

TRIMLEY ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Trimley St Martin Parish Council held at the Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall on Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Parish Councillors: Barker, Bozier, Garrett, Owen, Parker, Pither, Rodwell and Sills.

Also present: County Councillor Goodwin, District Councillor Harding and four members of the public.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

2. Receive Declarations of Interests

Councillor Bozier declared an interest in Item 9 Planning Application DC/17/1008/OUT .

3. To Receive and Determine Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

4. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held 7th March 2017

The minutes of the meeting held 7th March 2017 were approved

5. Public Forum

County Councillor Goodwin gave his report. On village matters Cllr Goodwin informed the meeting that he had raised the issue of the footpath opposite the Hand in Hand with Bidwells because the reinstated path was narrower than it had previously been. He agreed that he would also raise the condition of footpath 4 with Bidwells. More broadly, Cllr Goodwin reported that Suffolk County council were looking to appoint on call fire fighters. The County Council was also seeking additional foster carers. District Councillor Harding expressed concern that problems with Kirton Pits might be resurfacing. He also noted that there seemed to be an increase in the number of vehicles parked opposite Reeve Lodge which were offered for sale.

Tony Rodwell reported on behalf of the Memorial Hall Committee that the defibrillator was in working order. The cabinet continued to present problems, but this did not affect the working of the defibrillator. A replacement cabinet would be considered if an adequate repair could not be made.

6. To Consider Co-option to Fill Casual Vacancy

The Chairman proposed that Roger Clark be co-opted onto Parish Council to fill one of the three vacancies and this was carried by a vote of members.

7. To Receive an Update on Innocence Farm

The Council received an update on Innocence Farm. A response to the scoping opinion request had been sent to Bidwells by the Philip Ridley, Head of Planning at SCDC and this was now available on the SCDC website. As expected this dealt with the issues which would need to be included in the environmental impact assessment in the event of a planning application being submitted. More broadly the Local Plan was about to be reviewed and the potential option of Innocence Farm would be considered as part of that process. The first informal stage of the Local Plan Review would be an Issues and Options Consultation by SCDC which was expected to go out in June/July this year. There was an expectation that development/redevelopment opportunities on existing brown field sites would be progressed before current agricultural land opportunities at Innocence Farm or elsewhere. Philip Ridley, Head of Planning at SCDC, had explained that any greenfield allocations would need to be supported by the appropriate levels of infrastructure provision. This would need to be looked at

cumulatively with all other growth in SCDC, surrounding councils and beyond especially in relation to the strategic road and rail network.

8. To Consider the Application by Network Rail for an Order Which Would Extinguish or Divert Public Rights of Way and Construct a Bridleway Bridge at Gun Lane

The Application by Network Rail for an Order which would extinguish or divert public rights of way and construct a bridleway bridge at Gun Lane was considered and it was agreed that members' concerns had not been fully satisfied by the response of Network Rail and that the comments of the Parish Council should follow the broad approach taken when the initial consultation was carried out. In particular the loss of crossings and the appearance of the bridge continued to be seen as significant problems. Land earmarked for housing within the existing local plan increased the potential for noise nuisance to be experienced by future local residents. It was agreed that the PC's comments on the application should be copied to Therese Coffey M.P. and should also be forwarded to SCDC in relation to their consultation under DC/17/0955/CON

9. To Comment on Planning Application DC/17/1008/OUT- attached

Councillor Bozier left the meeting for the duration of discussion of this item. The Council considered planning application DC/17/1008/OUT for the development of four dwellings (three bungalows and one 1.5 storey house) on land to the immediate north of 49 Grimston Lane. Councillors objected to the application on the ground that the increased traffic which would be associated with the development would be a danger on what was a narrow, single track road. Proximity to the railway line was also a concern especially in the light of the Network Rail plans for the construction of a dynamic loop on the branch line.

10. To Receive a Financial Statement to 25th March 2017 – to be circulated at the meeting

The council received a Financial Statement to 25th March 2017 showing income, expenditure, spend against budget and copies of reconciled bank statements.

11. To Approve the Following Payments:-

The following payments were approved:-

Cheque No.	Payable to	In Respect of	Amount £
300149	JAS Landscapes	Howlett Way beds & roundabout	545.00
300150	C Ley	Clerk's Salary	478.80
300151	Revenue & Customs	Tax on Clerk's salary	113.20
300152	G Bennett	Cleaning of soakaway	50.00
300153	SALC	Intensive CILCA course	300.00
300154	Dunningham	Cleaning of bus shelters	54.00
300155	The Trimley Memorial Hall	Hire of hall Jane to March	142.00

12. To Note two quotations from JAS Landscapes for 2017-18 maintenance on beds around Howlett Way and for landscape maintenance and grass cutting on the roundabout

To note that two quotations have been received from JAS Landscapes for the year 2017/18 and to consider whether to accept the quotations or seek other quotations for comparison. It was agreed that quotations should be sought for the work for the year 2017/18.

13. To Consider a quotation for trimming the perimeter hedge at the Memorial Hall

A quotation for twice yearly trimming of the perimeter hedge at the Memorial Hall has been received from Trevor Burgess. The cost, for trimming the hedge would be £72.00 pa as

compared with £330.00 paid in 2016/17. In addition Mr Burgess had quoted the sum of £12 for the small amount of pruning required in relation to the tree. The Council accepted this quotation.

14. To Consider a Request From the Bowls Club and Note Proposals to Fence the Boundary on the East Side of the Bowling Green

The Bowls Club had asked whether yellow hatched markings could be applied to that area of the car park adjacent to the gate to the bin enclosure with the aim of prohibiting parking there as there had been two instances of bins not being emptied because parked cars had prevented the opening of the gate. Similarly they have suggested that markings should be applied to the tarmac at the side of the Memorial Hall so as to prevent parked cars from blocking emergency access to the rear carpark and the Club House. Councillors noted that the Secretary of the Memorial Hall Committee had since arranged for a notice to be put up on the gate to the enclosure and had also agreed to contact the organisation which hired the hall on Fridays to ask them to ensure that their members did not obstruct the gate. In relation to the tarmacked area at the side of the Hall it was agreed that the Parish Council would not undertake the work, but would be prepared to authorise the Bowls Club to carry out work subject to specific plans of the proposal being submitted for approval. The Council noted that the Bowls Club plans to fence their eastern boundary. It was noted that the plan which forms part of the original 1938 conveyance of the land indicates that the hedge lies outside the boundary of the Memorial Hall plot: the Clerk was asked to write to the Vice Chairman of the Bowls Club accordingly.

15. Close

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.