

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

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

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

County and District Councillor in attendance and two members of the public.

Chair David Southgate (DS) welcomed all.

County Councillor Stuart Bird (SB) reported that the contents of his monthly report stand.

Stuart has made an offer to deliver Planning Training to the parish councillors.

Action all – please respond to request for this training by 20 October 2024.

DS explained that there have been extensive email chains circulated via Trimley St Martin hassling and harrying the County Councillor about the safety cones outside the shop. The challenges have been excessive and aggressive and are not in any way conducive to alleviating concerns of the extreme traffic conditions being experienced at the moment. The safety cones are not within the powers of the Parish Council.

If Parishioners wish to make challenges to issues perceived as being within the control of County, District or Parish Councils then please have an objective and positive outcomes that you wish to be the result of your emails. Abusive aggressive emails will not be considered or responded to. To write in this manner is disingenuous and stresses those receiving them, these individuals who do so much good for your community on a voluntary basis.

The Parish Council notes:

- The current project at Candlet Road is in its 5th of 8 weeks for phase 1.
- That it is inconvenient.
- That the situation is not good for pedestrians and other road users alike.
- The Parish Council sympathises and agrees that the infrastructure is poor.

DS made a proposal to Parish Council to continue:

- Regular monitoring of the traffic flow and speed through Trimley St Mary; the Parish Council has been doing this over 3 years.
- When the Candlet works stop, to monitor traffic again;
- When new roads are up and running to take a further reading.

This will provide evidence that the Parish Council can base future strategy and decisions on road safety through Trimley St Mary. This proposal was agreed. It comes on the back of a Suffolk Highways feasibility study for a new pedestrian crossing proposed by Trimley St Mary

Parish Council for the safety of villages and traffic calming. The results of the study found that there wasn't enough evidence to support this project. The Parish Council supported by County Councillor and District Councillors were told that the pedestrian crossing will be taken into consideration alongside the Howletts Way development planning application in Trimley St Martin. The Parish Council was prepared to use Parish funds or a combined matched funding, grant or levy to complete this project.

This is a disappointing outcome and depending on evidence gathered over coming months the Parish Council will decide on future projects.

Action: SB took on an action to confirm when the Candlet Road project is due for completion.

DS/ LB thanked SB for his continuing efforts on behalf of the Parish Council.

District Councillor Lee Reeves (LR) has spoken to ESC parking manager. Single yellow lines are possible but would be unenforceable.

LR said that consideration will be made going forwards for any planning applications that removes viable parking spaces in order to build more housing.

LR pleased to report that The Grove Medical Centre and Haven Health are to receive a CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) grant of £1.5M following applications to improve the health infrastructure. This is very good news for the community. Organisations which provide infrastructure must apply for funding for improvements for residents.

Councils are being advised to apply early for CIL where projects are identified – these can be fully funded or match funded with the council concerned.

Locality Budget funding is available for suitable projects.

LR reported that the District Council has agreed its new waste collection strategy from 2026:

- Food waste will be collected weekly;
- Cardboard and paper collected 2 weekly;
- Glass and Tetrapaks etc will be 2 weekly;
- Residual non food waste will be collected 3 weekly;
- Subscription garden waste will stay at 2 weekly.

Liz Rastrick (Trimley St Martin Community Recorder) wanted to give personal warm and grateful thanks to Lynn Beal and the Parish Council for loan of the display boards for the exhibition in September. LR said that LB had put herself out on the day too.

LR was also very impressed with how beautiful LB had made the village look for the Tour of Britain.

DS commented that the village is grateful to LR as local historian and passed on appreciation from the public.

Someone recalled that Parish Councils have very limited powers but are recognised as unsung heroes working silently behind the scenes. Mutual admiration.

A member of the public raised an issue of fly tipping that has happened over many years. This had been raised by others previously. Parish Councillor LB shared the emails from that time with the complainant who now understands that the land concerned belongs to a private property 154 Faulkeners Way. The rubbish is leaning on other private households' fences and causes distress as a hornet's nest amongst other items have been identified. Environmental Health visited the site previously and it was being monitored. It was regarded as not posing a health hazard. This is a private issue and as such the Parish Council cannot be involved with the clear up.

Another issue was raised with regards to an overhanging tree. The Parish Council undertook to check the tree and identify the owner.

The complainant was advised to contact environmental officer again and to clarify ownership and actions that could be taken.

1 Opening DS opened the meeting welcoming all.

Cllrs in attendance:

David Southgate (DS)
Mick Richardson (MR)
Richard Kerry (RK)
Lynn Beal (LB)
Linda Knock (LK)
Colin Jacobs (CJ)

Apologies:

Bryan Frost
Sue Cox – also resigned due to personal issues. Sue has kindly offered to remain as the Treasurer for the Welcome Hall and also to take back the mantle of Neighbourhood Watch from the Parish Council, with all that entails. The Parish Council is very grateful to Sue for her continuing voluntary service to this community.

