

TRIMLEY SAINTS PLAYERS

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The Parish Pump

Newsletter of Trimley St Martin Parish Council

May 2017

Annual Meeting

Following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 2nd May John Sills was re-elected as Chairman and Bob Parker resumed the role of Vice Chairman. The Parish Council is also delighted to announce the co-option of two new councillors - Roger Clarke and Yvonne Smart. One vacancy remains so if you are interested in becoming a parish councillor please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk by email to parishclerk@trimley-st-martin.org.uk or by telephone on 01394 448844

Network Rail - Level Crossing Closures Order

Network Rail consulted over their plans to create a passing loop to carry additional traffic on the Felixstowe branch line. They already have authority to construct additional track, what they are looking at now is the closure of six level crossings, the redirection of footpaths and the construction of a bridleway bridge at Gun Lane. The consultation period came to an end on 19 April and the Secretary of State for Transport has 28 days to decide whether to hold a public enquiry, a hearing or to rely on written representations. Many local residents have been critical of the plans: the large metal bridge proposed for Gun Lane has been seen as wholly out of keeping with its setting and unsuited to its purpose as a bridleway bridge.

The Parish Council has made its concerns known at every opportunity and will continue to press for a design of bridge or underpass which meets local need and fits in with the surroundings.

Land Opposite The Hand in Hand

An application for outline planning permission for the construction of seventy houses on land opposite the Hand in Hand has been under consideration by the District Council for some time. The Parish Council has consistently opposed this development focussing particularly on the dangers associated with the extra traffic it would generate. By the time of the Planning Committee meeting on 2 February a number of restrictions had been put forward by the Highways department. These included:

- Widening of the High Road to allow for eleven parking spaces for the houses opposite, a footpath to run across the entire length of the site and a carriageway of 5.5metres;
- A crossing point;
- Repositioning of the bus stop.

John Sills, Chairman of the Parish Council, attended the District Council Planning Committee meeting on 2nd February and took the opportunity to address the meeting drawing particular attention to the shortage of parking spaces and the restricted view that drivers exiting Mill Lane have of oncoming traffic. Following this meeting the Committee deferred their decision to allow for the Highways Department and the developers to look at the possibility of incorporating a zebra crossing into the scheme rather than just a refuge as previously planned. The zebra crossing plan was included when the application was considered again at the Committee's April meeting. At the time of writing the minutes of that meeting are not yet available, but it is understood that approval is to be granted subject to completion of the necessary formalities.

Funds for the Community

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a new way in which the District Council collects financial contributions from developers to help pay for new and improved infrastructure. The amount of the levy depends on the size, number and location of the homes being built and the development of affordable housing qualifies for 100% relief from

CIL. Town and Parish Councils receive 15% of CIL from development in their area, subject to an annual cap of £100 multiplied by the number of dwellings in the Parish. There are no developments underway in Trimley St Martin which attract CIL, but, if you have any thoughts about the sort of projects you would like to see any parish share of CIL used for in the future, let the Clerk know your ideas so that they can be discussed when the time comes.

Outdoor Playing Space Scheme

Prior to the introduction of CIL, Suffolk Coastal collected contributions on all new dwellings towards the provision of play and sport equipment. The contributions were put into play and sports pots for each parish. Trimley Sports & Social Club are working on an application for funding from the play pot to assist with replacement of the play equipment behind the Club. The Parish Council understands that there is now £55,462.21 in the sports pot, most of which comes from the development of Cavendish Grove, so if your organisation is interested in applying for funds from the scheme for an outdoor sports application within the parish, especially one within the vicinity of Cavendish Grove, you can find out more from Active Communities Team at Suffolk Coastal District Council 01394 444321.

Innocence Farm

In March SCDC issued their response to the request for a scoping opinion in respect of land at Innocence Farm. This explained what Bidwells would need to include in an Environmental Impact Statement if they decided to apply for planning permission to develop the site for logistics purposes. One important point made by the planners was that they would expect to see a rigorous appraisal of all alternative sites. The full response can be seen on the Planning Pages of the Suffolk Coastal District Council site - reference DC/17/0010/SCO. Going forward residents will wish to be aware that Bidwells formally submitted the site in response to the SCDC call for sites which will be assessed as part of the forthcoming local plan review process.