

TRIMLEY ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Trimley St. Mary Parish Council meeting held on Monday, February 6th 2006 at the Trimley St. Mary School at 8.01p.m.

Present:

Councillors: Mrs H J Blackshaw, Mrs M J Dixon, D Ellis, B Frost, R Kerry (Chairman), N Mayes, Mrs B Shout, D Southgate and C Storer.

Apologies: E Durrant and D Tyler.

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs B Shout and C Storer declared an interest in major planning proposals; Mrs M J Dixon declared an interest in planning; N Mayes declared an interest in the Port of Felixstowe.

69. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, December 5th 2005 and the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday, January 4th 2006, which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record with the following amendments: - on the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, December 5th 2005, at section 60.1. line 14, the word 'would' was amended to 'may' and on line 15, '£12.5 million' was amended to '£1.25 million'. Proposed, C Storer, seconded, B Frost.

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

1. Councillors' Feedback. (See Appendix A.1.). The Councillors' attention was drawn to two additions to the Clerk's report, since production of the appendices to accompany the agenda, now incorporated within the appendices attached. With regard to the report about children making jumps for their bikes at Blofield and causing damage, the Chairman confirmed that this was in the vicinity of Bund B. This information would be passed on to Mr Collins of Bidwells and the East Area Rights of Way Department. The Vice-Chairman expressed discontent that the Clerk could no longer contact the Rights of Way Department directly, stating that he had believed that Customer Services Direct was a one-stop service for the general public, who did not know whom to contact, not for Clerks, who had already established contacts. The Clerk stated that, whilst a letter had been distributed in September 2005, which she had drawn attention to on receipt, she had believed that the contents were for the general public/written correspondence. Some personnel at the Rights of Way Department had also held this belief but they had recently been advised that this was not the case. It was agreed that the Clerk would follow the approved route through Customer Services Direct, using the email contact, which she had been advised was the most reliable method, and the success of response would be monitored and compared with previous procedures.

It was agreed that the April meeting of the Council, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, would be held on April 24th 2006, the Clerk to look at staggering the dates of following meetings to allow sufficient time between meetings to complete the necessary tasks.

No Councillor volunteered at the meeting to take on the task of joining the School Governors.

Disappointment was expressed at the outcome of the Clerk's discussions with Angela Rapley of Suffolk County Council, regarding guidance on the subject of the speed and volume of traffic passing through the village. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about counting boxes and to bring Cllr. John Goodwin in on this matter.

The Clerk was asked for updated information on the situation regarding a change of venue for meetings. She confirmed that she had written a letter but had received no response to date. She would continue to pursue this matter.

The Clerk was requested to make further investigations into the cemetery contribution and what this actually covered.

2. Councillors' Reports:

2.1. Meeting with Suffolk County Council on footpaths (Chairman). The Chairman advised the members that he and the Vice-Chairman, together with members of Trimley St. Martin Parish Council, had

attended a meeting with representatives of Suffolk County Council on Friday, 27th January 2006 at Endeavour House, on the proposed closure of footpaths, during the dualling of the railway line. The main details of this meeting had already been covered, during the presentation by Ian Chadney of the Port of Felixstowe and the external reports, prior to the main meeting.

2.2. Banking (Mrs B Shout). Cllr. Shout provided new information for the interest of the members, namely that, since the Council held a Clubs and Societies Account, the responsibility for the account did not come under a Business manager, but remained with the Felixstowe Branch. There would, therefore, be no meeting with the Business manager, Michael Evans of the Nat West Customer Relations Department, as previously intimated in October 2005. The Clerk had advised her that there had been no charges for October, November or December. This was seen as a 'goodwill gesture' by the Bank, the Council having been waiting for an overdue appointment. Cllr. Shout stated that it remained to be seen whether or not the charges would be reinstated in January. Having catalogued again the appalling history of the bank's dealings with the Council, all agreed to a 'No further action' policy and all paperwork was handed over to the Clerk for safekeeping. The Chairman extended thanks to Cllr. Shout for her efforts on the part of the Council.

2.3. Sports Council meeting (D Southgate). Cllr Southgate advised the members that he had attended the latest meeting.

71. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Correspondence/Circulation Documents Requiring A Reply (See Appendix A.2./A.3.):

1.1. (See Appendix A.2.1.). Dualling of the Felixstowe Branch Line. It was agreed that, after careful consideration of the emailed correspondence from Ian Chadney of the Port of Felixstowe to the Clerk on various issues and the information supplied, prior to the main Council meeting, the Council would be in a better position to make a final response to the Secretary of State for Transport, unless any other issues remained, which could be resolved.

1.2. (See Appendix A.2.2.). PCT Consultations. These documents having only been returned at the beginning of the meeting and no responses received, apart from those from Mrs B Shout, for which the Chairman thanked her, the Clerk was asked and agreed to complete the necessary forms.

1.3. (See Appendix A.2.3.). The Vice-Chairman passed on details of Gary Trotter's new post and the Clerk, following a request from the Vice-Chairman, stated that she had been advised to contact Luke Barber or Chris Seaman.

