

**TRIMLEY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2025
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 one District Councillor in attendance and no members of the public.

- 1 **Opening** DS opened the meeting welcoming all, thanking everyone for coming. Two members of the public in attendance. Invited reports from County and District Councillors.

Stuart Bird County Cllr (SB) – Devolution of layers of local government to create a Unitary Authority. Awaiting the Government to accept Suffolk as a Fast Track County. Updates will be made when known.

Clerk sent a letter to Cahir and Cabinet of both County and District Councils, of disappointment that the decision to be considered had been made by Suffolk County Council Cabinet without consultation of Parish Councils. A number of questions were asked and a response awaited.

Lee Reeves District Cllr (LR) confirmed that he had not heard anything as at 17:30pm today (3rd Feb 2025). At midnight, time has expired to cancel County Council elections to be held in May 2025.

LR confirmed that the District Council considers that 500,000 residents too big for a single Unitary Authority.

PC Cllr Richard Kerry (RK) asks LR about the decision to ban jet skis from the River Deben as the decision has been widely misread.

LR confirmed that only commercial jet ski operations are affected. RK elaborated that private jet skis will still be able to use the river. Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) covers private jet skis.

David Southgate Chair Parish Council (DS) asked the visiting councillors if they have ever received Government Procurement training. A short workshop on Policy and Process. The clerk reminded the room that a procurement exercise was in train and that it should not be discussed further as is commercially sensitive.

PC Cllr Lynn Beal (LB) has received some feedback on the recent road closures and one person thank her for whoever had arranged the shuttle buses.

PC Cllr Mick Richardson (MR) has concerns that the entrances into the roundabout in Trimley St Martin have been made much narrower and maybe dangerous.

SB agreed that there was nowhere near enough communication regarding the road closures either from County or Highways. The overall message is that when these decisions have been made to close roads that:

- **The decisions cannot be changed, refused or delayed.**

The contraflow option that many suggested could not be put in place as the road was too narrow there to work within safety parameters. There are lessons to be learnt and there needs to be better communication in future.

MR informed the council that Candlet Road roundabout is going to be adjusted as the lanes are too narrow.

LB explained that the shop on Trimley High Road had to reduce its opening hours and the Pub and other businesses had a loss of trade and an adverse impact of the road closures.

LR explained that he may have a small amount of his locality budget but is unable to look up the budget due to the pre-election period restrictions.

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No further questions from the floor.

The Parish Council business meeting opened at 7:45pm.

1. Opening

1.1 Welcome from DS to all attendees, thanking everyone for their continued diligence and voluntary time given to the Parish and its residents.

1.2 Cllrs in attendance:

David Southgate (DS)

Richard Kerry (RK)

Lynn Beal (LB)

Colin Jacobs (CJ)

Linda Knock (LK)

Mick Richardson (MR)

1.3 Apologies:

Bryan Frost (BF)

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

2 Minutes of 13th January 2025 were agreed and signed.

3 Parish Councillors Reports

3.1 LB & DS met with Bellway to discuss the fencing between the site in Trimley St Martin where it abuts the allotments in Trimley St Mary. They are not able to put a full fence up due to trees straddling the boundary. Bellway will infill openings with 1.8m fencing and put in additional planting to bolster existing boundary.

There is an area of concern for the Parish Council; There is a large hole on one side of the site. It appears that the soil from the hole was needed to improve the levels elsewhere on the site. The Sustainable Drainage System (SUDs) is being sited on the far side of the site and this hole has nothing to do with that.

Regarding sewage disposal and discharging. DS has asked Bellway to confirm that they will not be having a holding tank for sanitary waste. MR recalled that there was supposed to be a holding tank and that it was to be discharged in the early hours daily to avoid back up and blockages in the sewage system. The Parish Council awaits a definitive answer from Bellway.

The Green area for leisure and enhancement will not be completed for around 2 years:

- Fruit trees
- A hard path
- 4 x benches
- Wild flowers and plants
- Mowing will be carried out infrequently.
- This is NOT a play area but is being created to encourage the return of skylarks displaced by the construction site and works.

