

## **TRIMLEY ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Trimley St Martin Parish Council **Planning Committee** held at the Trimley St Martin Methodist Church on Wednesday 30 January 2019 at 7.30 p.m.  
Present: Councillors Clarke, D'arville, Parker (Chairman) and Smart  
Also present: Pete Mumford and Joanna Fellowes from Suffolk County Council and five members of the public.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Garrett who was unwell, and Councillor Owen.

### **2. Declarations of interest and dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda and no requests for dispensations.

### **3. To Confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13 August 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 13 August 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record

### **4. Public Session**

Pete Mumford, Schools Planning Manager, Suffolk County Council, addressed the meeting on the arrangements for a new primary school for Trimley St Martin and answered questions from members of the public and from councillors.

The driver was the need to provide for the impact on the school age population arising from new housing. Consultation had been carried out with Trimley St Martin School governors.

Three options had been considered:

- a. To expand Trimley St Martin and Trimley St Mary schools on their existing sites – insufficient space rendered this a problem
- b. To build an additional new school between Trimley St Martin and Trimley St Mary – this had the potential to threaten the stability of the existing schools as a new school would tend to draw pupils away from the existing provision ;
- c. To relocate the existing Trimley St Martin school to a new site with provision for around 315 spaces at the outset and the potential to provide up to 420 places

In the light of the advantages and disadvantages of each, Option C was the preferred choice of the County Council and of the school. This option would enable the school to have new improved facilities with stability for the future.

Mr Mumford explained that new developments would alter the distribution of the Trimley St Martin school population. It was estimated that with the developments in place 77 pupils would come from North of the A14 and 253 would come from South of the A14 and so it made sense to locate the school close to the pupils. Three sites had been considered:

- a. Trimley St Martin High Rd, opposite Seamark Nunn;
- b. Grimston Lane;
- c. Site adjacent to Reeve Lodge.

The site adjacent to Reeve Lodge was the preferred site of the school governors and of the County Council. Sites a and b had been considered less suitable in terms of their impact on traffic through the village and in terms of walk to school distance. The school would be located well back on the site and there would be co-operation with Highways to mitigate the traffic problems, by ensuring that traffic was taken off the main road and onto the site.

Although there was still a possibility of increased traffic along the High Rd, this would be moving traffic rather than parked vehicles which were more troublesome. It was noted that this site was close to the railway line and air quality surveys would be undertaken. Proper provision would be made for pedestrian crossings in order to facilitate walking to school.

5. **To review comments made on the first draft of the local plan in the light of changes in the final draft, and to agree representations, in terms of the tests of soundness, with particular focus on SCLP12.66 'Land adjacent to Reeve Lodge' and SCLP12.35 'Land at Innocence Farm'**

The Committee discussed the two proposals in the light of the changes which had been included in the final draft of the local plan and the need to formulate representations on the final draft in terms of the tests of soundness.

Comments on the proposed allocation of land adjacent to Reeve Lodge and the allocation of land at Innocence Farm were agreed. These would form the response to the draft local plan and would be made available on the Parish Council website.

6. **Close**

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.