

TRIMLEY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024
AT THE WELCOME HALL TRIMLEY HIGH ROAD

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Reports from County & District Councillors, Public participation session & members questions on these items.

The meeting opened with the public open forum. The Chair welcomed County Councillor Stuart Bird (SB) and District Councillors Mike Ninnmey (MN) and apologies from Lee Reeve (LR) received. Five members of the public were in attendance and were made welcome.

Further to the monthly reports received from all the councillors County Councillor Stuart Bird (SB) was invited by the Chair DS to update the Parish Council:

SB had submitted his annual report.

Out of SB Locality budget he has offered to contribute £5.5K towards the road signs.

SB has contributed £6296 from his Highways Budget to cover the cost of the feasibility study for the proposed pedestrian crossing. By doing this SB has saved the Parish Council some funding costs. The Parish Council will cover the costs of the design and construction of the pedestrian crossing.

Richard Kerry (RK) queried the Feasibility costs. The feasibility costs are in effect a non-return deposit whether the crossing is found to be feasible or not.

DS explained that being a long ribbon village Trimley High Road has 10K vehicles per day; all safety measures along the road have the effect of slowing the traffic. There is a need to make the road safer.

SB reported that the Bus Shelter and pavement was overgrown. The County Council cannot fund this. A quote for the work for Trimley St Martin came in at £6394 and SB would be contributing to this.

District Councillor Mike Ninnmey (MN) gave an update.

- MN attended a Strategic Planning Meeting in Lowestoft. The Planning website is to be made more user friendly.
- The Reeve Lodge development application was in front of the planning committee last week. The dwellings are very dense at 35/40 per hectare which is more than on Poppy Fields. The green land for this development is with the village of Trimley St Mary whilst the construction is with Trimley St Martin.
- The layout of the school and parking for pupil drop off will be subject to a different planning application and discussions with Highways.

- In a statement by the developer; initially responsibility for maintenance of the site will be with them and they will set up a management company to maintain in the future. This would lead to residents paying for both their council tax and an additional site management charge.
- The land will not be transferred for the school until after 50 houses have been completed. The County Council is responsible for schools ; County Council Education will therefore be submitting a planning application for the new school to County Council Planning.
- The developer has agreed to suitable fencing of the green land. The Parish Council continue to negotiate the security of the allotment field through appropriate fencing.
- The Open Space aspects are subject to continuing discussion regarding fencing and hedges and have concerns how the green land will be managed.

RK informed the Parish Council that the former head of planning Philip Ridley has moved to the Sizewell C project and has been replaced by two other personnel.

The members of public were invited to ask questions of the Parish Council. They declined.

The Parish Meeting opened at 7:50pm.

1.1 The Chair David Southgate welcomed all to the meeting.

DS thanked Parish Councillors for all of their hard work through the last month.

1.2 In attendance:

Bryan Frost (BF)
Tricia Goulden (TG)
Linda Knock (LK)
Lynn Beal (LB)
Sue Cox (SC)
David Southgate (DS)
Richard Kerry (RK)
Mick Richardson (MR)

1.3 Apologies were received from Colin Jacobs (CJ)

1.4 There were no Members' declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

There are three Trusts; all Parish Councillors become Trustees on election or co-option.

The Public Transport Liaison Officer (PTLO) interest was declared.

2 Minutes

2.1 The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 4th March 2024 were agreed by the Parish Council and duly signed.

3 Parish Councillors Reports

- 3.1** Bryan Frost (BF) continues to pursue the Felixstowe Commuter train being held outside of Ipswich due to lack of platforms, meaning some commuters miss their link to London and elsewhere. This is a longstanding issue. Greater Anglia are changing their schedules which may improve the situation.
- 3.2** Sue Cox (SC) has attended some meetings on behalf of the Parish Council. One held at the Hold in Ipswich was a National Landscape Planning Event. The next was a Zoom meeting about biodiversity. SC also attended the North Felixstowe Garden Village project which is still at very early stages.
- 3.3** Mick Richardson (MR) has been surveying the junctions of Addington Road, Station Road, The High Road and others. The proposed solution is to have 10m of solid white lines at each junction, to deter dangerous parking.
Action: MR to canvass residents through social media about the proposed solution to see how people feel and also to remind drivers to park considerately.
- 3.4** resolved an issue reported about unapproved clearance of undergrowth for construction. They sorted the issue with the resident who raised the concern.
- 3.5** Lynn Beal (LB) Community Partnership has set new priorities and a data pack. The Census revealed that there are now 3830 residents in Trimley St Mary and the largest age group is the 70–74-year-olds. The Community Partnerships wants to reduce loneliness and isolation. Focus on reducing drug use. The over-arching principle is around poverty and how to address it locally.
- 3.6** David Southgate (DS) spoke about the flooding issue in St Marys which is caused by a crushed culvert. To be reported to the Highways again. This time with a picture.

4.0 Items discussed

4.1 Items of news for Spotlight Magazine and social media for the next couple of months. News items from Parish Councillors email to LB. LB explained that the Parish Council also has a free article in The Flyer now too.

- DS to draft his Chair's annual report of 400 words by 3 May.

- MR to draft a piece about parking on corners for the June Copy. Deadline 3 May.

4.2 Sue Cox (SC) Reported that the average age of those targeted by cyber fraud is 76 years old. This equates to over 63% of those targeted. The fraud is £219Bn each year.