1.4. (See Appendix A.2.7.). It was agreed that this document be held by the Clerk and not circulated.

1.5. (See Appendix A.2.9.). It was agreed that this document would not be circulated.

1.6. (See Appendix A.2.10.). There were no volunteers to attend this meeting.

1.7. (See Appendix A.2.11.). After considerable discussion about the relevance of this consultation document to the village and an explanation from the Clerk of the types of minerals being considered, namely sand, gravel, chalk, clay and those found in river and sea beds, it was generally agreed that any response on this issue would have to be deferred. Mrs M J Dixon requested the relevant paperwork for perusal.

1.8. (See Appendix A.3.11.). A date of Saturday, March 25th 2006 at 10.00a.m. was set for the Council's litter pick. The Vice-Chairman agreed to take collection and delivery of the bags and gloves. The Chairman asked the Clerk to notify the school, the Headmaster having indicated a willingness on the part of the school to contribute to this exercise.

1.9. (See Appendix A.3.13.). The Clerk offered her apologies, being on annual leave; the Vice-Chairman offered his apologies. N Mayes indicated a preference to attend, if this was acceptable to the Port. The Chairman agreed to check his availability and D Southgate also showed some interest in attending, having attended the last meeting.

1.10. Members were advised of one new item under Information Circulars, namely A.3.14.

2. Members' Agenda Items:

2.1. None received.

3. Items From Strategy Meetings:

3.1. None received.

72. FINANCE

1. The monthly financial statement was presented and agreed. Proposed, N Mayes, seconded, B Frost.

2. Paid since last meeting:

Webmaster	Web Site Domain Name Fee (2006 & 2007)	19.98
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3. Receipts:

Trimley Red Devils	Lease Payment	250.00
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4. Expenditure:

Bus Shelters	To 04/02/2006 (5 weeks)	67.50
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Gosling Farms	Christmas Trees	66.98
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Clerk	Use of House	120.00
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5. The Chairman advised the members that thanks had been received from the Disability Advice Service, the Citizens' Advice Bureau and FACTS for donations received. Thanks had also been received from the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service and a request for support in 2006/07.

6. Members were informed that the VAT Claim to the end of January 2006 had been submitted for the sum of £689.34

7. The Chairman advised the Council that the Clerk had received an invoice for repairs to the play equipment at Stennetts, although the work had not yet been done. The Clerk had contacted Tim Collard of Suffolk Coastal Services Limited, who had advised her not to pay at this time and to wait until the work had been completed. She had, therefore, contacted the invoice department to advise them of this.

8. It had been suggested that the payment of the reserved sum of £1,500.00 for the disabled toilet facilities be made to the Welcome Hall Committee prior to the end of the financial year, in order to minimise the confusion about earmarked reserves. D Ellis proposed that this motion be accepted and N Mayes seconded the motion. Mrs M J Dixon, being the Chair for the Welcome Hall, abstained from the vote; the rest of the Councillors agreed. The Clerk stated that the cheque would be generated at the next full meeting of the Council. Cllr. Dixon also thanked the Council for the Christmas tree for the Welcome Hall.

73. PLANNING

1. Applications:

C05/2245 Erection of conservatory to front, 6A, Spriteshall Lane – objection.

C05/2305 Two-storey side extension, 5, Carriage Close - objection in principle.

C/06/0074 Erection of one 3 bedroomed dwelling (revised scheme), Part side garden, 55, Cordy's Lane – supported.

C/06/0046 Erection of single-storey rear extension, 424, High Road – supported.

C/06/0115 Erection of single-storey rear extension, 48, Chatsworth Crescent – supported.

C/06/0131 Use of land for the erection of single-storey dwelling with access from The Avenue, 127, High Road – no objection to house in principle but concerns voiced about access onto the unadopted road.

2. Members were reminded of the proposal to set up a Planning Committee, which had originated from the Finance and General Purposes meeting, held on Wednesday, January 4th 2006. All agreed to this move.

74. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

1. SCC – Temporary closure of part Footpath 31 for safety reasons during Blofield development work from January 16th until May 16th 2006 – diversion available. The Vice-Chairman passed on an alleged report of a closure of a footpath, for which the Council had received no prior warning. The Clerk was asked to investigate this and contact Bidwells and the East Area Rights of Way Department. The Vice-Chairman also added that the Council was not receiving notification in advance of closures, following information provided by the Clerk at the meeting of the dates of the letters received from the Legal Services at Suffolk County Council and the letter from Annette Robinson of Suffolk County Council, who had provided the diversion plan. He asked that a letter be written, requesting prior notification well in advance of any closures or extensions to closures.

75. EMERGENCY ISSUES

1. An objection was made about the lack of heating at the school again. Various suggestions were made about a reduction of future payments/refund (the Clerk having advised the Council that payment had been made in advance and agreed). The Clerk stated that she would contact the school again and pass on the views of the Councillors.

2. The Vice-Chairman voiced concerns about the continual problem of one particular new light at the end of Station Road at the Station, which was still inoperational. Despite the numerous calls from the Clerk, this matter had not been resolved and this was one of the lights, to which the Council had made a

