

**Matters of interest from Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held at the Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Chairman Nigel Smith, Vice-Chairman J. Barker, Keith Slaughter, Joe Smith, Dave Pither, Julie Pither-Jones, Carol Garrett.

**Clerk:** Mrs Tracey Hunter

**By invitation:** Mary Dixon

**Apologies:** Heather Rodwell, Andy Church, David Beale, Berridge Eve, County councillor Patricia O'Brien

**Declarations of Interest:**

Prejudicial interests were noted from all Councillors present in respect of the planning application CO4/1698, since all Councillors are Trustees of the Memorial Hall.

Nigel Smith declared a prejudicial interest in respect of the proposed idea of a new rail crossing on footpath No 1 from High Road to the river and the idea of a new footpath from Alston Hall to the River

**Matters Arising from the Minutes of the September Meeting**

1. **Port Liaison Meeting-** Nigel Smith and John Barker reported on the Port Liaison meeting attended by them on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Councillors were told of the Port's intentions of dualling the railway track into and out of the Port through Trimley, whilst keeping within the existing fenced area. Other matters discussed were the Dock Spur roundabout and the Highway Agency's refusal to consider traffic light installation, which had been put to them. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged between the two Trimley parishes, Felixstowe Town Council and Kirton and Falkenham to discuss the way forward with regard to safety measures being implemented at the Dock Spur roundabout. Representatives at the Port had advised that they would try and instigate a meeting with the Highways Agency but were not optimistic of the outcome. Full minutes of the Port Liaison meeting were circulated to members.
2. **Acoustic barriers** – A brief report was given on the meeting attended by Nigel Smith and John Barker and the Clerk circulated a copy of the letter, which had been sent to all properties bordering the A14. Residents had been asked their views on the proposal to put 4 metre high acoustic barriers along the A14 through Trimley St Mary and Trimley St Martin. Tear-off slip replies are to be sent to the relevant Clerks by the 18<sup>th</sup> October such that they may be forwarded to the Port in support or objection to the project.

**Community Police Report**

The Clerk read the report. This referred to two incidents, which had occurred in September.

**Public Question Time**

- The Clerk read Clerk read a report from the County councillor.
- Mary Dixon, SCDC councillor reported that SCDC were awaiting the comprehensive assessment report, which will be issued as a result of the performance assessment recently carried out by the Audit Commission in respect of the services provided by SCDC. Training was currently taking place in respect of the Freedom of Information Act and as a result of this, more information is to be contained on the SCDC web site.
- A member of the public raised concerns regarding an overgrowing Oak Tree in Cavendish Road. The Clerk is to make enquiries regarding this.

- Mention was made of the high standard of grass cutting in the local churchyards, which is carried out by SCDC.

### Correspondence

- The Clerk reported on a letter received from a resident concerning the proposed alterations to the “parking restrictions” adjacent to Trimley St Martin Primary School in the Kirton direction.
- The Clerk reported on the three-month speed report, which had been carried out by the Highways Agency in respect of the lorry speeding sign on the A14 at the approach to the dock spur roundabout. Councillors agreed that the report did not seem to reflect the true picture of this scheme, since the study was made of just 124 lorries during a two-hour period. The full report was circulated to Councillors.

### Planning Applications

- **CO/4 1711 Proposal:** Erection of existing flat roofs with pitched and dormer windows, erection of a new detached garage and resiting of existing store. Location -- The Orchard, 49 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin – No objections
- CO4/1698 Proposal: Alterations and extensions to provide improved facilities, including those for the disabled. Location: Memorial Hall - No comments made as Declaration of Interests made by all Councillors as Trustees of Memorial Hall.
- **CO4/1801 Proposal:** Erection of single-storey extension to side and rear. - Location: 52 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin. – Looked at by Councillors and whilst no objections to actual plans of the property, concern was raised with regard to the increase in on-street parking as the garage is being demolished.
- **CO4/1802 Proposal:** Erection of two storey rear extension together with alterations (re-submission) Location: 1 Meadow Close, Trimley St Martin - whilst no objections to actual plans of the property, concern was raised with regard to the possibility of increased on-street parking.
- **CO4/1850 Proposal:** Application for Certificate of Lawfulness –Construction of a conservatory to rear of property - Location: 1 Brick Kiln Close, Trimley St Martin. No objections made.

### Planning decisions

- **CO4/1488** Proposal: Use of land for the erection of one bungalow with integral garage. Location: Land at the rear of 25-27 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin. **Refused**
- **CO4/1491** Proposal: Erection of single Storey rear extension - Location: 12 St Martins Green, Trimley St Martin. **Granted**
- **CO4/1358** Proposal: Erection of one dwelling (existing bungalow to be demolished) Revised scheme - Location: 51 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin. **Granted - subject to conditions**

### Highways and Footpaths

- Councillor Slaughter reported that the Rights of Way improvement plan had been completed and advised Councillors that there was a question on the form, which asked what one main improvement would be beneficial to the local community. Councillor Slaughter put forward a suggestion that an underpass (under the railway line) at Footpath 1 be installed for local farm traffic and cyclists/walkers. Another suggestion was made of putting in a

footpath, which runs from Alston Hall to the River. (See under Declarations of Interests). Following a majority vote by Councillors present, it was decided to opt for the underpass. Councillor Slaughter will complete the relevant details.

- Mention was made of an overgrown footpath opposite the Hand in Hand, cutting of which is the responsibility of SCC and the Clerk is to make enquiries with regard to this.
- Councillors expressed their gratitude to Andrew Schofield, a local resident who has voluntarily cleared the footpath along the side of Mill Close to the High Road and disposed of all the debris from this area. The Clerk is to write with the Council's thanks.
- Signs have been vandalised on the roundabout and the Clerk is to contact SCC with regard to these being replaced.

#### Any Other Business

- **Locality Budget** – CC Patricia O'Brien has asked Councillors for suggestions to be made with regard to her locality budget and it was suggested that in view of the proposed improvements to the Memorial Hall, that it be put towards this. The Clerk is to write to the County Councillor accordingly.
- **Next issue of Parish Pump**– Since nothing further had been heard with regard to the Local Plan nor any further details of the revised Trinity 'Vision' it was decided to delay the publishing of the next issue of the Parish Pump until the beginning of December.
- **The Clerk** gave early notice of the upcoming Remembrance Service, which would take place on the Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November together with the provisional date of the Reeve Lodge Carol service scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> December.
- **The next Parish Council** meeting will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.