

Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2006 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin

Present: Nigel Smith, John Barker, Heather Rodwell, Joe Smith, Berridge Eve, Keith Slaughter, Carol Garrett, David Beale

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

Present by Invitation: Suffolk district Councillor Mary Dixon and Pc Dave Gledhill

Apologies: Julie Pither-Jones, Dave Pither and Suffolk county Councillor John Goodwin

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

The Clerk advised those present that she had received a letter from the Chairman Nigel Smith stating that he wished to resign as Chairman but remain a member of the council. The Clerk read the letter to the councillors and the process of electing a new Chairman followed this. Nigel Smith nominated the current Vice Chairman John Barker and Heather Rodwell seconded him. John Barker thanked Nigel Smith for being an excellent Chairman and stated that he was sorry to see him resign but understood his reasons for doing so. John Barker accepted the role of Chairman, which left a vacancy for Vice Chair, which was filled by Joe Smith who was nominated by David Beale and seconded by Carol Garret.

Declarations of Interest.

No new declarations were made

Matters Arising from the September 2006 Meeting

Election – The Clerk advised councillors that she had been receiving the various notices from SCDC with regard to the forthcoming election and these had been duly placed on the notice boards outside the Memorial Hall and the Trimley St Martin School. It had been decided to proceed with the issue of polling cards to attract as many people as possible to vote, since the cost of the election was likely to be in the region of £750.00 and it was suggested that a press release be given to the local paper to provide information about the election and the prospective candidates.

Local Development Framework – Councillors discussed the latest minutes of the Local Development Framework Task Group's last meeting on the 26th July whereby six options had been put forward with regard to identifying the spatial distribution of housing across the district as a whole and it would appear that Option 6 seemed to be the preferred option which was shown as: - *“to exceed the RSS requirements in order that the future planning of the Ipswich Policy Area and Felixstowe/Trimleys can take place without being constrained by ceilings on housing numbers”*. District Councillor Mary Dixon who had been at this meeting, explained that she had emphasised the need for phasing any development to take place in other areas first to ensure that it did not go straight into Trimley first, but she felt that her comments had not been reflected properly in the minutes and she would query this. Parish councillors discussed the contents of the minutes and felt that the Option 6 was getting towards the Scenario 4 shown in the David Lock Report which had been carried out earlier in the year on behalf of SCDC and the Felixstowe Town Council and likewise were very similar, although not quite the numbers of housing numbers, to the 'vision' put forward by Trinity College in 2002 which showed extensive housing development in both villages, but mainly in Trimley St Martin. The Clerk had been asked to write to Stephen Brown at SCDC to ask whether the submissions that the parish council had made in December 2002 were being considered by the Task Group whilst they were discussing the LDF or whether the parish council should send a further copy to remind the Task Group of their views with regard to the village, since it was clearly evident, that they seemed to be being ignored! The draft Local Development Framework would eventually be put out for public consultation and Councillors agreed that it seemed likely it would end up at a public enquiry.

Community Police Officer's Report

- Pc Gledhill attended the meeting and read out to Councillors details of just two incidences in the village during the month of August. He advised that whilst August appeared to be a quiet month, there were a number of youths who were beginning to cause problems in the village with anti-social behaviour but himself and A/Sgt Kerr were monitoring them closely. Councillors raised the issue of cars being parked for sale in the vicinity of Howlett Way roundabout and in particular those that were left parked either on or half on the verges. Pc Gledhill advised that details of these vehicles should be emailed to him and he would endeavour to get them moved.
- Councillors also brought to Pc Gledhill's attention the second large burger van that is now being parked outside 412 High Road, which was causing a restriction to visibility to vehicles passing in either direction. He advised that unless it was causing an obstruction there was not a lot that could be done and the Clerk should raise the matter with either Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin or the SCC East Area Highways Manager.
- The Chairman informed Pc Gledhill of an incident which had been reported to him whereby a resident in Mill Close had received callers at his home requesting to know the time and since it was quite late in the evening, he contacted Suffolk Police at Martlesham to report the suspicious behaviour but was told that his community police officer was not on duty and therefore the police could not attend. Pc Gledhill stated that the local police are currently 50% down on manpower at the moment and he was not surprised that there was no one available to attend. Councillors also raised the issue of vehicles being parked too close to the junction of Mill Lane and High Road near to the church, which made it very difficult to turn into Mill Lane, but unless vehicles were illegally parked, this was a matter for the SCC East Area Highways Manager.

Public Questions

- Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin had sent apologies; the Clerk read his report to Council.
- Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Mary Dixon advised councillors that she had attended a Waste Procurement Conference whereby issues such as the legislation to reduce landfill were discussed. She advised that whilst SCDC collected the rubbish, it was SCC that had to dispose of it and one of the suggestions was that charges would be made if the limits that were imposed on county councils on the amount of rubbish that went to landfill sites were exceeded. Energy from waste was an option that could be looked at again since the emissions that are produced are now clean due to the up to date processes. She also advised that the twin bin scheme was now being introduced into some parts of the Suffolk coastal area starting in Kirton with the Trimley villages being included from September next year.

