

**Informal notes of a Meeting of Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting  
Held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin  
at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Chairman John Barker, Councillors Keith Slaughter, Heather Rodwell, John Sills, Carol Garrett, Joe Smith, Dave Pither, Ian Cowan, Frank Bell.

**Clerk:** Mrs Tracey Hunter

**By invitation:** Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Graham Harding.

**Apologies:** Parish Councillor Peter Waller

**Declarations of Interest:**

- Councillor Ian Cowan – Personal Interest – LDF
- Councillor Frank Bell – Personal Interest – LDF

**Community Police Officer**

PC Dave Gledhill gave a verbal report of the crimes for December of which there were just three.

**Suffolk County Councillor's Report** - John Goodwin – Verbal report provided.

Suffolk Coastal District Councillor's Report

- Graham Harding – Verbal report given
- Councillor Ian Cowan questioned Graham Harding on the forthcoming meeting of the Scrutiny Committee regarding the Local Development Framework. Graham Harding advised that he had not as yet received the papers for this meeting but did advise that it was the work of the SCDC officers that would be scrutinized and not that of the LDF council members.

**Correspondence:**

- a) Boundary Committee – Structural Review of Suffolk - Discussion took place with regard to the latest proposals to be put forward by the Boundary Committee to the Secretary of State, namely two options; their preferred proposal of a single unitary authority covering the whole of Suffolk and the alternative of a two-unitary pattern comprising an Ipswich/Felixstowe (and surrounding villages) authority and a Rural Suffolk authority. Having discussed the two options put forward and by a majority vote, councillors agreed that the Single Unitary Authority for the whole of Suffolk would be the better option, however it was still their unanimous view that in fact retaining the present 'status quo' would still be their choice and the Clerk is to reiterate this to the Boundary Commission in their response. The Clerk was also asked to convey in this letter that "representation of any local community panels, set up under any new proposal, should be composed of elected members and this should include parish and town council representation.
- b) Disability Advice – Donation Request. Councillors agreed a donation of £50.00
- c) S.A.R.S – Donation request. Councillors agreed a donation of £200.00.
- d) Suffolk County Council Highways - Temp Road closure Falkenham Road. Details provided to councillors.
- e) POF – New Year Community Reception invitation. A number of councillors would be attending.

## **Risk Assessment and Internal Audit Assessment.**

Councillors had received copies of the above prior to the meeting, these were reviewed, no changes made and signed accordingly by the Chairman.

## **Planning Applications**

C09/1902 Location: 15 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin.

Proposal: Erection of ground floor rear extension.

*Looked at by councillors, no objections made.*

## **Planning Decisions**

C09/1481 212 High Road, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Alterations to roof of building with conversion of outbuilding to form annexe.

*GRANTED with conditions*

C09/1392 Location: 1 Mill Lane, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Erection of two-storey extension (revised scheme)

*GRANTED with conditions*

C09/1277 Location: Gate House, 3A Grimston Lane Trimley St Martin.

Proposal: Erection of first floor rear extension and erection of conservatory. (Revised scheme)

**GRANTED**

## **Street Lighting**

Two faulty streetlights, clerk to report.

## **Highways and Footpaths**

- a) **Thorpe Lane** – Flooding. The Clerk advised that the drainage work to Thorpe Lane was due to take place in February/March.
- b) Proposed Thorpe Lane Car Park - The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Suffolk Coasts and Heaths and that a grant could be applied for under their Connect Scheme. (Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, earlier in the meeting, had suggested a further source of grant funding which the Clerk would explore). The Clerk reported that she had also spoken to Nigel Smith who is providing the land and he confirmed that this was the only area available as other land nearby was either subject to an Environmental Scheme that he was involved with or was reserved for private fishing members. The Clerk is also continuing to pursue information regarding insurance/liability etc and was currently waiting to hear from Tim Collins of Trinity College, the owners of the land. Some Councillors questioned whether this location was ideal (an alternative put forward was the triangle of land near to the railway line in Grimston Lane, which would be made larger once the FSR track dualling project takes place) or even if in fact the idea itself of a car park was in fact a good one. After much discussion, it was decided that the Clerk should pursue her enquiries, bring the information to the February meeting and a final decision would be made.

## **Any Other Business**

- a) Parish Pump – It was decided to try and put these out quarterly with the next one being delivered in early March.
- b) June Parish Meeting – The Clerk requested if the June parish meeting could be moved from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> June as she had a prior important engagement. Councillors agreed to the date change.
- c) Next parish meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.