

TRIMLEY ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Trimley St. Mary Parish Council meeting held on Monday, November 7th 2005 at the Trimley St. Mary School at 7.34p.m.

Present:

Councillors: Mrs M J Dixon, E Durrant, B Frost, R Kerry (Chairman), Mrs B Shout, D Southgate and C Storer.

Apologies: Mrs H J Blackshaw, N Mayes and D Tyler.

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs B Shout and C Storer declared an interest in major planning proposals and B Frost, as a resident, declared an interest in item 51.6.

50. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, October 3rd 2005, which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record. Proposed, B Frost, seconded, Mrs B Shout.

51. COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK ON CLERK'S REPORT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

(Where reports had been circulated to all members of the Council, only questions about the content of the reports or further clarification was sought).

1. Councillors' Feedback. (See Appendix A.1.). The Clerk read out the response from John Gummer regarding the Local Works paperwork for the members' interest and information, this having been received since the production of the Clerk's report. B Frost proposed that the new quote for the repairs to the bus shelter at Spriteshall Lane be accepted, the shelter having been damaged again; E Durrant seconded the motion and all agreed. The Chairman advised the members that the quotes for Stennetts had not been received, due to illness, and would be with the Clerk in the near future. E Durrant remarked that the roofs of the bus shelters had not been cleaned. The Clerk responded that this was on the grounds of health and safety, since it had not seemed practical or safe for someone to be climbing ladders so close to the main highway. Authorisation was given for the Clerk to take care of the usual Christmas remunerations. C Storer proposed that the remuneration for the webmaster be increased to £100, Mrs B Shout seconded the motion and all agreed. The Clerk stated that she would ascertain from the webmaster in what form this should be made.

2. Banking – Mrs B Shout. Cllr. Shout reported that, despite explorations made elsewhere for a bank, which would better suit the needs of the Council, she had met with no success. The Nationwide had seemed a better alternative but it had all hinged on the number of cheques produced on a monthly basis and this had meant that the Council was still better off remaining with the Nat West. An appointment with a Business Manager had not yet materialised, despite reminders and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were asked to sign a letter and further form, the original being the wrong one, to enable the Council to receive gross interest from September 1st 2005. This was duly accomplished. Thanks were extended from the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman for Cllr. Shout's continued pursuance of this matter.

3. SCDC – Budget Consultation meeting – Vice-Chairman. (See Appendix B). No questions or clarification sought).

4. Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership 3rd Annual Forum – C Storer/Mrs H J Blackshaw. (See Appendices C1 and C2). No questions or clarification sought.

5. SCC – Travel Forums – Vice-Chairman. (See Appendix D). No questions or clarification sought.

6. Felixstowe Branch Line Meeting – Vice-Chairman/C Storer. (See Appendix E). The Vice-Chairman asked that it be noted that this work would, as it had been understood from the meeting, last a maximum of 18 months, not 3 years, as reported in the Evening Star. The Chairman advised the members of the concerns of Trimley St. Martin Parish Council, suggesting that a meeting be set up with both Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to address these concerns and show support from the members of Trimley St. Mary Parish Council. Details of the curtailed length of dualling were provided, (originally the line was going to be dualled all the way to Warren Heath), which were cost driven, the Government providing no funding for this work. Trimley St. Martin Parish Councillors were necessarily concerned that the village would

become a formal siding and the Vice-Chairman stressed that the village would be considerably more affected than Trimley St. Mary, 90% of the dualling being in Trimley St. Martin and Levington and the trains stopping in Trimley St. Martin. As a result, the Councillors in Trimley St. Martin were understandably anxious. The Chairman asked if an inquiry could be forced, if enough fuss was made, and the Vice-Chairman confirmed that this would be the case. C Storer added that he understood that other studies were going on into the length of the dualling and stated that, if the Councillors were to raise the issue of dualling the line with Parishioners, a majority would agree to taking freight off the roads, but this was not necessarily what they would get.

7. Feedback from questionnaire – C Storer. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Storer for all his efforts in this enterprise. Cllr. Storer, in turn, thanked Mrs Newman for the compilation of the 19 pages of comments and the Clerk confirmed that consideration of some form of remuneration for this service was on the agenda under Finance. The wealth of feedback would be discussed at the next Strategy meeting and Cllr. Storer concluded that at meetings he had attended regarding Parish Plans those present had been surprised at the response the Council had received to a cold survey, which was well above average. The Chairman commented that he felt that those who had expressed the strongest views should have had the courage of their convictions to provide a name and address in order that the Council could make a direct response.

52. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Correspondence/Circulation Documents Requiring A Reply: (See Appendix A.2).

