

TRIMLEY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023
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 and District Councillors and one member of the public.

County Councillor Stuart Bird (SB): SB had shared his report with the Parish Council prior to the meeting.

SB is chasing up the tree replacement in Faulkeners Way.

A site visit was conducted earlier on 6th November to survey and identify potential faded road markings within the village. Stuart was accompanied by Cllr Colin Jacobs (CJ) and Cllr Linda Knock (LK). Sixteen (16) locations were identified for reporting to Paul West and the Highways team for costing. SB will send a copy of his email requesting a full total cost and itemised costs to the clerk. SB will continue to chase until a quote has been provided. On receipt of the quotation the Parish Council will be in a position to consider what is affordable and what the Parish Council are able to fund.

SB explained that the normal position on repainting white lines is that it is only redone when the roads are resurfaced.

Cllr Tricia Goulden (TG) asked SB whether there are funds earmarked for the Cycling Infrastructure Plan and whether it would be possible to direct some of this funding to be included during the development off Howlett's Way.

SB agreed that in an ideal world. Funding is restricted and there would be no point in having cycle lanes marked out if they aren't maintained and faded. One example given would cost £80K for a relatively short piece.

Action: TG to email her findings providing evidence to SB requesting investigation cycle path markings and into a Belisha Beacon type crossing at Howlett's Way.

Action: SB organising a meeting to discuss Highways position and alternative funding options eg Cil money for new developments. Its all about funding priorities.

District Councillor Lee Reeves (LR): LR supported the previous discussions by explaining that Local Government finance has received a 60% cut from the Government.

LR commended Framlingham for having an Emergency Plan in place prior to the recent floods. The District Councillors would encourage all Parish Councils to develop a Local Emergency Plan covering a minimum of options for a safe space, obtaining food and bedding.

These ideas were welcomed by the Parish Council.

LR explained that the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act was passed at the end of October. This will change planning rules for everybody. CIL payments and Sect 106 will be replaced in about a decade with values being based on the amount a property sells for. The Government will no longer be expected to hold a 5-year supply of building land. There will be streamlining of local plans into one plan; there are currently 3 plans in this area, Waveney, East Suffolk and Broads Authority.

Chair David Southgate (DS): having spoken with District Councillor Mike Ninnmey (MN) that there is a surplus of unused CIL monies from other areas that may become available for local projects. The Parish Council (PC) should be prepared.

The Parish Meeting opened at 7.55pm.

1.1 The Chair David Southgate welcomed all to the meeting. DS gave thanks to the contribution from all Parish Councillors for all of their hard work at this exciting time.

In attendance:

David Southgate Chair (DS)
Lynn Beal Vice Chair (LB)
Colin Jacobs (CJ)
Tricia Goulden (TG)
Sue Cox (SC)
Michael Richardson (MR)
Linda Knock (LK)

Apologies were received from Bryan Frost (BF).

1.2 There were no Members' declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared. There are three Trusts and that all Parish Councillors become Trustees on election or co-option.

2. Minutes

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

3. Parish Councillors Reports

3.1 Linda Knock, Colin Jacobs and David Southgate had nothing to report.

3.2 Tricia Goulden (TG) reported that she had attended 2 x Suffolk Wildlife Trust / SALC meetings:

- The first on Community Habitats. This was about audit of wildlife biodiversity, collating data and establishing planting schemes. The benefits of 'No Mow May' were impressive.

- The second was about 'Community Hedges for Wildlife'. Information was shared about managing hedges and there is new evidence suggesting that hedge cutting should move to the beginning of February as they provide much needed food and shelter. TG would like to increase passion and enthusiasm locally.

SALC Climate Forum is a community resource, along with Climate Action UK, give people a chance to have input.

3.3 Lynn Beal (LB) thanks Tricia, Sue, Colin, Claire, Nina and Angela for helping her to plant 2,000 bulbs and a number of bee-friendly shrubs around the village.

Ros Hall from Lapwing Education has asked if her group supporting young adults in the community could be involved in projects like the planting going forward.