3.2 DS explained that there have been no further developments on the local flooding issues reported.

DS had spoken with the ESC Officers who deal with CIL monies. There is a fund ring fenced for play areas and other projects. New projects can be considered for bidding for funds or for matched funding projects too.

CIL funding will go onto next month's agenda. The Clerk will complete reporting for the Council web pages.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 No update on pedestrian crossing – a standing agenda item.

4.2 MR to chase a response regarding the yellow lines for roads project.

4.3 LB and DS gave the School Report.

- a costing has been received from the school for gardening tools for the pupils, £150.00. This was agreed.

- The school reading challenge and additional dictionaries to cost £800.00.

This was agreed. Labels for the prize books will be sourced by LB.

- LB tabled a proposal to fund 50 x items including atlases and globes to cost £605.35 including VAT.

Proposed and agreed.

The invoices will be sent to the clerk who will pay. The school will source the items.

Community funding will be an agenda item for March Parish Council meeting.

4.4 DS updated about play areas and projects and tender. The tender process is part completed and as such is subject to Commercial sensitivity so was not to be discussed. A full update of the tender will be given in due course.

4.5 Devolution Local Government was covered in the public forum earlier.

4.6 The monthly news items for publication were agreed with LB:

- School gifts in March.

- The Gun Lane construction site.

- Reporting details for fly tipping incidents will be provided, as like may incidents across the parish, can be reported by any individual.

4.7 Parish Council administration. (Clerk)

Next month on the agenda a full update on discussions are underway for Councillors pay.

LB updated that 4 Winds Maintenance are painting the bus shelters, bench and guttering and fascia boards when the weather improves.

5 FINANCE

5.1 Current balance £193,952.12 30th January 2025.

5.2 Approvals for payments January 2025

Clerk N Dunn salary at NALC pay point 28 (January) inc. back pay.	£2,242.86
HMRC Tax	£599.60
Employer National Insurance (Parish Council contribution)	£309.19

Employee NIC	£156.04
Talk mobile SIM only account January 2025 to pay clerk	£9.95
EE WIFI Welcome Hall to pay Lynn Beal	£32.35

5.2 Paid since last meeting.

4 Winds (Tristan) Bus shelter cleaning	£40.00
Skyline Bus Shelters and Noticeboards 1/4ly clean	£220.00
Youth Forum Vouchers	£195.00

6.0 PLANNING

6.1 Planning applications received:

6.12

DC/24/4515/FUL

Cladding to front and rear gable ends with grey hardi-plank
Planning Application

15 The Wheelwrights Trimley St Mary Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 0YR

Ref. No: DC/24/4515/FUL | Received: Thu 19 Dec 2024 | Validated: Thu 19 Dec 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

Parish Council Planning Committee no comments.

6.13

DC/23/4786/VOC

Variation of Condition 1 of **DC/23/4786/VOC** (Variation of Condition(s) 2 of Planning Permission DC/20/4654/VOC - Variation of Condition 2 of DC/19/3867/FUL (Residential development consisting of two dwellings with integral garages)) - introduce a revised dormer design
Planning Application

Land To The Rear Of 173 To 175 High Road Gaymers Lane Trimley St Mary Suffolk

Ref. No: DC/24/4516/VOC | Received: Thu 19 Dec 2024 | Validated: Thu 09 Jan 2025 | Status: Pending Consideration

6.2 East Suffolk Council Decisions:

No new decisions made for Trimley St Mary.

7.0 Highways and Footpaths

CJ reported that trees have been cut back and pruned on Highways Land as was overhanging on the roads. All is being managed for visibility and health and safety purposes.

CJ said that hedging on Thomas Avenue was cut back and tidied as is routine out of nesting season.

8.0 Items to be carried forward

- CIL funding
- PC Cllr payments

The meeting was closed at 8:40 PM

Signed by Chair:

Date:

Future meetings:

Monday 3rd March 2025

Monday 7th April 2025

Monday 12th May 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

Summer break in August, no meetings.

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 6th October 2025

Monday 3 November 2025

Monday 1st December 2025