

Minutes of the Meeting of Trimley St Martin Parish Council held at the Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall on Tuesday 6 November 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Parish Councillors Bozier, Clarke, D'arville, Garrett, Owen, Parker, Rastrick, Rodwell, Smart

Also present: District Councillor Harding, County Councillor Bird and six members of the public

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Barker who was unwell.

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 2 October 2018

The council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2018 which were signed as a true record.

5. Public Forum

Cllr Bird reported that the problems that he had previously identified with trees overhanging the road had been cleared up. He had commented on the proposed changes to the bus route. Cllr Bird confirmed that Suffolk County Council had indicated that they would not be in a position to repaint cycle lanes at the present time. In Trimley St Mary a problem had occurred with vehicles being driven on the bridleway at Stennetts; this was being monitored by the police.

Cllr Harding reported that he had confirmed with Bidwells that a crop would be sown on the land adjacent to Howlett Way. He also emphasized the importance of ensuring that a proper crossing would be provided if and when a new school was built.

A member of the public commented on the likely impact of new development on the population of Trimley St Martin and asked about the current status of the land off Howlett Way. In response it was explained that the site had been identified within the Felixstowe Peninsula Area Action Plan as suitable for up to 360 dwellings and this allocation had been carried forward to the draft local plan. The landowner had signaled the intention to make a planning application and pre-application consultation had been carried out by public relations consultants acting on their behalf, but no planning application had yet been submitted.

A member of the public asked whether the new school would be located on the site off Howlett Way. In response it was explained that the decision had not yet been taken. The Parish Council's preference was that this would be on the land off Howlett Way, but it was understood that the current preference was for a school to be situated on land adjacent to Reeve Lodge.

6. To Comment on the following planning application

DC/18/4349/FUL: Erection of single detached house to rear of The Hand in Hand with vehicular access from High Hall Close. Members objected to the revised proposal on the grounds that the design change did not meet the concerns previously expressed. Specifically:

- The reduction in parking spaces at the Hand in Hand car park would allow insufficient parking space for patrons.
- Insufficient parking space was allocated for use by the occupants of the house.
- Proposals for building development in Trimley St Martin were in place for a considerable number of houses. Local need did not justify the construction of an additional property on an unsuitable site.
- The elevations seem not to have been properly labelled with the result that it is not clear whether the problem of the overlooking of no 42 had actually been addressed.

7. To note that Suffolk County Council has been asked to approve the proposed location of a noticeboard near the start of the path leading to the bridge on the Kirton Road side.

The position in relation to a second noticeboard was noted.

8. To receive an update on the problem of farm vehicles travelling at speed along Grimston Lane and to decide on the next steps

It was noted that the Home Farm manager had provided details of how residents could best report concerns about excessive speed or careless driving and it was agreed that these would be publicized on the website. Home Farm had pointed out that although the use of the farm tracks was supported by many people, they had also received representations arguing that their use of the tracks was excessive. The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries about this. Home Farm had agreed that they would be prepared to supply a sign, similar to the sign in Morston Hall Lane; asking drivers of farm vehicles to take care in Grimston Lane. This would be subject to the approval of residents and it would be the responsibility of the Parish Council to erect the sign. Councillor Bozier agreed to canvas the views of Grimston Lane residents and the Clerk would request the approval of Suffolk County Council Highways. Members also asked that a request should be made to Suffolk County Council for a sign depicting a parent and child walking to be positioned before the railway line, in the vicinity of no 21.

Members noted local concern about the diversion of footpaths which were associated with the closure of the footpath level crossings. On completion of the Felixstowe Branch Line works it would be valuable to issue a leaflet setting out the footpaths and diversions, Network Rail would be asked if they would produce a leaflet to fulfill this function.

9. To consider whether future drafts of the Parish Pump should be considered at a Parish Council meeting prior to publication.

It was agreed that a list of topics to be covered in the Parish Pump would be presented to members at the meeting prior to publication. Members wishing to suggest items for inclusion would inform the clerk during the course of the preceding month.

10. To receive feedback on the consideration given by the Memorial Hall Management Committee on the positioning of the Christmas Tree

It was reported that the Hall Management Committee were reluctant to change the location of the tree as it would lead to health and safety issues for those attending the lighting up ceremony. This decision would be reviewed in 2019 if attendance at this year's event proved to be poor.