Better news regarding the Christmas Lights; this will be self-funding, through holding a quiz night in the Welcome Hall. There will be a raffle too at the end of October. This will raise funds for Neighbourhood Watch Christmas lights. Details to be confirmed in due course.

4.3 Tricia Goulden (TG) would like to gather together a working party to enable the Climate Action Plan meeting to go ahead. TG will get in touch with the Green Print Gang to get some ideas of developing a group to work together on this long-term project.

Ideas so far include:

- The BTO making changes for bird life.
- To create a recycling unit

These ideas rely on good promotion and input from parishioners. There will be more detail next month.

4.4 A fulsome report on the proposed pedestrian crossing was given by County Councillor Stuart Bird earlier in the meeting. DS thanked SB for his input, ongoing efforts and support with generous funding.

4.5 Monday 13th May was agreed as the date for the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to both be held prior to the normal Parish Council business meeting on the same night. These meetings will be held at 7PM at the Trimley Welcome Hall. The change of date is due to the first Monday in May being a bank holiday.

4.6 LB explained that she had attended the Felixstowe Youth Forum. Trimley St Mary Primary School are regulars there. The pupils are the key stakeholders with the meeting chaired by young people on a rotational basis.

The Vouchers for schools have been distributed. The Parish Council contributed £195.00.

Ongoing work between a number of Parish Councillors are improving opportunities to engage with the school improving relationships.

5.0 FINANCE

Current balance £154,207.20 as at 2nd April 2024.

5.1 Approvals for April 2024

5.2 Approvals

Clerk N Dunn salary at NALC pay point 28 (March 2024)	£1090.31
HMRC Tax	£281.60
Employer National Insurance (Parish Council contribution)	£89.69
Employee National Insurance (Clerk contribution)	£35.99
Talk mobile SIM only account April 2024 paid to clerk	£9.95
East Suffolk Services - Stennetts Maintenance	£216.58
David Hinchey Skyline cleaning 5 x bus shelters and 2 x noticeboards	£205.00
SALC annual membership	£1057.32
East Suffolk Services revised invoice July 2023 – February 2024	
Stennetts Playing Field maintenance and cutting	£1146.92
Suffolk County Council Annual Licence Village Centre Area	£5.00

5.3 Paid since last meeting.

East of England Ambulance NHS Trust Charitable Funds-donation for Felixstowe Area First Responders.	£350.00
BT Wifi at The Welcome Hall paid by Lynn Beal (due to BT needing to conduct a personal credit check) and paid to her by	£29.99

PC	
Parkers Pitches inv: 3080 Stennetts Playing Field	£900.00
Cllr Sue Cox mileage	£15.57
East Suffolk Services inv 111289 Stennetts Playing Field	£216.58
Last Hire – overdue invoice	£120.00
SALC Payroll management 6 months	£45.00
Cllr Lynn Beal purchase D-Day 80 Flag	£9.95

LB explained that the donation made by the Parish Council last month to the First Responders has been welcomed. They would like the donation to buy a kit bag with embroidery costing £15 acknowledging the Parish Council donation on the bag. All agreed. They are very grateful and would like a photoshoot. TBC.

6.0 PLANNING

Parish Councillor Richard Kerry is joining the Parish Council Planning Committee.

6.11 DC/24/0964/OUT

Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) erection of chalet bungalow.

Land Rear of 73,75 and 77 High Road Trimley St Mary, Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 0TA

The clerk recorded the following comments on the ESC Planning Portal.

Trimley St Mary Planning Committee has deep reservations about this application:

- scant information provided along with redaction of one document.
- looks like it could severely restrict access at the Addison Road end.
- The plans as they stand do little to allow much analysis of the potential impact upon the neighbours.
- There appears to be a lack of parking provision and the removal of existing parking.
- over development of this particular site.
- it is considered that this development is not required due to the planned developments that have and will take place in the village that do not appear to have been considered in the Local Plan.

The Parish Councillors have between them made a number of site visits at different times and do not support this application.

These objection comments were also shared with District Cllr Lee Reeve.

6.12 DC/24/24/0449/FUL

Part land at Foxburrow Farm, Waldringfield Road, Brightwell Change of use of land for storage of containers (associated with the Port of Felixstowe).

The Parish Council has considered its position with regards to this planning application and has decided on maintaining a watching brief and to keep abreast of the cross-boundary correspondence and changes which may impact adversely on local residents.

Mike Ninmeyer (MN) commented that these Felixstowe Dock related businesses are not well connected to local small roads.
DS agreed that the frequency and movements of large vehicles on the small roads is inappropriate and that the applicants should be discouraged.

6.13 DC/24/ 0979/FUL

Erection of single storey side extension
51 Faulkeners Way Trimley St Mary Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 0FE
No comment to date expiry 11 April 2024.

6.2 East Suffolk Council Decisions:

No decisions this month.

7.0 Highways and Footpaths

The footpath under the railway at Blofield is boggy and walkers have been taking a dryer route.

8.0 Items to be carried forward to the next meeting Monday 13th May at 7PM due to inclusion of APM and AGM at the start of the evening.

- Climate Action Plan Meeting arrangements.
- Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.
- D-Day arrangements.
- Trimley Villages Peace Sign – broken and re-design.

The meeting was closed at 08.43PM.

Signed by Chair:

Date:

Future meetings:

Monday 13th May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Monday 1st July 2024

No meeting August 2024

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 7th October 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 2nd December 2024