

Minutes of the Meeting of Trimley St Martin Parish Council held at the Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall on Tuesday 4 September 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Barker, D'arville, Garrett, Owen, Smart and Rastrick

Also: County Councillor Bird, District Councillor Harding and 25 members of the public

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Clarke, who was away on holiday, Councillor Parker who had family commitments and Councillor Rodwell who had a commitment elsewhere.

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 had a pecuniary interest .

4. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 3 July 2018

The minutes of the meeting of 3 July were agreed and signed as a true copy.

5. Public Forum

- County Councillor Bird reported that the examination results at Felixstowe Academy had improved by comparison with last year. On Highways matters he was continuing to actively pursue a variety of matters and had met with the council leader to discuss concerns. The hedge alongside the High Rd opposite the Sausage Shop would be removed back to the fence to avoid it encroaching onto the pavement.
- District Councillor Harding reported back on the success of the Trimley Carnival and the need for volunteers to assist with the carnival in the future. He also drew attention to the improvements which were being undertaken at the Sports and Social Club.
- Members of the public raised questions about the extent of development proposed for the village in the draft local plan, the lack of a neighbourhood plan, and the number of new houses which the village was expected to provide. The hierarchy of planning was explained. The process did not include specific numbers of houses expected to be delivered at parish level. Cllr Bird commented that government was pressing district councils to deliver a large amount of housing: in Suffolk Coastal the local plan set out to deliver approximately 11,000 new homes in the period to 2036 and the draft plan identified the sites through which that level of delivery could potentially be achieved. The Parish Council had decided not to proceed with a neighbourhood plan as there had been so little interest expressed when it was raised in the Parish Pump. A neighbourhood plan was not a means of stopping development, but it did have some advantages. It was explained that campaigning action was the province of community groups and agreed that the Parish Council poster, which encouraged residents to submit their comments to the District Council, would be printed and delivered to every address in the village. Those attending the meeting were reminded of the District Council's deadline for submitting comments.

6. To note that the Planning Committee met on 13 August to consider their response to the first draft of the local plan and their comments have been submitted to SCDC via the online portal and made available on the Parish Council website.

Members noted that the comments of the Planning Committee had been submitted to SCDC and had been made available on the parish council website.

- 7. To consider whether to accept an invitation from Kirton and Falkenham Parish Council to collect signatures on a petition on the proposals for Innocence Farm**
Members resolved that they would not to accept the invitation to collect signatures on a petition as members took the view that campaigning action of this sort was more appropriate to local pressure groups

8. To Comment on the following planning applications

a. DC/18/3403/VLA: Variation of legal agreement to modify the Section 106 agreement on application DC/15/1525/ARM

Members resolved that, as there was no indication as to the nature of the change which is being sought, they were unable to make any comment. As and when information came to light the Parish Council would be pleased to be offered a fresh opportunity to comment.

b. DC/18/3139/FUL: Erection of one detached house on land to the rear of the Hand in Hand with vehicle access from High Hall Close

Members resolved to object to this proposal as the reduction in parking spaces at the Hand in Hand car park would allow insufficient parking space for patrons and because the plans allowed for only two parking spaces for four bedroom dwelling. – this does not meet the relevant planning standards.

c. DC/18/3451/FUL: 10 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin, new first floor rear extension to form a family bathroom and increase the floor area of an existing bedroom.

Members resolved that a comment should be submitted to the effect that unless it could be demonstrated that the extension would not have a negative impact in terms of light loss to the neighbouring property the application should be turned down.

9. To note the outcome of the application by Network Rail to close six level crossings along the Branch Line within Trimley St Martin and Trimley st Mary: Thorpe Common, Grimston Lane, Trimley, St Martin's, Gun Lane and Keeper's Lane.

The outcome of Network Rail's application was noted.

10. To consider whether to seek a Professional Services Estimate for a Pedestrian Refuge in the High Rd

Members resolved to proceed with this project subject to the availability of funding from the Play and Sport fund controlled by Suffolk Coastal District Council. The Clerk was asked to pursue an application to SCDC for the release of monies from the fund on the basis that a refuge would enable children more easily to reach the new play facilities behind the Memorial Hall.

11. To consider options to address the problem of excess traffic speed in the village including the possibility of installing a Speed Indicator Device within the village

Members considered the options available and concluded that it would be helpful to have a solar powered speed indicator device in place on the High R between the roundabout and the Memorial Hall facing Ipswich bound traffic. It was intended that the device would be of a type which would inform drivers of their speed. An offer from County Councillor Bird to allocate funds up to £1,000 towards the project was welcomed.

