

TRIMLEY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 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.

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

SB confirmed that the application for £1000.00 funds for the Men's Shed is being processed.

SB reported that the overgrown pathway alongside Howlett's Way has been reported on Health & Safety grounds.

SB reported that the County Budget has withdrawn £0.5M subsidy to theatres and museums as it has £28M to save this year to balance the books.

PC Chair David Southgate (DS) thanked Stuart for all of his efforts. DS gave apologies from two District Councillors. Kirton & Falkenham Parish Clerk Colin Shaw has retired after a long and distinguished service to those parishes.

The Parish Meeting opened at 7:30pm.

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 through the last month. DS apologised to all for the lack of heating in the Welcome Hall for this meeting.

1.2 In attendance:

Sue Cox
Mick Richardson
Richard Kerry
David Southgate
Colin Jacobs
Linda Knock

1.3 Apologies were received from Lynn Beal (LB), Bryan Frost (BF) and Tricia Goulden (TG)

Cllr Bryan Frost has been unable to attend a few meetings having to isolate for personal reasons. Throughout this period BF has been active in many aspects of the Parish Council

work including auditing the Parish Council accounts and a working on a number of other projects remotely.

The Parish Council proposed that BF is given a dispensation to attend meetings face to face at this time. All voted and agreed to an exceptional dispensation.

Thoughts were passed to other absentees at this difficult time.

1.4 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 December 2023 were agreed by the Parish Council and duly signed.

3 Parish Councillors Reports

3.1 Mick Richardson (MR) shared hardcopies of the Anglian Water map of part of Trimley St Mary. An invoice for £36.00 has been sent to the clerk. It appears that each time the PC wants a map it must pay again.

Action: clerk to scan and share copies of the map with the Parish Councillors.

3.2 Sue Cox (SC) and Colin Jacobs (CJ) attended North Felixstowe Garden Development meeting. This development was part of the East Suffolk local plan 2020. This is still very much at the early stages with land still to be acquired from the various landowners. A knock-on impact of this development is that the new leisure facility being planned is unlikely to be completed until 2032, so the existing leisure centre is to be refurbished.

3.3 David Southgate (DS), Lynn Beal (LB) and Stuart Bird (SB) are due to meet with Suffolk County Highways on Friday 19th January to discuss feasibility of a new pedestrian crossing near the Churches, Welcome Hall Pub and shop.

Action: DS to commission CJ for a specific time framed vehicle movement data (eg 2 weeks of data) from the VAS machines on Trimley High Road.

3.4 DS reported that there had been no action at Gaymer's Lane as per Anglian Water plans.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 DS has covered the Pedestrian crossing in the previous section.

4.2 The clerk has reported the flooding issue on the highways reporting tool.

4.3 Linda Knock (LK) reported that the Cordy's Lane/Station Road level crossing had had an unscheduled closure on 7th January 2024. It was apparently a technical emergency and that the road would not be opened until 4am 8th January. Neither the residents affected nor the Parish Council were informed of this closure of the road. This issue has been raised before recently as it is the only way into this road in the event of a medical or other emergency. This is not satisfactory as there are vulnerable people living in Cordy's Lane.

4.4 No update on the verge parking issue.

4.5 DS gave no further update on Faulkener’s Way play equipment.

4.6 The Parish Council were reminded of the two fashion recycling workshops being held at the Welcome Hall during January.

4.7 Clerk has shared a partly reviewed Parish Plan with the Parish Councillors.

Action: All to look through the revised plan and to share any amendments or updates with the clerk by the next meeting. This includes: volunteering to lead projects and replace former councillors; providing new ideas. Each project is referenced.

4.8 Gaymers Lane covered earlier in the meeting. No action at the site today.

4.9 MR shared the Anglian Water map earlier in the meeting.

4.10 There were a number of applicants for the litter picker role. It was agreed to thank Mrs Baldwin and support her as required with the voluntary work that she does for the Parish.

Action: The Clerk and DS to follow up with a call to sift the candidates.

4.11 Sue Cox is the new Tree Warden. She will research the training options.

Action: the clerk will respond to the applicants who wrote to her some time ago and invite them to become Tree Champions working with Sue.

5 FINANCE

Current balance £163,366.95 as at 5th January 2024.

Income: £1581.77HRC VAT form 1126 refund from 01/04/2022-31/03/2023.

See separate sheet for details.

5.1 Retrospective approvals for payments in January due to delayed meeting.

Clerk N Dunn 60 x hrs @paypoint 28 including back pay to September 2023.	£1284.24
HMRC Tax	£340.60
Employer National Insurance (Parish Council)	£130.48
Talk Mobile SIM only December 2023 – paid to clerk	£12.93
Talk Mobile SIM only January 2024	£9.95

5.2 Paid since last meeting see separate sheet.

Cllr Lynn Beal for flowers	£29.00
Cllr Lynn Beal for outside tap insulation	£8.98
Skyline D Hinchey for cleaning bush shelters and noticeboards Oct 2023	£205.00
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5.3 Precept for 2024-2025

Much discussion and consideration of the data provided by the clerk and comments and advice by Bryan Frost.

An increase of £1,000.00 was agreed to £57,000.00.

Action: clerk to submit precept request before 26 January 2024.

6.0 PLANNING

6.11 DC/23/4274/FUL

33, Thurmans Lane, Trimley St Mary, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 0SR.
Erection of 3-unit garage.

The Parish Council Planning Committee has no comment to make against material planning considerations, neither in support or in the negative.

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. This has been flooded and investigated over the years and is not classed as being on the highway but on a footpath. No further action.

Action: Clerk to respond to the complainant.

8.0 Items to be carried forward to the next meeting Monday 5th February 2024 7:30PM

Lights from Christmas tree are now stored at the Welcome Hall

Top off dog bin at Stennetts, replacement being sought.

Defibrillator used but pads not used and was re-set by ambulance crew.

- Safe Cycling
- Climate Change update
- Pedestrian Crossing
- Living Streets
- Faulkener's Way play area finance

The meeting was closed at 08.10PM.

Signed by Chair:

Date:

Future meetings:

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