

19 restrictions in place. We look forward to seeing our audiences next June for our summer comedy, which hopefully will take place!"

### **Barking Dogs and Garden Bonfires**

These are two problems which cause a lot of annoyance between neighbours. Very often the problem can be sorted out with a friendly chat: dog owners may not know that their dog barks when they are away from home; gardeners may not realise the distress that bonfires can cause to their neighbours. If you cannot resolve a problem by talking it over with your neighbours, East Suffolk Environmental Protection might be able to help you. The website contains a lot of useful information about dealing with problems like these and they can get involved if necessary.

If anyone is thinking about having a bonfire do please check the Environmental Protection website for their detailed leaflet on garden bonfires. It dispels a lot of the common myths and offers some very helpful advice.

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/environmental-protection/nuisance-caused-by-noise-smoke-and-rubbish/>

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## **The Parish Council**

### **Vacancies**

Are you interested in the life of your village, your local environment, recreational facilities, local transport, planning and housing issues? These are just a few of the areas where the Parish Council gets involved. Could you fill one of the three parish councillor vacancies? You don't need any special qualifications: if you are a local resident, over 18, with an interest in local affairs and the community; and keen to contribute your views and experience you could be considered for co-option. If this sounds like you, please email the Clerk and she 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.

### **Contact Us**

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

To contact the Chairwoman, Yvonne Smart, email: [tsmc.ysmart841@gmail.com](mailto:tsmc.ysmart841@gmail.com)

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<http://trimleystmartin.onesuffolk.net/home/the-parish-pump/>

# **The Parish Pump**

## **Trimley St Martin Parish Council Newsletter October 2020**

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### **Planning Matters**

Planning has been a major concern this year and developments which were proposed some time ago are now beginning to move forward. There is no doubt that the extent of these will have a major impact on the village. This is not what we wanted, but, although the Parish Council can comment on planning applications, they have no power to prevent development.

#### **Land off Howlett Way**

Land off Howlett Way was allocated for up to 360 dwellings in the Felixstowe Peninsula Area Action Plan. That plan was found to be sound in 2017 following examination by the Planning Inspector. The allocation was then carried forward to the newly adopted Suffolk Coastal Local Plan. In May this year Trinity College applied for outline planning permission for 340 dwellings on this site. The Parish Council have objected to the application. You can read our detailed response on the planning section of the Parish Council website:

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

#### **Land Opposite the Hand in Hand**

Back in 2018 the District Council granted outline planning permission for 70 houses on land opposite the Hand in Hand. A grant of outline planning permission means that scale and nature of a proposed development is acceptable to the planning authority.

Taylor Wimpey now own the site. In August this year they submitted three applications to East Suffolk District Council. Two of these relate to drainage issues, but the most important is an application for the approval of reserved matters for the site. A reserved matters application covers things which were not fixed at the outline stage such as the layout of the site and the design of the houses.

The deadline for commenting on the application has passed, but you can still find full details of the reserved matters application on the East Suffolk Planning public access site using reference DC/20/2890/ARM. In commenting on this application the Parish Council focussed on the problems of inadequate parking provision and poor access arrangements within the site.

### **Flagship Housing Development: Site between Mill Lane and Seamark Nunn**

Full planning permission is in place for 69 dwellings, including a mix of houses and flats, open market properties and affordable housing. Building might not start on the site until January 2021, although you may see the hoardings in place towards the end of this year.

## **Highways and Byways**

### **A14 Resurfacing**

At the time of writing many residents are suffering the misery of disturbed sleep as a result of the diversion of A14 traffic through the village. We are assured that the work is being done to a higher and longer lasting standard than the previous repairs and that it will stand the test of time. We can only hope that proves to be true. On the plus side, apart from the improvements to the surface of the A14, Highways England have agreed to make repairs to the cycleway.

### **Pedestrian Refuge for the High Rd**

In January we reported that the Parish Council had obtained funding from East Suffolk's Play and Sport fund to provide a pedestrian refuge near to the Memorial Hall. The installation was intended to take place earlier this year, but sadly the work was delayed, first by issues related to Covid 19, and then as a result of the need to avoid a clash with the A14 diversion. Suffolk County Council rescheduled the work for February 2021.

### **Picnic Site**

The picnic tables and the cycle stand at the site at the top of Capel Hall Lane had fallen into such a poor state of repair that the Parish Council have arranged for them to be removed. District Councillor Richard Kerry has kindly agreed to put the project to replace the tables forward for assistance from his Enabling Communities budget.

### **Screening of the Bridleway Bridge**

Weather issues have led to some delay, but we now understand that Volker Fitzpatrick will plant the trees during the Autumn. It will take a long time before they are large enough to provide an effective screen, but at least it will be a start.

## **Community Matters**

### **Volunteers in the Community**

The Parish Council would like to extend grateful thanks to those who do so much in the community to help out and make Trimley St Martin a great place to live. Many people go to tremendous trouble to contribute to our village in ways which often go unnoticed: collecting and disposing of litter; supporting others during lock-down and beyond; keeping the Memorial Hall running, recording our local history; running the Trimley Facebook page - all these activities and many more make a real difference to village life.

### **Basic Life Charity**

One fantastic initiative, comes from The BASIC Life Charity, who have moved their Trimley Pop-Up shop to the Trimley St Mary Welcome Hall where it runs every Monday from 11 am to 2.00 pm. The shop is open to everyone: customers queue up, buy a bag for £2.00 and then simply help themselves to the available produce.

### **Memorial Hall**

We are very pleased to say that the Memorial Hall is open again. The Hall Committee have worked hard to ensure that the Hall is fully compliant with the ever-changing Covid 19 requirements, but inevitably not everything can operate as it did before. If you have any enquiries please contact the secretary, Heather Rodwell, on 01394 275575

The Hall Committee have been able to renovate the store cupboard at the Hall with the kind assistance of District Councillor Kerry who provided funds from his Enabling Communities budget.

### **Trimley Saints Players**

Trimley Saints Players have done a superb job entertaining the village over the years. At this time of year we would normally be using this space to advertise their pantomime. Sadly this time we have to record the following message "*Trimley Saints Players have regretfully made the decision to cancel this year's pantomime due to the Covid*