

Minutes of the Meeting of Trimley St Martin Parish Council held at the Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall on Wednesday 2 January 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Barker, Bozier, D'arville, Garrett, Parker, Rastrick, Rodwell, Smart and Southworth

Also Present: County Councillor Bird and 6 members of the public

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Clarke who had commitments elsewhere, and also from District Councillor Harding who could not attend to present his usual report.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests 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 Tuesday 4 December 2018

The Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 December 2018 which were signed as a true record.

5. Public Forum

Councillor Bird had no new matters on which to report as there had been no meeting over the Christmas period. He would continue to pursue the restoration of the white lines and cats' eyes on Howlett Way.

- A member of the public noted that following the resurfacing work the white lines were also missing between the roundabout and St Martin's Green.
- A member of the public drew attention to the strong lighting outside the Volker Fitzpatrick compound which was thought to be unnecessarily bright and potentially intrusive.
- A member of the public asked if the Parish Council would be represented at the meeting of Suffolk Coastal District Council scheduled for 3 January. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would not be represented at the meeting although it was open to any individual member of the public to attend on their own account.

6. To receive feedback from Cllr Bozier on the result of his consultation with the residents of Grimston Lane on the need for a sign in Grimston Lane inviting the drivers of farm vehicles to take extra care.

Councillor Bozier reported that he had canvassed the views of Grimston Lane residents. There was a general concern over the volume and speed of all traffic in the lane, which was not restricted to farm traffic and residents were keen to see two signs erected: one at the fork of Grimston and Thorpe Lane, the other near the junction with the High Road, opposite number 2.

Councillors noted that Home Farm Nacton had received complaints about excessive use of the farm track, but residents of Grimston and Thorpe Lanes saw the use of the farm track in a positive light. The Clerk was asked to establish whether a lower weight limit could be applied to Thorpe & Grimston Lane as this would have the effect of ensuring that more farm vehicles made use of the track. A single sign, asking for farm traffic to drive slowly and courteously had been offered by Home Farm, subject to installation costs being borne by the Parish Council, but in the event of a decision in favour of two signs, aimed at all drivers rather than farm traffic, it was likely that the full cost would need to be borne by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to establish the cost of this course of action.

- 7. 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**

The Clerk reported that Highways had advised that a location on the grassed area adjacent to the footpath leading to the A14 footbridge on the Kirton Road side would be acceptable. Members agreed to purchase two new boards, one of which would replace the existing board outside the Memorial Hall. The condition of the existing board had deteriorated and it was considered unfit for purpose. The Chairman agreed to receive a comment from the Local History Recorder who was present and who reported that it might be possible to re-use the board for local history purposes. Members agreed that, on its removal, the board would be passed to the Recorder for use in connection with the execution of her role.
- 8. To receive an update on the Local Plan and to decide the arrangements for determining the Parish Council's response to the Final Draft**

It was noted that, following consultation on the Suffolk Coastal First Draft Local Plan earlier this year, and subject to Full Council approval on 3rd January 2019, SCDC would publish the Final Draft Local Plan for a 6 week period from Monday 14th January to receive representations relating to the soundness of the Plan. Members agreed to delegate the task of responding to the consultation to the Parish Council Planning Committee.
- 9. To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Task and Finish Group**

The Task & Finish Group were scheduled to hold a meeting on 7 January and would report back to the February meeting of the Parish Council.
- 10. To receive feedback on liaison with Volker Fitzpatrick over works on the Felixstowe Branch Line Improvement Project**

Members received feedback on the meeting attended by Cllrs Rastrick and Smart with Ben Porter of Volker Fitzpatrick on 19 December. Details of this meeting in relation to the impact of their works over the Christmas period had been placed on the Parish Council website. Mr Porter had also reported on the arrangements which would be put in place in May when the crossing at Morston Hall had to be closed. When Morston Hall reopened the Thorpe Lane crossing would be closed for a period. In order to enable local traffic to get through, the farm track would be used as a diversion during this period. The intention was that diversion route would be manned and users would be escorted. The emergency services were well aware of the proposals. Full details would be provided closer to the time.
- 11. To receive a report on a meeting held by Natural England to provide an update on progress on the England Coast Path, Shotley Gate to Felixstowe Ferry stretch.**

Cllr Smart reported on her attendance at a presentation by Natural England on the England coastal path in relation to the Shotley Gate to Felixstowe Ferry section. The broad aim of the project was to enable people to walk around the coast of England and, once work was complete, there would be a clearly signed and well managed route in place. Cllr Smart had taken the opportunity to report that the management of some of the existing paths was poor, and some could be difficult to negotiate, particularly from Levington Marina through to Levington Creek. Any problems identified with current rights of way should be reported to Suffolk County Council in the usual way
- 12. To receive feedback from a budget presentation held by Suffolk Coastal District Council which included presentations by Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Police**

The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting at Riduna House where budget setting presentations had been given by Suffolk Coastal District Council, Suffolk County

Council and Suffolk Police. It had been apparent from all presentations that there would be a difficult year ahead and all three organisations were feeling the impact of financial constraints.

13. To note thanks expressed by Liz Rastrick, Local History Recorder, for the grant of £10 for a memory stick to be used to submit the Recorder’s Annual Report to Suffolk Local History Council.

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14. To note that an invoice has been received from Suffolk County Council Highways for the Professional Services Estimate for the High Rd pedestrian refuge.

Members noted that the invoice, for £8,081.54 (inc VAT of £1466.92) has been passed to SCDC who have approved funding of the sum net of VAT. It was agreed that a cheque should be drawn in payment once the funds have been transferred by SCDC.

15. To Approve the Following Payments

The following payments were approved

Date	No	Name	In respect of	Amount	Power
02/01/2019	318	C Ley	Clerk’s salary	547.55	LGA1972 s112
02/01/2019	319	Revenue & customs	Tax	109.40	LGA1972 s112
02/01/2019	320	C Ley	Clerk’s expenses	36.40	LGA1972 s112
02/01/2019	321	B Dunningham	Bus shelter cleaning	54.00	LGA Misc Provs Act 1953 s4
02/01/2019	322	Trimley Saints Players	Donation in respect of services to the community over the Christmas period	40.00	LGA 1972 s137
02/01/2019	323	SARS	Donation	£250.00	LGA 1972 s137
02/01/2019	324	Trimley Memorial Hall	Hall Hire	£75.00	LGA 1972 s133

16. Items for consideration of inclusion on next agenda

- Identification of responsibility for maintenance of the area adjacent to the Durban Mews development – at present bark chippings were spreading over the path and weeds were in evidence.
- Feedback from the Task & Finish Group on neighbourhood planning

17. Close

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.