

TRIMLEY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY 4th March 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 Stuart Bird and apologies from District Councillors Mike Ninnmey and Lee Reeve received. Two members of the public were in attendance and were made welcome.

Further to the monthly reports received from all the councillors County Councillor Stuart Bird (SB) was invited by the Chair DS to update the Parish Council:

- Regarding the new Pedestrian Crossing project, an official request was made for pricing for the cost of feasibility, this should be back by the end of March. The whole project is likely to take 18 months end to end.
- 11 x road signs in need of repair/replacement were submitted in December 2023 with a £3K budget. No costings received as yet. SB will follow up.

The Parish Council is commissioning a new pedestrian crossing feasibility study to make crossing the road in the environs of the Welcome Hall, Churches, Public House and shop safer for all pavement/road users alike.

Chair David Southgate (DS) when the feasibility costs are received that the clerk will formally accept the feasibility study to go ahead. The feasibility study costs are in effect a non-returnable deposit even if the project does not go ahead if not feasible or affordable.

It was agreed that if the costings come in before the next Parish Council meeting that authorisation for the clerk to respond, if costings are acceptable, would be made by email and then ratified and minuted at the following meeting. The locality budget is £8K and the Local Highways budget is £7K and the Parish Council could potentially add some funding towards a pedestrian crossing.

Thanks were given to SB. Lynn Beal (LB) asked at what point neighbouring properties are to be consulted. This will become clearer when the feasibility study outline and costings are received.

A member of the public wanted to know about the Parish Councils Climate Action Plan.

Project lead Parish Councillor Tricia Goulden (TG) responded that a public meeting was in planning and there are plenty of ideas for the village.

DS explained that ambitions are limited by the Parish Council only having powers of persuasion and not power of implementation as this occurs at higher levels of local government.

LB shared that the Parish Plan already evidences many projects that are in progress or have been completed already.

DS reiterated that the Parish Council works within its remit.

The Parish Meeting opened at 7:45pm.

1.1 The Chair David Southgate welcomed all to the meeting. DS opened the meeting by talking about the shock felt locally by the sudden closure of Goslings Farm shop, garden centre and café. The Parish Council sends its thoughts to all of those who have lost their jobs. Rumours abound but Trinity College has said that they would prefer that Goslings had remained open or that there was a similar business there.

DS thanked Parish Councillors for all of their hard work through the last month.

1.2 In attendance:

Bryan Frost (BF)
Tricia Goulden (TG)
Linda Knock (LK)
Lynn Beal (LB)
Sue Cox (SC)
David Southgate (DS)
Richard Kerry (RK)
Mick Richardson (MR)

1.3 Apologies were received from Colin Jacobs (CJ)

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.

2 Minutes

2.1 The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 5th February 2024 were agreed by the Parish Council and duly signed.

3 Parish Councillors Reports

3.1 Linda Knock (LK) surveyed potholes off Cordy's Lane; David Southgate (DS) surveyed the High Road. All of the photos and survey notes to be sent to the clerk to report on the Highways Tool.

SB explained that any member of the public can access the Highways reporting tool to report issues on: <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>

To be considered as a pothole it must be > (larger than) 40mm deep x > 200mm wide.

15K potholes have been mended in Suffolk this year.
SC asked what is the guarantee of a pothole repair lasting...
SB responded that the new bonding device should be better.

3.2 Tricia Goulden (TG) reported that she had attended a Zoom meeting about managing difficult people and difficult situations to ensure being prepared for the Climate Change Meeting and other meetings, it was 2 hours well spent.

3.3 Bryan Frost PTLO (Public Transport Liaison Officer) presented passenger stats for this last year:

Trimley Station - 42K

Felixstowe – 218K

Derby Road – 73K

Westerfield – 10K

All positive news as these figures are now more than pre-Covid levels.

Action: BF to send details to the clerk who is to write to the Rail Company to raise the issue of the trains from Felixstowe / Trimley direction being held and delayed outside Ipswich station due to lack of platform space.

The issue of the wonky bus stop sign outside the Welcome Hall was reported today.

3.4 Lynn Beal (LB) has got WIFI installed at the Welcome Hall. In two months, the Trust is to report to the Parish Council on how this is going.

LB has organised the back room at the Welcome Hall to be refurbished so that it can also be used as a hireable space that is smaller and more intimate than the large hall. The PC hope that this will appeal to a new range of hirers.

LB reported that the flooding at the end of Thurmans Lane at the underpass has been reported again to the highways authority who may reassess it in May. In the meantime, local residents are forming a working party to clear the area themselves.

SB has also queried this issue yet again with Highways.

3.5 Mick Richardson (MR) has investigated the parking on the junctions' issue on Addington Road/ Station Road junctions. MR looked at the existing yellow and white lines and made suggestions to council. Options for solid white lines to be considered as the double yellow line options are costly and time consuming to set up as they need a Traffic Regulation Order through a Magistrates Court to back up double yellow line enforcement.

With lines people can report bad parking to East Suffolk Council.

MR also looked at other junctions; he observed that a waste lorry had difficulty accessing 2nd Avenue.

Action: MR to send a report to the clerk and council showing the options and line requirements. PC to publish the dangers of illegal parking near junctions onto web pages and social media highlighting safety issues caused by thoughtless parking.

3.6 Sue Cox (SC) attended a Zoom course on Network Landscaping and will attend a National Landscape Planning event on 14th March at The Hold in Ipswich.

4.0 Items discussed

4.1 Items of news for Spotlight Magazine and social media for the next couple of months. News items from Parish Councillors email to LB.

- April the village hall hires.

