

Informal Notes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Trimley St Martin held on Monday 9th May 2011 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman John Barker, Councillors John Sills, Dave Pither, Carol Garrett, Heather Rodwell, Justine Good, Joe Smith

By Invitation: Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Graham Harding

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

Apologies: Councillors Frank Bell, Ian Cowan and Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Richard Kerry

- The Clerk received Declarations of Acceptance of Office prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- A minute's silence was then held in memory of former Chairman Nigel Smith.

The election of Chair, Vice-Chair and appointment of members to Parish Council Committees e.t.c. was held

Chairman: John Barker

Vice Chairman: John Sills

General Purposes Committee: All elected councillors

Planning Committee: Carol Garrett, Dave Pither, John Sills, and Ian Cowan

Memorial Hall Management: John Sills

Poors Charity Trustees: Joe Smith, John Sills (Berridge Eve to be asked to represent Parish Council)

East Suffolk Travellers Assoc: Bryan Frost (Trimley St Mary Parish Council to be asked to represent us)

Port of Felixstowe Local Authority Liaison: Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk

River Orwell Parishes: Keith Slaughter (will remain and report to parish council)

Joint Committee with Trimley St Mary Parish Council: Chair, Vice Chair, Dave Pither and Clerk

Police SNT Quarterly meetings: All elected councillors

Footpaths, River Orwell, Tree and Hedgerows Group: Carol Garrett, Justine Good and Frank Bell – Berridge Eve to be co-opted

Countryside Working Party: All elected councillors

POF Freight Quality Partnership: John Barker

Felixstowe and Trimley Futures Group: John Barker

The Chairman welcomed new councillor Justine Good to the parish council and publicly acknowledged the contributions made by retiring councillors Keith Slaughter, Peter Waller and Berridge Eve.

Community Police Report:

- Clerk read out report of one crime during the month of April.
- Dates of the remaining SNT meetings will be circulated to councillors as it was decided that a rota of attendance by councillors would be put into practice.

Suffolk County Councillor/Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Reports:

- Both the County Councillor and District Councillor gave verbal reports.
- Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin asked, on behalf of the Trimley Bowls Club, if the parish council were in agreement to a separate electric meter being placed on the Hall building which would calculate the electricity used for the Bowls Club situated at the rear of the Hall. (At present, all electricity is billed to the Hall and the committee confirm the Bowls Club share) Councillors gave permission for this to be carried out on the basis that there would be no expense involved to the parish council and the Clerk is to write to David Mayhew at the Bowls Club confirming this.

Public question Time:

- A query regarding the proposal by SCC to switch off or dim certain streetlights was raised. The Clerk advised she had only just received information regarding this and that details of locations had not yet been made public. Further details could be found on the SCC website.

Matters arising from minutes of Previous Meeting:

- Memorial Hall - Improvements - Councillor Rodwell expressed her disappointment that the parish council had not made the decision at the previous meeting to earmark funding for the ceiling works project. She explained that whilst the parish council had given the scheme their backing, grant funding from other sources would not be considered if there were none forthcoming from the applicants. Councillors discussed the works and a proposal of £1000 was put forward by Councillor Garrett, seconded by Councillor Good and agreed unanimously by all those present. The Clerk is to write a letter to SCDC confirming the parish council's allocation of funding which should form part of the application by the Hall Committee in its request for grant funding from SCDC.

Correspondence:

- a) SCDC - Street Name Request - The Clerk advised that developers had requested to name the development at the rear of 53-57 Old Kirton Road as 'Tremelaia Gardens' and councillors had no objections to this. The Clerk is to inform SCDC accordingly.
- b) SCC - Recycling centres closure delays - Details given to councillors.
- c) Proposal for donation request to St Elizabeth Hospice in memory of Nigel Smith - Discussed by Councillors and an amount of £200 was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present. This will be taken from the donations budget that was contained within the precept.
- d) SCC - New street lighting changes - See above under public questions.

Planning Applications:

- **Location: 220 High Road Trimley St Martin** - Proposal: Erection of single-storey rear extension (existing conservatory and shed to be removed) - no objections.

Highways and Footpaths:

- a) Reports of an overgrown Footpath1 between the High Road and the railway line were made; Clerk to report. - (Subsequent to meeting, SCC had started the cutting programme this very week and the footpath was duly cleared.
- b) A report of a damaged dog bin was made in Grimston Lane; Clerk to report to authorities. The Grimston lane sign also reported missing and the gate fastening at the railway crossing is still not working properly.
- c) The seat on the green leading to Cavendish Road is also damaged, this area being the responsibility of SCDC; - Clerk to report.

Any Other Business:

- None