

**TRIMLEY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**  
**AT THE WELCOME HALL TRIMLEY HIGH ROAD**

**PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

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

David Southgate (DS) welcomed the 7 members of the public and County and District Councillors to the main business meeting. DS explained to the members of the public that the statutory obligation of holding an AGM and APM have been completed this evening.

County Councillor Stuart Bird (SB) has submitted his monthly report. In update, SB explained that Highways has now completed the feasibility study for the proposed pedestrian crossing on Trimley High Road. The report is due by the end of May.

District Councillor Mike Ninnmey (MN) explained that Temporary accommodation is costing £BNs. There is an East Suffolk Council Housing Conference in June/July.

Public questions:

The main reason for attendance by members of the public was the poor inconsiderate parking issues in particular on junctions of the busy roads surrounding the school and railway station.

Parish Councillor Mick Richardson has been leading the investigation into the issues and assembling the facts to seek viable, cost effective and above all the safest solutions for pedestrians and other road users and low impact on residents.

A leaflet drop to the most impacted residents and a Facebook feedback session was held. 48 responses were received along with about 2.5k views/responses on FaceBook.

The survey and leaflets confirmed many issues and concerns for residents and road users alike:

- Parking in general
- Consideration of the residents
- Busy times for the school drop-off and pick-up
- The rail station parking
- Different vans identified as parking inconsiderately
- Abandoned vehicles
- Safety
- Building works at the school displacing teachers parking to local roads.
- Road users' behaviour
- Ongoing problem in that area, and not just on the corners and junctions
- New garage has limited parking creating an overspill of service vehicles onto the roads
- This is not an exhaustive list but gives a flavour of residents' concerns.

DS explained that the new acting head teachers are open to having discussions with the Parish Council. The Parish Council has limited powers for solving problems but does have power of persuasion to the next appropriate levels of local government.

The highest priority for the Parish Council is safety of everyone.

MR explained that unsafe parking issues used to be raised with the Police and Highways at Suffolk County Council. This has been sub-contracted to East Suffolk District Council.

SB said that solutions are difficult to establish; for example, change in use of roads for double yellow lines must have Traffic Regulation Orders for Road Safety. This is a long drawn out and expensive process.

MR said that white lines are likely the solution as they would be accurately marked out and are advisory indicators.

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.

**Item for discussion 4.5** Parking Concerns It was agreed to bring this item to the beginning of the main Parish Council business meeting having been discussed at length in the Public Open Forum. A number of members of the public were in attendance solely for this item.

MR explained the Parish Council objective was for the junctions around the High Road and Station Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, The Avenue, New Road, Eaton Close, Addington to be made safer. A leaflet drop was made to residents.

Double yellow lines involve lengthy and costly legal processes.

Road users are repeatedly breaching Rule 243 that says you cannot park with 10m of a junction. The proposed 10m solid white lines would be an indicator educating drivers where they should not be parking. People understand the meaning of solid white lines.

**Action:** MR to complete his report of the survey responses and draft a proposal for the Parish Council.

**Action:** DS to contact Home Farm about speeding tractors.

**Action:** MR To put an article into the Spotlight giving everyone opportunities to understand the issues and to contribute to the July Parish Meeting to see how these issues could be addressed.

### **1.2** In attendance:

Bryan Frost (BF)  
Colin Jacobs (CJ)  
Lynn Beal (LB)  
Sue Cox (SC)

David Southgate (DS)  
Mick Richardson (MR)

**1.3** Apologies were received from Linda Knock, Tricia Goulden and Richard Kerry.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were agreed by the Parish Council and duly signed.

## **3 Parish Councillors Reports**

**3.1** BF reports changes to the train timetables in the mornings which caused delays to commuters and travellers for many years. From 2<sup>nd</sup> June there will be no delay to the Felixstowe train going into the Ipswich platform ensuring better connections for onward journeys.

**3.2** LB reported that se had attended the Community Partnership meeting. Also that 50 individual users have accessed the WIFI at the Welcome Hall. Hirers have been encouraged to start using card readers. Thanks to the Parish Council. The back room at the Welcome Hall is continuing its refurbishment ad is looking for further funding to complete this work.

**3.3** SC has attended her 5<sup>th</sup> biodiversity. A third of biodiversity has been lost. Network Rail shared a report. The Parish Council is to have a biodiversity plan. SC will lead on this; from identifying the current position with our flora and fauna and what can be done to improve the situation.

SC also attended the North Felixstowe Garden Project meeting where it was noted that nothing has moved on and there is no agreement between the 3 land owners.

**3.4** MR is correlating all the replies to the parking concerns leaflet drop and will create a report as per item 4.5 earlier in this meeting. MR gave a reminder that residents can report hedges overgrowing County maintained pavements on the Highways reporting tool DS thanked MR for undertaking an excellent exercise on behalf the residents in the village. BF added that in the July 2019 report for the year only £30 revenue was raised in the dedicated carparking bays at Trimley St Mary Rail Station – 42K rail journeys had been undertaken through the station. Greater Anglia is part of the parking issue and might be worth pursuing this with regarding removal of parking charges in the future to alleviate some of the safety issues and impact on residents.