- 1.1.** PCT Consultation Document. The Clerk advised the members of the results of her compilation of the comments received. Councillors approved her summary and agreed the sections to be addressed and the strength of their feelings in these categories.
- 1.2.** (See Appendix A.2.1.). Mrs M J Dixon suggested that the Parish Council recruit assistance from Trimley St. Martin Parish Council and advised the members that her husband was willing to be a volunteer, but not leader, in this exercise. It was agreed that a decision on the presentation would be made at the next meeting in December, following the circulation of the paperwork.
- 1.3.** (See Appendix A.2.2.). It was agreed that the Council would reserve comments on the merging of the Police Force, until further information on the proceedings had been received from Suffolk Coastal District Councillor, Mrs S Green.
- 1.4.** (See Appendix A.2.3.). Mrs M J Dixon urged the members to continue to support this worthwhile cause and give due consideration to the request at the appropriate time, when donations were brought before the Council again.
- 1.5.** (See Appendix A.2.5.). The Vice-Chairman rightly queried the relevance of the Council responding to this documentation. It was, nevertheless, circulated.
- 1.6.** (See Appendix A.2.6.). Mrs M J Dixon reminded the members that her husband had taken over as the local recorder from Mr Punchard and all past material should have been forwarded to him for the records. The Clerk handed over the material to Cllr. Dixon, which she had received from Cllr. J Bidwell, to be placed in her husband's safe keeping.
- 1.7.** Members were advised of an additional circulation document received and available from the Clerk on request (see Appendix A.3.7.).

2. Members' Agenda Items:

2.1. Hooting trains. All correspondence from Ian Cleland having already been circulated, the Vice-Chairman made some additional comments. He stated that there had been some confusion between Keeper's Lane and Gun Lane, which he would like to be addressed and suggested that the Clerk make inquiries about seeking a Local Dispensation for whistles not to be sounded between 11.30p.m. and 7.00a.m. All members agreed that this should be pressed for and the Clerk accepted to undertake the necessary correspondence.

2.2. Early morning bus survey (Vice-Chairman). The Vice-Chairman provided details of this survey, voluntarily carried out at the sole official timing point in the two villages, the Hand in Hand. He had also reported them to the relevant authority (First). 10 out of 17 buses had failed to meet the national guidelines on timing criteria of between 1 minute early and 5 minutes late.

3. Items From Strategy Meetings:

3.1. C Storer reminded members that the next meeting was to be held on Monday, November 14th 2005 at 7.00p.m. at the school.

53. FINANCE

1. The monthly financial statement was presented and agreed. Proposed, B Frost, seconded, Mrs B Shout. The Clerk provided updated information on the opening balance, the cheque from the Red Devils having cleared the bank and not having been included in the balance for October.

2. Expenditure:

Nat West	Bank Charges (deducted October)	13.63
Bus Shelters	To 05/11/05 (5 weeks)	75.00
G C Gibbs	Cleaning "Peace" Sign	5.00
D B Barton	Grass Cutting	30.00
SWT	Membership Renewal	30.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	15.00
Tony Allen	Christmas 'Light Up'	20.00
E-on Energy	Christmas 'Light Up' 2004/2005	22.23
Nat West	Bank Charges (deducted November)	4.96

3. The Clerk advised the members that the initial invoice for the Christmas 'Light Up' 2004-2005 had been queried and subsequently corrected.

4. Members were informed that D B Barton had suggested that the vegetation on High Road, in the vicinity of the 7.5 tonnes weight restriction sign, required to be cut back with professional hedge trimming equipment and approval was sought for someone to be instructed to carry this out, if it was considered that there was sufficient funding in the grass cutting budget (currently standing at £539). The Clerk added that she had seen workers from SCSL or SCC cutting back vegetation in the area and it was agreed that the Clerk should approach these bodies first, particularly Suffolk County Council, since it was their highway sign, which was being obscured.

5. All members agreed that some suitable remuneration should be made in recognition of the collating of the questionnaire comments. Mrs B Shout offered to purchase a basket of flowers and a cost limit of £25.00 was set.

6. Suggestions for use of Locality Grant Funding. Mrs M J Dixon suggested that serious consideration should be given to replacing the play equipment at Stennetts Playing Field, which was scruffy and shamed the village. It was agreed that the village lacked play facilities and some of the equipment on the field had been there for 20 years. Members were reminded that there was also the SCDC play/sports scheme pot of money to be spent, the Cricket Club having withdrawn their application for funding, and there was a time limit on applications for this funding, or it would be lost. The Clerk was asked to investigate the costs of replacing the equipment and see what brochures she had for play equipment. The Clerk also reminded the members that if a Traffic Order was required for High Road, that this could cost a substantial amount of money. Cllr. J Goodwin was, yet again, called upon to explain how funding was allocated and the deadline for applications, despite the Locality Funding paperwork having been circulated to all members in the past month and returned to the Clerk and this topic having been addressed frequently at meetings since the summer. Cllr. Goodwin advised the members that he might have some idea for use of the funding to be brought forward at the next meeting but it would not be for play equipment.

54. PLANNING

1. Applications:

C/05/1809 Erection of first floor bathroom extension together with single-storey kitchen extension and rear conservatory, 17, The Avenue – supported.