- Men's football is on tonight as it had been postponed; Trimley Red Devils Men's first team are playing in the semi final against East Bergholt. Match report to follow.

- Chairman DS report due by May 2nd.

- MR suggests that a reminder goes out advising people not to park too close to corners and junctions.

- LB to publish how parishioners can report issues by using the various on-line reporting tools that are available.

4.2 LB reported that regular hirers of Trimley Welcome Hall – Pop Chorus has held a fund raiser for Felixstowe First Responders. They raised £345.60. There are 6 voluntary First Responders and all of their equipment is funded through donations. Each care pack costs £3K. They perform a great service across the area.

LB proposed that Trimley St Mary Parish Council gives a donation of £350.00 to First Responders. Clerk to arrange payment and LB to report on the event and donation.

4.3 A report from PTLO (Public Transport Liaison Officer (Bryan) was given under 3.3 above.

4.4 Sue Cox (SC) as Trimley Neighbourhood Watch (NW) and Cybercrime Ambassador will represent Trimley St Mary and the PC on a Zoom meeting. More details from SC.

NW stickers are available from SC or email the clerk who can forward your request.

4.5 Tricia Goulden (TG) gave an update on the planned Climate Action Plan public meeting; unfortunately, there were problems with the school floor last year. TG would like to create a working group and action group and suggested that a consultative meeting is held to gauge interest and to recruit members.

Trimley St Martin are happy to hold a joint whole Trimley meeting to discuss the wider issues. This not about pushing individuals to do small things but to look at Big Picture items like house insulation and gardening for a better environment.

TG would like to publicise a meeting and go independent likely hosting it at Trimley Memorial Hall.

There is £1.39M budget for cycling across a stretch of Suffolk. To be updated in future meetings.

4.6 To update on pedestrian road crossing (DS) covered at the start of the meeting.

4.7 Linda Knock (LK) raised the rail crossing issues previously brought to PC attention by Mr Lucking. LK wanted to know what the protocol is for emergency vehicles access to Cordy's Lane when the gates are closed.

There are cameras that can see emergency vehicles. Control can put a ‘slow’ onto the line when ambulance, fire or police need access via the rail gates.

Emergency services also have a direct line and the network is aware of local concerns.

4.8 DS gave an update on the progress of the Faulkeners Way Play area project. There is a consultation period being managed at the moment by East Suffolk Council. When consultation is complete a tender will be issued. Encouraging that the project is underway.

4.9 A complaint was raised by members of the public concerning construction breaches. LB raised complaints with the construction company and the clerk went direct to Matthew Homes. A number of improvements were observed by the original complainant. To keep a watching brief.

4.10 DS explained that the Peace Sign – the Trimley Villages sign does not appear on the Trimley St Martin assets register. Clerk to contact Trimley St Martin about contributing to the repairs.

5.0 FINANCE

Current balance £159,819.40 as at 29th February 2024.

5.1 Approvals for February.

Clerk N Dunn salary at NALC pay point 28 (January 2024)	£1090.31
HMRC Tax	£281.60
Employer National Insurance (Parish Council contribution)	£89.69
Employee National Insurance (Clerk contribution)	£35.99
Talk mobile SIM only account March 2024 paid to clerk	£9.95
East Suffolk Services - Stennetts Maintenance 1 st & 28 th February 2024	£216.58
Adscape – cutting and removing ivy from Trimley Welcome Hall	£250.00 plus VAT TBC
BT Wifi at The Welcome Hall tbc	TBC
Dan Hunt Gardener – Great Hall and Welcome Hall	TBC

6.0 PLANNING

6.11 DC/23/4786/VOC

Residential development consisting of two dwellings with integral garages.

173 High Road Trimley St Mary Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 OTW

Trimley St Mary Parish Council Planning Committee comment:

‘Trimley St Mary Parish Council Planning Committee has no objections to the changes to this application as the minimal change in ridge height should not adversely impact on the neighbouring properties.’

6.12 DC/24/0165/FUL

Proposed roof lights.

47 The Josselyns Trimley St Mary Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 OXN

Trimley St Mary Parish Council Planning Committee can see no negative reasons to object to this application one either design or impact on neighbours.

6.13 DC/24/0534/FUL

Proposed ground floor extension

32 Hunters End Trimley St Mary Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 OXH

Trimley St Mary Parish Council Planning Committee can see no negative reasons to object to this application one either design or impact on neighbours.

6.14 DC/24/0434/DRC

Thomas Avenue construction

Complaints submitted by a Parishioner about a number of breaches by the builder have been forwarded to the builder, District and County Councillors and a separate complaint has been forwarded to Matthew Homes.

6.2 East Suffolk Council Decisions:

6.21 DC/23/3433

Single storey gym building.

The Rainbow House 15 Farriers Went Trimley St Mary Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 OXE

Application permitted.

6.22 DC/23/3987/FUL

Part change of use of one existing Residential (C3) to Hairdressers(E3) together with single storey extension.

Paisley House 127 High Road Trimley St Mary Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 OTR

Application permitted

6.23 DC/23/4274/FUL

Erection of 3-unit garage block

33 Thurman's Lane Trimley St Mary Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 OSR

Application permitted.

7.0 Highways and Footpaths

DS said that there had been a complaint about pallets on Spriteshall Lane.

Gaymer's Lane hedge has been cut.

8.0 Items to be carried forward to the next meeting Monday 8th April 2024 7:30PM

- To discuss how to publicise the Climate Change meeting and arrangements,

The meeting was closed at 08.54PM.

Signed by Chair:

Date:

Future meetings:

Monday 8th April 2024

Monday 13th May 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