**3.5** DS gave an update on the Faulkeners Way Play Area. SB has contributed £4500. The extensive consultation with the Public has completed. There are discussions about how much the Parish Councils will contribute and the council rightly wants to see the final quotations before committing funds.

#### 4 Items for discussion

**4.1** News items for Spotlight magazine to be submitted to LB before 2 June for the July issue.

BF to submit an update of the Trimley Rail Station usage data.

DS submit Chairs annual report.

SC to do a short article on biodiversity in the village.

SC/LB to put in a save the date for the Quiz.

**4.2** SC reports that Neighbourhood Watch has secured a sponsor for the Christmas Tree and an electrician to put up the lights etc.

**4.3** Clerk to circulate TG report and email due to absence.

**4.4** Feasibility Report for the proposed pedestrian crossing is due by 31 May 2024.

**4.5** Covered earlier in the meeting – parking concerns.

**4.6** DS/LB are having an outreach meeting at the school this week which is good news expanding the relationship with the school about possible involvement in the Armistice service and Christmas Light up too.

**4.7** LB will fly the D-Dayflag for the week. LB will put a post on FaceBook for the actual day. LB proposed that a new village flag is purchased as the old flag has become tatty, agreed.

**4.8** LB will liaise with Trimley St Martin about the Peace Sign new design.

**4.9** TG absent so email circulated to Parish Councillors.

**4.10** The clerk has shared the annual financial reports from Scribe with the Parish Councillors and will be working on creating the end of year accounts for auditor scrutiny and sign-off by the Parish Council at the July meeting.

#### 5.0 FINANCE

**Current balance £181724.18 as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024. This includes part 1 of 2 Precept payment of £28,500 received on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

CIL payment £4563.30 received in April 2024.

#### 5.1 Approvals for April 2024

#### 5.2 Approvals

Clerk N Dunn salary at NALC pay point 28 (April 2024)	£1097.71
HMRC Tax	£281.40
Employer National Insurance (Parish Council contribution)	£89.69
Talk mobile SIM only account May 2024 paid to clerk	£9.95
East Suffolk Services - Stennetts Maintenance	£216.58
BHIB Parish Council Insurance premium	£2202.96

#### 5.3 Paid since last meeting.

East of England Ambulance NHS Trust Charitable Funds-donation for Felixstowe Area First Responders.	£350.00
Daniel Hunt Gardener	£160.00

04/04 & 30/04/2024 Welcome Hall grass cut	
04/04 & 30/04/2024 Great Field Path grass cut	
Suffolk County Council - street light maintenance	£54.75
Lynn Beal Travel expenses Community Partnership	£6.25
15 April – Stennetts Field Maintenance	£1380.00

No donation requests received. 1<sup>st</sup> Responders sent thanks for the recent donation and requested photo opportunity with DS and SC.

## 6.0 PLANNING

### 6.11 DC/24/1275/FUL

39a Cordys Lane Trimley St Mary Felixstowe IP11 0UD  
 Detached garage with store above with external staircase  
 Parish Council Planning Committee has no objections.

### 6.12 DC/24/0979/FUL

### 6.13 DC/24/1256/FUL

Side and rear extensions  
 45 New Road Trimley St Mary Felixstowe IP11 0TF  
 The PC Planning Committee has no objections to this application.

### 6.14 DC/24/1454/VOC of Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/0991/FUL -

Erection of 50 dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, access, drainage and parking - Reduce the provision of affordable housing on site in line with Viability Assessment undertaken.

#### Planning Application

Land Adjacent To Mill Farm Thomas Avenue Trimley St Mary Suffolk IP11 0YS

The PC Planning Committee does approve this derivation of the original permission and do not approve of the reduction of affordable housing.

When this application was approved the developer signed up to 1/3 affordable housing. Manipulation of the plans like this has become apparently standard practice. The developers claim that this ratio is no longer commercially viable. The original 50 buildings= 33 market houses to sell. The changes here raise market houses to 47 which is another 14 houses. The Parish Council does not consider this practice to be acceptable.

SB suggested that at least one representative of the Parish Council attends the planning meeting.

## 6.2 East Suffolk Council Decisions:

**6.21**

**DC/24/0165/FUL**

Proposed rooflight windows

47 The Josselyns Trimley St Mary Felixstowe IP11 0XN

Permitted

**6.22**

**DC/24/0534/FUL**

Ground floor rear extension

32 Hunters End Trimley St Mary Felixstowe IP11 0XH

Permitted

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at 7:30PM

- **Faulkeners Way Play Area**
- CiL projects and details
- White Lines/Parking becomes a standing agenda item
- School report becomes a standing agenda item

The meeting was closed at 08.53PM.

Signed by Chair: .....

Date: .....

**Future meetings:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

No meeting August 2024

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024