3.4 Mick Richardson (MR) reported that he had pursued the foul water drainage issue and this had proven difficult. He finally contacted the Drainage Support Team at Anglia Water who confirmed that most of the drains in Trimley St Mary have a diameter of 225mm/8.6 inches. The drain for Goslings Way is smaller at 152.5mm/6 inches. The Parish Council wants to know what impact all the additional housing will have on this issue.

Action: MR to investigate what is covered by the £35 charge for accessing maps. Is this an annual fee or one for each time the maps are accessed? Does this include both foul water and surface water?

3.5 Sue Cox (SC) reported that her new Councillor SALC training highlighted that she hadn't completed the Register of Interests fully. In Section 5 you need to include the land that your property sits on (not just the house/property that you own); put that you as a new councillor have become a Trustee and also include partner/spouse's job and properties/land owned etc.

These details are to ensure that you have declared fully any interests that might arise through council business.

4. Items for discussion

4.1 Update on co-option of a new Councillor. DS explained that former County Councillor Richard Kerry was now in a position to return to being a Parish Councillor. Richard has previously served on Trimley St Mary Parish Council for about 13 years and was a previous Chair. The Parish Council agreed to co-opt Richard at the beginning of the meeting in December.

4.2 LB gave an update for the Spotlight new articles and latest dates for article submission:

December:

- Wonderful Christmas lighting up event on 30th November 2023 at 5PM.
- Climate
- Welcome Hall

January: final submission date before November 28th

- Climate meeting
- Recycling statistics

February: final submission date December 22nd.

*Please note LB has sent her apologies for both December and January meetings, so please email her your news articles in good time.

4.3 David Southgate (DS) had received an email about flooding in St Mary's Close. David has monitored this and has not had any further complaints. DS responded to the email.

SB suggested that a contact of interest regarding flooding is Paul Wiles Highways a specialist in flooding.

4.3 Linda Knock (LK) inquired as to whether any apology had been received from Network Rail with regards to the closure and works on the crossing and bridge. LK is concerned about the light pollution from the bright lights at the crossing. It was suggested that the lights are there for Health and Safety reasons as the commercial trains run every 20 minutes 24/7.

LK also asked if there is anyway that that motor vehicle drivers could be asked to turn off their engines when they are waiting, often for in excess of 10 minutes as observed by other local residents.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Stuart Bird regarding Network Rail and Suffolk County Council with regards to provision of signs. Clean air in our village. All schools have these signs.

Action: LB offered to post something onto Facebook to encourage drivers to turn off and not idle engines at the crossing.

4.4 DS has been assured that the Faulkeners Way Play Equipment is on a priority list for ESC. DS explained that additional benches have been included onto the plan and that it's a balancing act for all sections of society and residents to meet peoples needs.

4.5 Clerk to investigate the ownership of Gaymer's Lane.

4.6 Tricia Goulden (TG) spoke on Climate Change. TG is seeking a date from the School for the Climate Change meeting. A discussion about naming the initiative ended with agreement on it not being political or a pressure group, and relevant for the remit of the Parish Council. TG has been working hard engaging with Friends of the Earth and others for collaboration and information. It was agreed for TG to approach the school again. Any projects or objectives will be recorded on the Parish Plan (like Neighbourhood Watch) as a subsection within the main plan.

TG will look into:

- Rural funding
- Impact Tool – Trimley has been measured at 16.4 CO2 as using gas and are big consumers.
- Re-drafting the mission statement to reflect achievable aims in keeping with the Parish Council remit and purpose.

4.7 Sue Cox (SC) reported on Neighbourhood Watch. SC has signed up to become an ambassador against Cyber Crime. SC attended a Teams meeting with PCC and Chief Constable.

SC has also met with Lisa from Roseberry Cottage Café at Stennetts who has agreed to SC using the facilities in café downtime to do the Cyber Crime work in particular targeting the older age group.

LB and SC, as part of the Christmas Light Up event, have organised for every primary school child at Trimley St Mary to be given torch on a keyring. These have been funded from the previous NW budget transferred to Trimley St Mary Parish Council – ear-marked for Neighbourhood Watch.

An anonymous benefactor has sponsored 500 leaflets as well as the Christmas tree for the village, received with gratitude.