12. To Agree the Insurance Arrangements for the Year from 1 October 2018

Members agreed to accept the renewal quotation from Came & Co based on the sums insured (index-linked by 4%), and the cover detailed in the Council's current schedule of insurance in line with the Council's long-term agreement which expires on 30th September 2019. As before a proportion of the cost would be passed on to the Corporate Trustees to cover the cost of insuring the Memorial Hall.

13. To note the provisions for registering assets of community value and decide whether to proceed with such an application in respect of assets within the parish

Item was deferred for discussion at the October meeting.

14. To consider a request from the Bowls Club for permission to drill a test bore hole for the extraction of water close to the south east corner of the car park.

Members agreed to the Bowls Club request for permission to drill a test bore hole in the south east corner of the car park.

15. To consider a response to the owner of the mushroom farm track in relation to proposals for the removal of the hedge adjacent to the Memorial Hall

Members noted the owners' wish to separate the pedestrian access along the mushroom farm track from the vehicular access, but concluded that it would not be appropriate for the Parish Council to take on responsibility for the land on which the separate pedestrian access would be established. Concern was expressed over the plans to remove the hedge which forms the boundary between the track and the Memorial Hall and car park as this would adversely impact on the security of the Hall. The view was taken that ownership of that section of the hedge which runs alongside the Memorial Hall and the front car park had not been fully established. In the circumstances it was agreed that the landowner would be asked to consider retaining the hedge along its full length, cutting back to the boundary on the track side if necessary.

16. To receive an update on behalf of Cllr Clarke on the arrangements to mark the centenary of the armistice.

Members noted the update and welcomed the new planting which Councillor Clarke had undertaken.

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

Members received a financial statement to 25th August 2018. Bank statements were made available for inspection. Cumulative income and expenditure were as detailed below. The payments made in August were detailed at item 18. Interest of £7-48 had been received on 30 June.

As at 31/03/18			
Deposit Account	£ 14,996.11		
Current Account	£ 33,309.54		
	£ 48,305.65	Unpresented cheques	
Add Receipts to 25/08/2018	£ 14,697.95	300272	£ 387.60
Less Expenditure to 25/08/2018	£ 8,649.98		
Less cheque 300229 delayed presentation	£ 195.00		
Less Unpresented Cheques	£ 387.60		
	£ 54,546.22		
Balance As at 25/08/2018			
Deposit Account	£ 15,003.59		
Current Account	£ 39,542.63		
	£ 54,546.22		

18. To Note that the following payments were made in August 2018

It was noted the following payments had been made in August:

Date	No	Name	In respect of	Amount	Power
01/08/18	268	C Ley	Clerk's salary	547.55	LGA1972 s112
xx	269	Spoiled	xxxxxxx	xxx	xxxxx
01/08/18	270	HM Revenue & customs	Tax on Clerk's salary	109.40	LGA1972 s112
01/08/18	271	C Ley	Clerk's expenses	48.44	LGA1972 s112
01/08/18	272	SALC	Chairman's leadership course + bespoke training for cllrs	387.60	LGA1972 s111
01/08/18	273	B Dunningham	Bus shelter cleaning	54.00	LGA Misc Provs Act 1953 s4
01/08/18	274	Trimley Methodist Church	Hire of Hall for training session	27.50	LGA 1972 s133
01/08/18	275	Roger Clarke	WW1 centenary project - Repayment of expenses	202.75	LGA 1972 s137
01/08/18	276	Flyer Press	Parish Pump printing	125.00	LGA1972 s142

19. To Approve the Following Payments

The following payments were approved

Date	No	Name	In respect of	Amount	Power
04/09/2018	277	C Ley	Clerk's salary	547.55	LGA1972 s112
04/09/2018	278	Revenue & customs	Tax	109.40	LGA1972 s112
04/09/2018	279	C Ley	Clerk's expenses	59.94	LGA1972 s112

04/09/2018	280	Came & Co	Insurance	1332.07	LGA1972 s133
04/09/2018	281	B Dunningham	Bus shelter cleaning	54.00	LGA Misc Provs Act 1953 s4
04/09/2018	282	R Clarke	Expenses	41.17	LGA1972 s137
04/09/2018	283	CPRE	Membership	36.00	LGA1972 s111

20. Items for consideration of inclusion on next agenda

The following items were identified for discussion at the next meeting

- The registration of assets of community value (deferred from this meeting)
- Purchase of a projector and screen,
- Purchase of additional noticeboards for the village.

21. Close

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.