

## **Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin at 7.30pm**

**Present:** John Barker (Chair), Berridge Eve (Vice-Chair), Councillors, Keith Slaughter, John Sills, Joe Smith, Heather Rodwell, Ian Cowan, Dave Pither, Carol Garret, Frank Bell.

**Clerk:** Mrs Tracey Hunter

**By Invitation:** Suffolk District Councillor Graham Harding, Police Sgt Neil McKay

**Apologies:** Councillor Peter Waller, Suffolk County John Goodwin, Suffolk District Councillors Richard Kerry and Sherrie Green.

### **Declarations of Interest**

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

### **Community Police Report**

Sgt Neil McKay gave the crime report for the month of May.

### **SCDC Ward Councillors' Report**

Graham Harding advised that further discussion regarding the 'satellite' police office at the Welcome Hall would be held at the next Safer Neighbourhood Police Liaison meeting.

### **Public Question time**

- A resident requested that the verge be cut, which adjoins her property, on the corner of Grimston Lane/High Road. The Clerk is to contact the relevant authorities in respect of this.
- It was also advised to Council that a drain is blocked outside 217 High Road.
- A resident in attendance also complained that with the issue of the new blue and black bins, his general household waste would now be collected on a two weekly basis. It was explained that this was in conjunction with the recycling waste being collected on the alternate weeks. The Clerk will however forward a note of his complaint to SCDC.

### **Boundary Committee Review**

The Clerk advised that she had received further information regarding this matter and copies of this was distributed to councillors. Discussion took place with regard to two of the options put forward, the One Suffolk which was being promoted by SCC and the East/West/Ipswich Unitary which was the choice of SCDC. An unofficial straw poll amongst councillors gave a 50/50 split on which option to support, with some councillors suggesting that Authority Councils should remain as they were. The Clerk advised that she would forward any further correspondence received regarding the Boundary Review to councillors and a further discussion regarding this matter would take place at future parish council meetings, with a written response being made within the consultation period, which takes place from mid July to mid September.

### **Planning Applications**

1. **C08/0909 Location:** Trimley Methodist Church High Road - Renewal of planning permission for siting of portable building for storage and erection of 1.5 metre fencing. *The Clerk advised that this was merely an extension to the previously granted application and since no objections were given on the original application, this was confirmed to be the case on the renewal.*

2. **CO8/0435 Location:** 408 High Road, Trimley St Martin - Erection of two-storey rear extension and erection of cart lodge for three vehicles with office studio in first floor level roof space. (Revised plans). *The Clerk advised that the only objection councillors gave on the earlier plans was the height of the cart lodge, but since the studio above is now no longer included, the height of the cartlodge has reduced considerably and on this basis, councillors had no further objections.*

### Planning Decisions

- **CO8/0677 Location:** 268 High Road, Trimley St Martin - Erection of rear conservatory –**Granted**

### Street Lighting

- **Mill Lane** – The clerk advised that she had spoken to the local authority regarding the inefficient lighting along Mill Lane, but was advised that in keeping with their 'low light pollution policy', no new lighting was being budgeted for. However, if the parish council wished to fund extra lighting, this would be acceptable! Councillors felt that the current lack of proper lighting in Mill Lane should be updated and the Clerk has been instructed to write to the Street Lighting Engineer at East Area Highways regarding this matter.

### Highways and Footpaths

1. The Clerk advised that a new dog bin had been provided at the end of Grimston Lane and a new one had replaced a vandalised one, at the end of the A14 footbridge (Kirton side).
2. Reports were made to the Clerk of flooding outside 57 Grimston Lane where the ditch was silted up, also flooding in Thorpe Lane and also in the bus lane opposite the Hand in Hand.
3. Footpaths 31 and 34 were also reported as being overgrown and reports of horses using the footpath from the High Road to Mill Close were made. The Clerk will report these matters to the relevant authorities.

### Any other Business

- a) **Parish Pump** – The Chairman advised that a Parish Pump should be issued during the summer and asked councillors for editorial contributions.
- b) **Chairman John Barker** advised he had spoken to the Headmaster regarding the re-instatement of the Ray Howlett Awards at the Trimley St Martin School and the Clerk is purchase the relevant Book Tokens for these to be presented at the end of the school academic year.
- c) **Councillor Heather Rodwell** advised that in her role as Secretary of the Memorial Hall Committee, she was seeking grant aid for re-surfacing the front of the car park. Subject to how successful this would be, it was requested that the parish council consider a donation towards this when putting together the next annual precept.
- d) **Councillor John Sills** advised that preparations for the Trimley Carnival was progressing well and asked if the parish council would be willing to sponsor the cost of balloons on the Fire Service stall, this was agreed by councillors on the basis that Councillor Sills advised the costs to the Clerk and Chairman once he had been advised of this by the Fire Service.
- e) The next meeting was confirmed to be the 1<sup>st</sup> July.