4.8 LB updated on the Christmas Plan 2023. A small event this year.

- The light up event will start at 5pm 30th November 2023 – awaiting confirmation from NW insurance.
- School children will sing a couple of carols.
- Revd. Andrew Dotchin will say a few words.
- Sweets will be handed to the children by the Councillors in attendance.

Action: On Monday 27th November the Welcome Hall Tree will be decorated by Sue, Lynn, Linda to confirm and any other Councillors welcome. Contact Lynn please.

SC has obtained a Christmas Tree from Goslings. This will be 14 foot tall and will be delivered on 23/24 November. Carl is available either night to put the tree up. Paul Knights will put lights on. Both the tree and leaflets have been sponsored by an anonymous benefactor.

LB will organise posts on Facebook and publicity posters.

Grateful thanks from the Parish Council for all the voluntary help towards this event, always very much appreciated. Thank you.

4.9 DS on behalf of Bryan Frost (BF). A Bus service proposal has been submitted to increase the once daily service to Woodbridge to two services a day. Details to be checked with BF.

4.10 Safe Cycling was covered earlier in the meeting.

4.11 White lines was updated earlier in the meeting.

4.12 The Clerk is currently reviewing the Parish Plan; inserting working sections for Climate Change and Neighbourhood Watch.

PC agreed to update the Clerks phone to a SIM only contract as the current Vodafone service is now too expensive and covers more than required.

5. FINANCE

Balance £168,875.12

5.1 Payments made during October

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| Photobox printing | £6.29 |
| Torches Neighbourhood Watch – The Branded Company | £474.00 |
| Bulbs and Bee Friendly Shrubs | £115.31 |
| Cllr Lynn Beal Travel Expenses | £15.30 |

5.2 Approvals agreed.

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| Salary Clerk N Dunn pay point 21 80 x hours | £994.06 |
| HMRC Tax | £255.20 |
| Employer National Insurance | £71.58 |
| A Halliday Litter Picking | £80.00 |
| Daniel Hunt gardening and grass cutting | £120.00 |
| Vodafone D/D | £40.47 |
| Felixstowe and District Sport and Recreation annual subscription Jan-Dec 2023 | £5.00 |
| Scribe annual fees – accounting software Dec 2023-Dec 2024 | £792.00 |

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| ROSPA safety inspection play equipment | £132.00 |
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6.0 PLANNING

Advice received from ESC Planning says that the Parish Council must either say that they support or object to planning applications supported by appropriate comments = even no comment.

Action: Clerk to check with SALC re rules on planning comments as this goes against what everybody understands.

6.1 Applications received

6.11 DC/23/4036/FUL

Single storey rear extension and alterations.

37 High Road Trimley St Mary Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 0SZ

PC made no comments.

6.12 DC/23/3987/FUL

Proposal to part change use of one room from residential (C3) to hairdressers (E3) together with single storey extension.

Paisley House 127 High Road Trimley St Mary Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 0TR

PC made no comments.

6.13 DC/23/3822/FUL

Retrospective application – retention of stable buildings for 5 horses with storage space for associated tack and associated equestrian equipment.

Trackside Park Cordy's Lane Trimley St Mary Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 0UD

PC made no comments

6.14 DC/23/3465/FUL

Erection of detached building (existing garage to be taken down) to form domestic garage and small treatment/therapy room.

195 High Road Trimley St Mary Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 0TN

PC made no comments.

6.15 DC/23/3739/FUL

Construction of two-storey side and rear extension.

30 Chatsworth Crescent Trimley St Mary Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 0TE

PC made no comments

6.2 East Suffolk Council Planning Decisions.

There have been no decisions this month.

7.0 Highways and Footpaths

CJ commented on the blocked drain under the A14, as flooded again.

8.0 Items to be carried forward to the next meeting Monday 4th December 7:30PM

- **Co-option of Richard Kerry as Parish Councillor.**
- **Foul drainage and surface water.**
- **For next agenda Mick Richardson to look into the parking on the green off New Road.**

The meeting was closed at 09.35PM.

Signed by Chair:

Date:

Future meetings:

Monday 4th December 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 5th February 2024

Monday 4th March 2024

Monday 13th May 2024

Monday 8th April 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