

TRIMLEY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7:30PM ON WEDNESDAY 7th June 2023
AT THE WELCOME HALL TRIMLEY HIGH ROAD

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

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

Meeting opened with apologies from the clerk who was sick. Cllr Sue Cox volunteered to take notes for the minutes.

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending and showing an interest in the work of the Parish Council.

A formal Parish Council meeting was held in May. The Chair resigned 24hrs later. The Clerk called an extraordinary meeting where a new Chair and Deputy Chair were elected by the Parish Council. The Chair expressed his faith in the Parish Council and the work that they do alongside the many volunteers who support the Parish Council from within the community.

County Councillor Stuart Bird explained that he only reports on matters that are relevant. Stuart has a Locality Budget of £8k per annum. Stuart prefers to spend it earlier in the year.

Stuart reported:

- That there is never sufficient funding for Highways maintenance. There is an extra £10M budget this year focusing on neglected roads, potholes are covered by a different budget.
- Suffolk Libraries was given an additional 520K bringing the total budget to £5.9M.
- Stuart has been asked to remain as Chair for Town Planning and he has joined Development and Regulation Committee. Stuart remains as County Cllr for the next 2 years.

The Chair welcomed the new District Councillors Reeve and Ninnmey. Cllr Lee Reeve gave a synopsis of the District Meeting 24 May, which was made up of Green, Independent and Lib Dem – the first non-Conservative council since 1999.

Cllr Mike Ninnmey explained his new role and he is a Cabinet member for district health. Mike asked what has happened to the Felixstowe Garden Masterplan.

Stuart responded that projects outside the masterplan are being taken forwards including the planting of 1000's of trees.

The Chair invited full consultation and further discussion.

Mike said that a principal Master Plan is needed for the Peninsular.

Stuart said that the County Council has approved two new schools including Trimley St Martin and Candlet Grove.

A member of the public representing East Suffolk Planning Alliance told the meeting that 20 councils have joined the group. Colin Jacobs explained that Trimley St Mary had already responded to the emails.

1.1 The Chair David Southgate welcomed all to the meeting. He explained that there are three Trusts and that all Parish Councillors become Trustees on election or co-option. The Parish Council has many projects in train and will be delivered this year.

In attendance:

David Southgate Chair
Lynn Beal Deputy Chair
Colin Jacobs
Bryan Frost
Tricia Goulden
Sue Cox - notes
Apologies from the Clerk.

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

2. Minutes

2.1 The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 10th May were agreed by the Parish Council but no signed. Will be signed at next meeting.

3. Parish Councillors Reports

3.1 Colin reported that the replacement speed camera was waiting to be assembled and installed.

3.2 Lynn reported that the 2nd map board will be erected very soon near Searson's Farm on Cordy's Lane.

4. Items for discussion

4.1 **Publication of news articles** Lynn explained that Tricia was drafting a Climate report for Spotlight, saying that a well-presented report should generate interest from parishioners.

David report that due to the change in councils following the May elections, the Parish Council is still awaiting a full update on the Faulkeners Way play equipment project. There is a need to out to tender for this project.

4.2 David reported that tenders should have been issued by the end of May for the play equipment and teen shelter. £80K worth of equipment will be installed by the end of the year.

Meeting closed 20:20 for a question and re-convened at 20:23.

4.3 Tricia explained that the Parish Council had agreed to create a Climate Change Plan for the village at the May meeting. All actions must be relevant and achievable. An Electric Vehicle (EV) charging point has been agreed in principle. Some local businesses may help. Waiting until after 11th July Webinar to gain more information. As a village we want people to become aware of the Climate Crisis and how as a village we can encourage small behaviour changes that will make a difference.

It was suggested that the PC takes a look at the EPC certificate for the Welcome Hall in relation to its carbon footprint.

The aim of the Climate initiatives is 'Enlighten – Not Frighten' . It was reported that 'Green Suffolk' is impressive.

This will be remedied. £750.00 of dustbin stickers has been funded by Cllr Bird. Tony Allen is helping with signage. The Parish Council will provide window stickers. Lynn is helping Sue to access FaceBook.

- 4.4** Lynn updated on the success of the King Charles III Coronation event. Lynn had voluntary help on the day from Trimley Tots Community Group. Lynn proposed that £150.00 is donated to the group in recognition of the assistance given for this event. PC agreed to a donation of £150.00.
- 4.5** David is determined to keep the Welcome Hall open for community events such as the Coronation event. Many halls have been closed due to costs.
It was proposed that the Parish Council supports an annual event to coincide with the Vintage Vehicle Run every year. This was agreed but to be on a lesser scale than the Coronation event.
- 4.6** The provision of a living Christmas tree was not discussed as the Clerk is providing research for this.
- 4.7** Colin reported that a solution is being sought following the removal of the bottle bank by the land owner due to noise pollution. The bottle bank at the Mariners pub is public but another is required. The location needs to be acceptable as the bins are noisy and dangerous due to broken glass. Lynn has made an appeal on FaceBook and in the monthly Spotlight article.
- 4.8** Parish Council admin. Admin is being streamlined to improve reporting and communication. The Clerk is bringing the accounts up to date. There have been some issues due to missing receipts and this has made the end of year accounting difficult at times. There are still a couple of outstanding items but the books are balanced. Having three clerks working in one year and there being gaps covered on an ad hoc basis.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Trimley St Mary Parish Council Financial Statement May 2023

Opening Balance		£161534.85
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5.2 Payments for approval

A Halliday	Litter picking – May 2023	£80.00
Clerk - N Dunn	Salary to 31 May 2023 - NALC Point 21 - £15.02/hr 60 x hours	£746.08
Clerk – N Dunn	Cash for coronation event singer	£150.00
Locum Clerk	Debbie Cooper Parish Council	£87.90
HMRC NIC	Contribution	£0.00
HMRC Tax	Council Nil	£0.00
HM Land Registry (D/D)		£3.00
Vodafone (D/D)	Calls and charges	£40.47

Joe Hunt	Gardening, grass cutting and rubbish disposal	£200.00
Total		
Cash in Hand		£1304.45
Closing Balance	31 st May 2023	£159,204.91
Unpresented Cheques		
None		
Provisions		
Contingencies		£7097
Parish Development Plan - costings updated 18.01.2023		£145200
Available Balance as at 31.05.2023		£159,204.91
Monies Due	SCCAPORS Neighbourhood Watch donation Cllr S Bird	£750.00
5.3 Paid during month		
Samboomba Band	Coronation event (2 x £50)	£100.00
Direct Debit	NEST pension payment	£126.18
Jason Davey	IT maintenance and web hosting, emails For KC III Coronation event	£462.00
JoJo's Face paint	Grass cutting and pitch maintenance	£120.00
Suffolk Norse		£2,017.15
Lynn Beal	Land Registry	£48.00
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6. PLANNING

6.1 Applications received

Planning reference: DC/23/1387/FUL

Proposal: erection of 1 no. dwelling.

Site address: Land adjacent to 42, The Josselyns, Trimley St Mary, Felixstowe

Consultation letter expiry date 23 May 2023

Conversations have been had with Highways and ES Council. 21 x objections have been submitted.

7. Highways and Footpaths

Colin reported that the Footpaths are looked after well due to public monitoring and reporting of issues.

8. Items to be carried forward to the next meeting

- **Annual Accounts**
- Climate change
- Neighbourhood watch update
- Christmas Tree

The meeting was closed at 09.02PM.

Signed by Chair:

Date: