

Minutes of the Meeting of Trimley St Martin Parish Council held at the Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall on Tuesday 5 February 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Barker, Bozier, Clarke, D'Arville, Garrett, Owen, Parker, Rastrick, Rodwell, Smart and Southgate

Also present: District Councillor Bird and ten members of the public.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence, all parish councillors were present

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in matters on the agenda.

3. To Receive and Determine Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests from Councillors for dispensations enabling them to speak, or speak and vote, on matters on which they have a pecuniary interest

4. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held on Wednesday 2 January 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 January were approved and signed as a true record.

5. Public Forum

Councillor Bird reported that the community self-help scheme was expected to be launched in April. The scheme would enable parish councils to voluntarily take on some minor Highways work.

Cllr Bird had contacted Highways over the failure to restore the white lines to the High Rd outside the Sausage Shop and been told that there were more work to be done which would be undertaken later this year. As far as Howlett Way was concerned Highways had commented that a centre white line was not a requirement, notwithstanding that it was in an area where a 40 mph speed limit applied. Cllr Bird would take up the matter with the Chairwoman of the Highways Committee.

A member of the public asked if a diversion was in place for footpath No 1. Cllr Smart replied that information about the diversion arrangements had been requested from the Volker Fitzpatrick site manager. One of the difficulties locally was that the field opposite the Hand in Hand had been ploughed up and the footpath had not been reinstated. Suffolk Coastal District Council had been contacted about this.

A member of the public spoke about the ongoing problems with vehicles driven at excess speed along the High Road and urged the Parish Council to give further consideration to the installation of a speed indicator device.

Steven Wrinch spoke about the activities of the Kirton and Trimley Countryside Action Group. The Group was close to finalizing their representations on the Local Plan. They would be taking the opportunity to discuss their approach with a planning consultant.

A member of the public expressed concern about the impact of the relocation of Trimley St Martin School and encouraged all those wishing to protect the local area to work together.

6. To receive an update on Highways matters

The Clerk reported that Highways had indicated that they had no funds available to fund the addition of an extra sign. A request for information about the likely cost had resulted in a figure of £450. The clerk would make further enquiries about other options and establish whether the status of such signs was purely advisory, or whether the restriction could be enforced. Cllr Clarke had reported that the lights on the bridge were not working, but had received no response. The Clerk would make further enquiries.

Cllr Smart had reported several issues to SCC Highways and to other interested parties. These included:

- Failure to replace the white lines along Howlett Way. In the light of Highway's assertion that there was no requirement to replace the white lines, the Clerk was asked to check with the local police to seek a view on whether the absence of the lines was a safety issue.
- Damage to passing place signage along Morston Hall Road
- Diversion signs uncollected following completion of works

7. To consider a response to the questionnaire issued by EDF Energy as part of the Sizewell C Stage 3 consultation

The questionnaire was discussed. Two questions relating to the transport of materials were of specific significance to Trimley St Martin. It was agreed that a response would be submitted to the effect that a rail-led strategy would be preferred over a road-led strategy and that neither option for the location of a freight management facility was considered suitable.

8. To receive an update on the proposal for a noticeboard to be positioned on the open ground at the foot of the bridge in Kirton Road

Suffolk County Council Highways had been asked to issue a licence to permit the PC to place a noticeboard on the land next to the path. The Clerk would ask Suffolk Coastal District Council if a planning application would be required.

9. To receive feedback on the Planning Committee meeting held on 30 January and to note the comments made by the Planning Committee on the final draft of the Local Plan

Cllr Parker reported on the planning committee meeting. The minutes had been made available on the website in the usual way. On completion the representations on the local plan would also be posted on the website.

10. To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Task and Finish Group

Cllr Smart provided a report on the progress made. The Group had planned to meet with a representative of the SCDC Communities Team to discuss the next steps including the possibility of holding a community event

11. To receive an update on the care of the landscaping at the Durban Mews development

The area of the plot adjacent to the footpath had been left in an untidy condition and some planting had been left unfinished. The ongoing arrangements for the maintenance of the grounds would be a matter to be settled between the vendor and the purchasers but they were not a matter for the Parish Council.

12. To receive an update on the proposals for a response to the traffic problems experienced in Grimston Lane & Thorpe Lane.

SCC Highways had said that they would not generally license the display of non-standard signs. The safety and speed management team would be asked to look at the issues affecting Grimston Lane and Thorpe Lane.

13. To consider a request to cover the cost of an additional grey bin for a volunteer litter picker

It was agreed that this request would be more appropriate for consideration by the Poor's Committee; a referral would be made accordingly.

14. To note the arrangements for the May 2019 election

The arrangements for the May 2019 election were noted.

15. To consider an offer made by a local resident to take on responsibility for changing the battery of a portable SID and to shift the SID between predetermined locations at regular intervals.

It was decided to defer a decision until further information was made available on the engagement of volunteers with particular reference to health and safety requirements and insurance arrangements. The Clerk would make further enquiries and report back to the next meeting.

16. To note that Suffolk County Council have issued the following draft order: Suffolk County Council (District of Suffolk Coastal) (Stopping, Waiting and Loading Prohibitions and restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Map-Based) Order 201

It was noted that the draft order, Suffolk County Council (District of Suffolk Coastal) (Stopping, Waiting and Loading Prohibitions and restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Map-Based) Order 20, was available for examination at the County Council's offices and at local libraries- including Felixstowe. A copy was also held by the Clerk who would make it available for inspection on request. The Clerk would check to ensure that the yellow lines at the junction of Church Lane and High Rd were included on the maps.

17. To receive a financial statement to 25 January 2019

Members received a financial statement to 25 January in accordance with the summary below. Bank statements and a full record of payments and receipts were made available for inspection at the meeting. Members noted that, as agreed at the January meeting, a cheque for £8801.54 had been sent to SCC in order to cover the cost of a professional services estimate for the pedestrian refuge.

