

Parish Council Budget

You can see the budget for 2019/20 on the finance page of the website. The budget allows for expected expenditure plus an allocation to reserves – these are set aside for unexpected costs and also for future works like major building maintenance or car park repairs. Within expected costs the Parish Council has also set aside funds to cover several additional items such as the initial cost of consulting on a neighbourhood plan and the cost of a Parish Council election in May

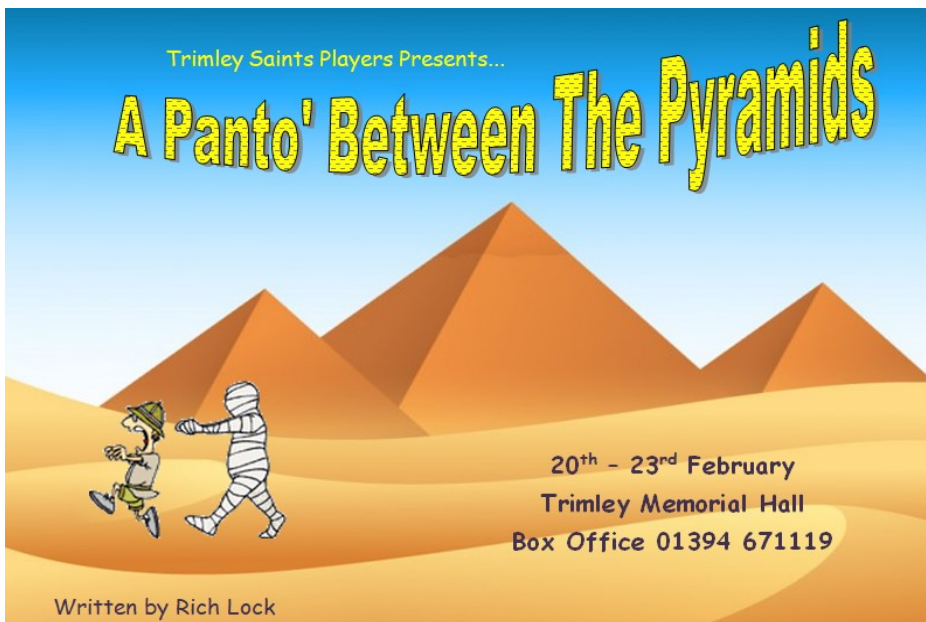
Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm. There will also be a meeting at 7.30 on Wednesday 30 January when the Planning Committee will decide on the representations they wish to make on the Local Plan. The Memorial Hall is not free on that evening so this meeting will be at the Methodist Hall.

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



The Parish Pump

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

Highways

Howlett Way

Everyone is pleased that the Highways England work which led to the diversion of the A14 through the village has come to an end. On a smaller scale, the Howlett Way resurfacing also ended, but the white lines and cats' eyes were not restored. The problem has been reported, but no action has been taken so we have asked our county councillor, Stuart Bird, to chase this up.

A Pedestrian Refuge for the Village

We are pleased to announce that it has been awarded funding from the Play and Sport fund to cover the cost of a professional services estimate for a pedestrian refuge outside the Memorial Hall. This detailed estimate looks at all the many factors relevant to works on the public highway. When the cost of the refuge is known, we will apply for funding to cover the installation.

A refuge will make it much easier for pedestrians to cross the High Rd to reach the leisure facilities at the Sports and Social Club, the Bowls Club and the Memorial Hall. Readers will remember that last year the Sports and Social Club had help from the same fund to install new playground equipment for the use of all local children, the refuge will help them walk there safely.

Speed Indicator Device

A positive by-product of the refuge will be its traffic calming influence. We had hoped to add a speed indicator device to remind drivers about the 30 mph limit along the High Road. Sadly, the County Council insist that units are moved regularly between locations and would not give us permission for a fixed solar powered unit. The alternative would have required frequent battery changes which we felt councillors would be unable to undertake in safety, so the decision was taken not to proceed with that plan.

Planning

Local Plan

Representations can be made on the newly published Final Draft Local Plan up until 5pm on 25 February. You can find the plan here <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/local-plans/suffolk-coastal-local-plan/local-plan-review/final-draft-local-plan/> or you can see a paper copy at Felixstowe Library.

The process is now much more formal than the previous consultation stage, and representations need to be on legal compliance and the soundness of the plan. There is a guidance note on the East Suffolk site where you can find out what this involves and how to make your representations <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Planning/Suffolk-Coastal-Local-Plan/Final-Draft-Local-Plan/Guidance-when-making-a-representation.pdf>

After 25 February the local plan, the supporting documents and all representations people have made will be submitted for examination by a government appointed Inspector. This stage will include a hearing which is expected to take place in June.

If you would like to make your views known to the Inspector you must submit your representations. This applies even if you have made comments at an earlier stage of the process.

There are some changes to the plan since the draft stage, especially to the Innocence Farm proposals, and you can find out more about these from the Plan or at a drop-in session. The drop-in events will also offer more information on the procedure for submitting representations.

The nearest drop-in event will be held at Felixstowe Town Hall on Monday 4 February from 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

Neighbourhood Planning

There has been a lot of talk recently about the Local Plan and how it affects us here in Trimley St Martin.

Whilst our ability to influence what is already planned may be limited, the community can have some control over future development. One way we can do this is by creating a Neighbourhood Plan. to influence how future developments may look.

So, why do we not have one? The reason is it takes up to 2 years to

get a meaningful plan created and published. Quite rightly the plan needs to have the active support of our community. When it is complete it must be examined by a planning inspector and residents will be asked to vote on it in a referendum.

This may sound daunting, but many local communities have already implemented their plans. That is why, **over the coming weeks, the PC will consult with the community to find out if there is strong support for the development of a plan.**

Once we know that we have your active support, the next step will be to build a team with a range of skills from across the community. They will work together to produce a viable plan with a legal basis which will have a positive effect on our future

If you would like to be kept directly informed on progress of the consultation please use the Contact page on the website we have set up for this purpose: <https://trimleystmartin-community.org.uk/contact/>.

EDF Energy—Sizewell C Consultation

EDF Energy began the stage 3 consultation on their Sizewell C proposals on 4 January. Sizewell may seem a long way away, but take a look at the consultation questionnaire and you will see at question 11 that they are proposing a freight management facility near Ipswich to serve as a holding area for HGVs, helping to regulate timing and flow of vehicles to the main development site. They are considering two options for the location of this facility – either Seven Hills or Innocence Farm.

If you were not able to arrange to attend the 22 January exhibition at the Sports and Social Club you can still access the questionnaire online via this link <https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/sizewell-c/proposals/stage-3#getinvolved>

Parish Council

Welcome to Councillor Nicky Southworth

In the last edition we reported that there was a vacancy on the Parish Council waiting to be filled by a local person with an interest in local affairs. The Council is very pleased to report that Nicky Southworth rose to the challenge and was co-opted onto the Council in December.