

- *Winter 2018/19 final draft plan published for consultation,*
- *February 2019 submission for examination by the Planning Inspectorate; the Inspector's report follows in October 2019,*
- *June 2019 examination hearings,*
- *November/December 2019 Adoption of plan by the Council.*

Memorial Hall News

Christmas tree light-up: Santa will be lighting the Christmas tree at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 4th December, at 6pm. Trimley Saints will be singing carols and Christmas songs in the Hall, soup and bread will be served and Santa will be in his grotto to welcome the children. All this is free of charge. The Hall Committee look forward to seeing you!

Trimley Panto: Saints Players will be presenting their annual panto in the Memorial Hall from 20th - 23rd Feb 2019 with a Saturday matinee. This year it's "Panto Between the Pyramids", which is a little out of the ordinary! The Saints Players say: "We always sell out, so do book your tickets early, just 'phone our Box Office on 01394 671119."

Parish Council

Vacancy

There is vacancy for a councillor so, if you are over 18, live locally and have an interest in local affairs and the community, you could be considered for co-option. If this sounds like you, please email the Clerk who will send you a short form to complete. Any of the councillors, or the Clerk, would be pleased to speak to you about the role.

Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm. but in December we will be starting at 7.45 pm to allow for the Christmas celebration at the Memorial Hall. The first Tuesday in January 2019 is a bank holiday so the first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 2nd January at the usual time of 7.30pm.

Contacting the Parish Council

To contact the Clerk email: parishclerk@trimley-st-martin.org.uk or telephone 01394 448844,

To contact the Chairwoman, Yvonne Smart, email: whyvon154@gmail.com

See "About Us" on the website for contact details of all councillors.

The Parish Pump

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<http://trimleystmartin.onesuffolk.net/>

Road, Rail and Footpath

Network Rail Upgrade Works

As you know, Network Rail are preparing for a new 1.4km loop track to increase the capacity of the Felixstowe Branch Line. This will involve weekend working by the contractors, Volker Fitzpatrick. The contractors have written to the residents who will be most affected by this and the most recent information on their weekend working plans for October and November can be seen via the link on the Parish Council website <http://trimleystmartin.onesuffolk.net/> If you don't have internet access and you would like a copy of the schedule please contact the Parish Clerk on 01394 448844

Many people have been concerned to see so many trees removed near Gun Lane. Volker Fitzpatrick have confirmed that replanting will take place when the other works in the vicinity have been completed. A key element of the works in this area is the installation of the new bridge deck which they hope to put in place around the turn of the year. If everything goes according to plan this will make it possible for replanting to be undertaken by May 2019.

Sadly, following the public enquiry, the Secretary of State for Transport has now approved the proposal to permanently close six level crossings along the Branch Line within the Trimley area: Thorpe Common, Grimston Lane, Trimley, St Martin's, Gun Lane and Keeper's Lane. The brideway bridge will be constructed at the location of the existing Gun Lane and St Martin's level crossings and, of course, the existing road crossing at Thorpe Lane will remain and several public rights of way will be diverted to take account of the closures.

A14 Roadworks—Diversion of Traffic Through Trimley St Martin

Road marking renewals and the installation of reflective studs between junctions 58 and 62 of the A14 will soon be carried out by Osborne on behalf of Highways England. They have planned the works to run between 12 November and 1 December; during this time they will be working between 9pm and 6am on weeknights, with the addition of a Saturday night shift on 17 November. Between 12th and 23rd November diversions will be in place which will bring traffic into the village on the nights when the crews are working. Residents living along the diversion route will have received a letter giving full details, and you can also see the full schedule on the Parish Council website.

The Parish Council have worked with SCC Highways, Highways England and Osborne to limit the impact. Highways England say that they will put out signs to let drivers know about the sensitive areas they will be passing through. They will use a speed camera van to help enforce speed limits through the villages and the single track road will be made one way to help ease congestion and overrunning.

Many people have called for a contraflow arrangement on the A14 with the thought in mind that it could remove the need for a diversion. Highways England have explained that the regulations governing contraflow systems call for a safe separation distance between opposing traffic flows. As this stretch of the A14 has just two lanes and no hard shoulder, the road is not wide enough for contraflow. They have also explained that contraflow is unsuitable for use with works which are carried out only at night.

Changes to the Bus Service 75/76/77

If that wasn't enough bad news on the traffic front, we have been told that First Buses are reducing the service on the 75/76/77 route from 18 November. The service, which runs from Felixstowe to Ipswich at 15 minute intervals from Monday to Saturday, will now run at 20 minute intervals. There are other changes too which impact on the service to and from Felixstowe as well as changes to the service to East Ipswich which will mean that buses will no longer serve Bishops Hill, Felixstowe Road, Cobham Road, Lindbergh Road, Nacton Road or John Lewis. A big concern is that buses will no longer stop outside the Garrett Anderson building at the hospital, instead passengers will be forced to use the stop on Heath Road. You can find out more online at <https://www.firstgroup.com/norfolk-suffolk/news-and-service-updates/news/changes-ipswich-services-6061-and-757677x7-18th>

The Clerk has written to First Buses about the negative impact of these changes and to ask what consultation they have carried out. If you would like to let First Buses know your views please email Iain.Rankine@FirstGroup.com or write to him at First Customer Services, Davey House, 7b Castle Meadow, Norwich, NR1 3DE

Un-notified Road Closure

Last month works were carried out by Anglian Water which involved closing the High Rd for two days. For non-emergency work, standard practice is to display advance warning signs at least 10 days beforehand. In addition, information about the works should be displayed on www.roadworks.org. This time roadside signs were not displayed and the online notification appeared only at the last minute. This caused real confusion and inconvenience for many people who had no idea what was happening. Suffolk County Council Highways have now reminded the utility providers about the importance of making sure that notices are displayed well in advance.

www.roadworks.org is a useful site for anyone interested in what is happening on the roads; just sign up on the site to see what is going on now and to receive notifications of future works.

Centenary of the Armistice

The Parish Council will be represented at the service at St Martin's Church on Remembrance Day. In addition, Andrew King, the Church Warden, is visiting Ypres where he will lay a wreath at the Menin Gate on behalf of the Parish Councils of Trimley St Martin and Trimley St Mary. Closer to home, do take time to view the cascade of poppies at St Martin's, the individual plaques commemorating the lives of local soldiers which accompany the display of flowers around the village, and the beautiful poppy garden outside the Methodist Church. There will not be a separate act of remembrance outside Reeve Lodge on this occasion as November 11th falls on a Sunday in this centenary year.

Planning

In September we reminded everyone about the importance of commenting on the District Council's draft local plan. You can see the Parish Council's comments via the link on the website home page. If you would like a copy, but have no internet access, please telephone the Clerk on 01394 448844. The timetable published by Suffolk Coastal District Council for the rest of the process is shown overleaf.