement would not be financially adequate but the Clerk is to discuss the matter with Tim Collard at SCDC.
- g) The Clerk is to contact Tim Collins at Bidwells with regard to the fencing along Howlett Way which was damaged recently by fire and which needs replacing.

Any other business

- a) The Clerk read to Councillors the email she had received from Heather Rodwell with regard to the Memorial Hall committee's decision regarding the revised plans for the improvements to the Hall. Councillor Slaughter then showed the plans to those present and all agreed that this was the way ahead. A price for the work was being sought and it was hoped to have this by the November meeting such that Councillors may discuss how the funds would be put together for this project.
- b) The Clerk reported that Trimley St Mary Parish Council had agreed to pay 50% of the maintenance costs of Howlett Way along with 50% of the two strimmings of the long grass along this road, one of which had already been carried out and one to be arranged for the end of the season.
- c) The Clerk reported that she would be attending a meeting at the Port to discuss the latest issues regarding the proposed railway dualling and that she will be accompanied to this by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- d) The Clerk gave details to Councillors of the Remembrance Service at the commemorative sign situated at Reeve Lodge on the 11th November and also the Carols service on the 15th December at Reeve Lodge.
- e) The next issue of the Parish Pump would be delivered at the end of November and editorials for this must be forwarded to John Barker for inclusion by the 5th November.
- f) The Clerk advised that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on the 8th November at the Methodist Church.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.