Declaration of interests: All represent and manage the corporate Trust for the three Trust Charities.

2 Minutes of 3rd September 2024 were agreed and signed.

3 Parish Councillors Reports

- LB reported that the bus shelters have been repainted and cleaned, thanks to Tristan.
- DS actively pursuing Faulkeners Way play area project. Still on track to deliver by March 2025.

- DS reported that the collapsed drain St Marys Close issue will be reported to Highways.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 MR to send piece for publication to LB about the white line parking project.

4.2 Neighbourhood Watch update is put back until future meetings. The Christmas Light Up event remains.

4.3 Climate plan update.

LK will investigate the insulation options and costings for the Welcome Hall. It might be possible to utilise CIL monies, as a Trust.

LB reported that the heating is monitored and the temperature is maintaining a constant when users shut the door.

4.4 The proposed pedestrian crossing was seen as not meeting criteria. The County Council will make the crossing a stipulation of the Howlett Way development but this is disappointing and could be a long time away. The Parish Council will look into other options.

4.5 MR wants to establish the how and when of delivery of the white lines. The project has already had overwhelming support from members of the public and parishioners. MR to feedback to residents.

4.6 The Quiz preparations are in full swing. The trophy was donated for free; in excess of 40 prizes have been generously donated; everything is falling into place with a great team of volunteers and lots of hard work from individuals.

4.7 Remembrance Sunday, Tristan has kindly offered to lay a wreath at the Church. On 11th November DS/LB will attend at the Villages Peace sign, 30 year 6 children from Trimley St Mary School will attend. They will lay a handmade wreath and read a poem.

A sign has been installed to recognise one of the founders of the villages Peace sign dedicated to the late Peter Gosling. The Canon from Ipswich and new local vicar will be in attendance. A bugler will play the Last Post. Teas and coffees afterwards at Reeve Lodge.

4.8 The Gaymer's Lane construction access issues are between the landowners and are a civil matter as a neighbour's dispute. This is outside the powers of the Parish Council. DS to write to the Enforcement Office to establish the bridleway boundary. The PC protects pathways and bridleways.

4.9 DS seeking approval to purchase 3 x dog signs to cover all entrances to Stennetts Playing Field. Agreed.

DS reported that the PC needs to replace the safety notice by the play equipment to ensure that parental supervision is highlighted.

DS reported that the play equipment belongs to the Parish Council and that safety inspections are carried out for ROSPA annually. A quotation has been received for £7044.22 to replace the safety matting under the swings. All agreed, as children's health and safety most important.

4.10 LB is liaising with the Co-Head Teacher Phil regarding; Armistice, Christmas, funding, local engagement within the village, gardening tools for the children, green issues. LB will report back after the next meeting.

4.11 Path through Drift from High Road to Playing Field needs repair. Agreed to match funding with TRD for £1,000.00.

4.12 Christmas light up event – Trimley Red Devils parents will be doing refreshments. Panto characters from the Spa, School Children, Santa is attending. Sweets will be given out.

RK will do the electric lights. The tree has been paid for by a kind donor. The Parish Council will cover the insurance for the event.

4.13 Clerk reported that AGAR documents have not yet been finalised and are still with the auditors.

5.0 FINANCE

5.1 Current balance £195,327.79 as at 4th October 2024

Received £28,500.00 from ESC as part 2/2 precept.

5.2 Approvals

Clerk N Dunn salary at NALC pay point 28 (August)	£1097.90
HMRC Tax	£281.60
Employer National Insurance (Parish Council contribution)	£89.69
Employee NIC	£28.79
Talk mobile SIM only account July 2024 paid to clerk	£9.95
LB Welcome Hall WIFI EE	£32.35 TBC

5.3 Paid since last meeting.

LB -paper and picture hanging strips	£25.62
LB – Boxes	£26.00
LB – Ink for PC printer at WH	£54.13
LB - cards	£6.78
Colin Monk Trust audit 2022-23	£50.00
Colin Monk Trust audit 2023-24	£50.00
David Hinchey Skyline Bus shelter and noticeboard cleaning (3 monthly) invoice 1091	£205.00
Daniel Hunt gardening	£160.00
LB – Aug WIFI for WH	£32.35
LB – Paper bags	£8.25
LB – mini flags	£33.18
LB – Shepherds crooks	£18.99
LB – Bunting	£49.32
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6.0 PLANNING

None for September.

6.2 East Suffolk Council Decisions:

No decisions made relating to Trimley St Mary.

7.0 Highways and Footpaths

No update

8.0 Items to be carried forward to the next meeting 4th November 2024 at 7:30PM

- **Tree Warden**
- **Christmas events.**

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm

Signed by Chair:

Date:

Future meetings:

Monday 2nd December 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 3rd February 2025

Monday 3rd March 2025

Monday 7th April 2025