11. To receive an update on the provision of a solar powered vehicle activated sign and to decide on next action.

Members noted that the weight of a solar powered unit was such that it would have to be considered as a permanent fixture, but this was not acceptable to Suffolk County Council who required that a VAS should be moved at intervals of no more than four weeks. It was agreed that the attempt which had been made would be publicized via the Parish Pump.

Members noted that funding to install a refuge across the High Rd near the Memorial Hall was under investigation. In addition, the Pigeon Development would involve the installation of a refuge and the installation of a pedestrian crossing was a requirement of the development of the land opposite the Hand in Hand.

12. To consider whether to make further representations to Dr Coffey on the draft local plan in the light of the comments which she submitted to Suffolk Coastal District Council during the consultation phase.

It was agreed that the Clerk would make a further request for Dr Coffey for a copy of the schedule which she had mentioned in her response to Suffolk Coastal District Council

13. To note the outcome of the Highways issues reported by the Clerk via the Suffolk County Council Highways public access reporting tool.

It was noted that despite Highways' undertaking to deal with the brambles on the boundary of Heathfields, the work had still not been done. Highways had declined to pursue the problem of weed growth on Kirton Road between Roselea and the primary school, saying that it was insufficiently pressing. The Clerk had spoken to Bidwells, agents for the landowner, and they had said that they would attend to the matter. Councillor Garrett drew attention to the weed growth near Seamark Nunn and undertook to report this via the Highways reporting tool.

14. To consider a response to the consultation on the Air Quality Report in East Suffolk

Members noted the report, but did not wish to lodge any comment.

15. To note the Boundary Commission's recommendations on ward boundaries

Members noted the recommendations.

16. To consider the purchase of a projector table should a need be identified.

It was agreed that a projector table would not be required.

17. To Receive a Financial Statement to 25th October 2018

Members received a financial statement to 25th October 2018. A full record of payments and receipts, together with bank statements was made available for inspection at the meeting. £14,125 had been received in the period covered by this report, this was the second instalment of the 2018/19 precept.

As at 31/03/18				
Deposit Account	£ 14,996.11			
Current Account	£ 33,309.54			
	£ 48,305.65		Unpresented cheques	
Add Receipts to 25/10/2018	28835.36		300293 CAS	£ 60.00
Less Expenditure to 25/10/2018	£ 12,592.89			£ 60.00
Less cheque 300229 delayed presentation	£ 195.00			
Less Unpresented Cheques	£60.00			
	£ 64,413.12			
Balance As at 25/10/2018				
Deposit Account	£ 15,016.00			
Current Account	£ 49,397.12			
	£ 64,413.12			

18. To Approve the Following Payments

The following payments were approved

Date	No	Name	In respect of	Amount	Power
06/11/2018	295	C Ley	Clerk's salary	547.55	LGA1972 s112
06/11/2018	296	Revenue & customs	Tax	109.40	LGA1972 s112
06/11/2018	297	C Ley	Clerk's expenses	69.55	LGA1972 s112
06/11/2018	298	B Dunningham	Bus shelter cleaning	54.00	LGA Misc Provs Act 1953 s4
06/11/2018	299	D Cooper	Trimley St Martin PC share of donation to RBL for wreath to be laid at Menin Gate	7-50	LGA 1972 s137
06/11/2018	300	A V Partsmaster	Projector and Tripod	617.89	LGA1972 s142
06/11/2018	301	LCPAS	Understanding Planning course part 2	40.00	LGA1972 s112
06/11/2018	302	Flyer Press	Printing of Parish Pump	73.00	LGA 1972 s142
06/11/2018	303	SALC	Cllr Training for P Rastrick and L D'arville and VAT training for Clerk	313.20	LGA 1972 s111 (Cllrs) & s112 (Clerk)

19. Items for consideration of inclusion on next agenda

The items identified for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting were as follows:

- Update on the application for funding for a refuge
- Topics for the Parish Pump
- Update from task and finish group considering neighbourhood planning issues
- Report from Councillor Clarke on the question of whether a request should be made for the registration of local assets of community value.

20. To note that the next meeting will start at the later time of 7.45 pm. on 4 December. The January meeting will take place on Wednesday 2 January at the usual time of 7.30 pm
Noted.

21. Close

The meeting closed at 21.08