A member of the public present wished to express their compliments on the grass cutting in Grimston Lane, it had been cut for a second time during the summer and this had made it easier for walkers along this footpath.

Correspondence

- **Felixstowe Branch Line Transport Works Order** – The Statement of Case, which had been received, was currently being circulated amongst councillors and this had also been emailed in pdf format. The Clerk advised she had received a letter stating the date of the opening of the public enquiry to be Tuesday the 13th March 2007.
- **Trimley Carnival** – The Clerk had received a letter from the carnival committee advising that they had made a donation of £300 to the Memorial Hall fund and that this would be presented to them on the 18th September.
- **Suffolk Acre** – The Clerk read out details of the invitation to the AGM and Councillor Slaughter may attend subject to any other commitments.

- **SCDC Parish Tree Scheme** – The Clerk read out brief details and is going to liaise with Doug Hart about sending in the application form with regard to trees that he had informed that council about at the Capel Picnic site, which needed replacing.
- **Resident's Complaint** – The council had received a written complaint about late night noise at an event at the Memorial Hall but Councillor Rodwell who is also the booking secretary for the Hall pointed out that all hirers are given strict instructions as to the times of vacancy of the hall and it could not be expected for the Hall committee members to be responsible for those hirers who do not adhere to the conditions of hiring. The Clerk is to write to the resident explaining the situation.
- **Suffolk Association of Local Councils** - The Clerk advised councillors that she had received an email from SALC requesting to know why membership had not been renewed and the Clerk advised that she had replied it was due in part to not being able to justify the high cost of the subscription.
- **Bowls Club** – The Clerk advised that she had received an email from the secretary of the Bowls Club asking if a meeting could be arranged with them and members of the council to discuss the car parking surface at the rear of the Memorial Hall and in the front of the Bowls Club and the Clerk is to arrange a meeting.

Planning Decisions

CO6/1078/ful Proposal: Erection of kitchen extension.
Location: 17 Capel Close, Trimley St Martin. **Approved**

CO6/1107/FUL Proposal: Conversion and extension of existing garage to form one-bedroom dwelling.
Location: 380 High Road, Trimley St Martin. **Approved**

CO6/1109ful Proposal: Erection of a lean-to garage and construction of a new vehicular access.
Location: 380 High Road, Trimley St Martin. **Approved**

CO6/1180FUL Proposal: Erection of one and half storey dwelling with detached garage.
Location: 242 High Road, Trimley St Martin. **Approved**

CO6/0895/FUL Proposal: Erection of single-storey link and rear extension.
Location: 2 Ashground Close, Trimley St Martin. **Approved**

C06/0799 FUL Proposal: Erection of conservatory.
Location: 202 High Road, Trimley St Mary. **Approved**

C06/1008/FUL Proposal: Conversion and alteration of existing dwelling to form four flats. (Renewal of planning permission)
Location: Longford House, High Road, Trimley St Martin. **Refused** (on technical administrative basis).

Highways and Footpaths

- The Clerk advised that she had received an email from SCC regarding a damaged dog bin at the end of the footbridge (Kirton side). It was not clear whether this had been retrieved and was being stored by SCDC but councillors agreed that this should be reinstated and the clerk is to make the necessary arrangements with SCDC. Councillor Garrett had enquired at a previous meeting whether a new dog bin could be put up at the end of the footpath in Mill Close, which exits onto the High Road, and the Clerk is to check the finances to see whether one could be purchased within this financial year.
- It was reported to the clerk that the hedging outside Owl cottage and the next-door bungalow is overhanging and needs cutting back, as does the hedging along the footpath in Grimston Lane (over the railway).
- The footpath, which runs through from Cavendish Road to Old Kirton road, is now flooding badly in heavy rain and the Clerk is to contact SCC in respect of this.

- Councillors also commented on the good grass cutting that had been carried out in Howlett Way but were dissatisfied with the standard of grass cutting in the rest of the village. Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Dixon who advised that grass cutting in neighbouring Trimley St Mary had been somewhat erratic and she suggested that we ought to write to Mel West at SCDC to express our concerns also echoed these sentiments.
- Councillor Slaughter advised that he had been emptying the bin down by the river foreshore on an almost weekly basis but that this was becoming too much for one person to be responsible for and he asked for some help. One or two of the other councillors volunteered to assist and Councillor Slaughter will liaise with them.

Any other business

- The Clerk reminded Councillors of the date for the official opening of the Memorial Hall on the 9th September at 11.00 am.
- The Clerk advised Councillors that she would be attending the Local Authority Liaison meeting to be held Trinity College, along with the Chairman John Barker and Councillor Nigel Smith.
- The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be the 3rd October.