C/05/1890 Erection of a conservatory, 90, Faulkener's Way – supported.

C/05/1942 Continued use of part of site as garden centre and retention of shop, Trackside Park, Cordy's Lane – supported with recommendations.

C/05/1943 Continued use of building as carpentry workshop, Trackside Park, Cordy's Lane – supported with recommendations.

C/05/1944 Continued use of building as wedding/party shop and associated car hire business – Trackside Park, Cordy's Lane – supported with recommendations.

2. Councillors were advised that a document from the Suffolk Preservation Society entitled East of England Draft Plan Public Examination – Written Statements was available from the Clerk on request.

3. The Clerk read out a letter from SCDC, advising members of a new planning service for Suffolk Coastal District Council, Philip Ridley being the new Head of Planning Services. Discussion forums were to be arranged.
4. A letter had been received from SCDC, informing the Councillors that an informal hearing was to be held at the Woodbridge offices on Tuesday, 29th November 2005 at 10.00a.m. in respect of the Station Nurseries Appeal. The Vice-Chairman had already expressed an interest in attending and speaking at this meeting and the Clerk agreed to confirm his attendance.
5. SCDC had also written to advise the members that there was to be an appeal regarding 51, Faulkener's Way and the deadline for further representations was the 13th December 2005. The Clerk read out the responses made by the Council in previous applications and it was agreed that no further representation needed to be made.
6. The Suffolk Preservation Society had sent a request for the members to sign up to their statement and petition in their campaign for increasing the legal involvement of Town and Parish Councils in the planning process. This document was to be circulated and a sheet had been enclosed for Councillors to indicate their stance.
7. In addition, also from SCDC, was a copy of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Second Alteration: Proposed Modifications, being a review of policies, which dealt specifically with the subject of affordable housing. This document was also to be circulated and comments received by the December 5th 2005 meeting. The Clerk provided details of the web address to view this document.

55. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

1. Footpath 12. Both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman remarked on the vast improvements, now fully completed, to this footpath, for walkers and cyclists alike, which enhanced the area with the new wooden fencing and gates and incorporated a picturesque diversion through the copse. It was now possible to use this route from Nicholas Road right through to Cordy's Lane, although two areas were still somewhat muddy, where vehicles had to cross the path. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter of thanks to those responsible for the improvements, the Councillors being aware that all too often only complaints were generated from meetings and walks.
2. Members were advised of a further communication from Suffolk County Council in response to the Parish Council's letter regarding the Whitworth Veterinary Practice's request for signing to their business premises on the highway. All agreed to stand by the initial decision of refusing to support such a sign, Councillors firmly believing that there were too many signs in the village as it was and this particular sign was not necessary. Mrs B Shout added that, if, as Suffolk County Council stated, the sign for the carpet shop was illegal, the Clerk should also ask that this be removed. The Clerk agreed to convey the wishes of the Council on both issues to the relevant party.
3. Councillors were informed that a document from the Highways Agency entitled A14 Trunk Road (Dock Spur Footbridge Side Roads) Order 20, which included a copy of the order, plan and public notice was available from the Clerk on request.
4. The Clerk reported that a statutory notice on forthcoming bus service changes from Suffolk County Council's Environment and Transport Department had been received. The Vice-Chairman added that there were certain 'ghost' buses, which the public could use but for which, at present, there was no timetable. Mrs M J Dixon asked if the Clerk had heard anything further about the shelter at the Free Church, since the owner of the house appeared to be repairing the wall. The Clerk confirmed that Suffolk County Council was aware of the owner's desire to repair the wall and the shelter was due for removal. Whether a replacement would arrive was in the hands of the County Council and seemed unlikely, this shelter belonging to the County Council and twice having been hit within a short space of erection, the damage in both cases indicating that it had been reversed into. The Clerk agreed to chase this matter up again.
5. Members were advised of a letter sent from Angela Rapley of Suffolk County Council, with notes from the meeting held with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, the Police and the School regarding parking on High Road and the resulting recommendations. Both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had read the notes and any emendations had been passed on to the Clerk to report to Angela. The recommendations were read out for the members' interest and information and received the Council's support providing, as had been mentioned at the meeting, the markings were to be installed at both bus stops near Station Road. The

Clerk agreed to pass on the members' comments, in order that consultation might take place on the recommendations, which would provide a fast response to the parking problems in High Road.

6. A document from the Highways Agency entitled A14 Dockspur Roundabout 6 Month Speed Survey – Westbound Approach and Signing Scheme was available from the Clerk on request.

7. Members reported lighting problems, occurrences of overhanging vegetation and a potential hazard on a footpath to the Clerk. She confirmed that all matters would be addressed in the usual manner.

56. EMERGENCY ISSUES

There were no issues under this heading.

57. NEXT MEETING

Monday, 5th December 2005 at 7.00p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.53 p.m.

_____ **Chairman** _____ **Date**