

Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2008 Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin at 7.00pm

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

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

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

Apologies: Councillor Peter Waller, Suffolk District Councillor Richard Kerry

Declarations of Interest:

Personal Interest - Councillor Cowan & Councillor Bell – Local Development Framework

Community Police Report:

- a) The Clerk advised that she had been informed that monthly crime reports would not automatically be provided by the police at future parish meetings, either in person or via email but that this information can now be accessed via the police SNT website. The Clerk will check the crime reports on the day of the parish meetings and as at today's date, crimes up to the end of September were currently shown the site.
- b) **Safer Neighbourhood Meeting** - The Chairman gave a brief report of the SNT Task Meeting that he had attended, along with the Clerk, on the 22nd October, which was chaired by Inspector S. Gallant. The three previous SNT teams were now amalgamated into one but there would be quarterly Community Panel meetings followed by a further meeting a week later which were to be known as Tasking meetings whereby particular issues would be dealt with by the various invited authorities. The Chairman and Clerk have been invited to the inaugural meeting of the tasking groups on the 18th November and will report back to councillors at the December meeting. The Chairman had advised that he was concerned that the local patrol officers would not deal with any immediate crime problems in the village and other councillors shared these concerns. The Clerk has been instructed to write to the Chief Constable voicing said concerns.

County Councillor Report:

- John Goodwin gave a verbal report to councillors.

District Councillors Report:

- Graham Harding gave a brief verbal report to councillors.

Public Questions:

- Members of the public had questioned councillors with regard to the planning application CO8/1285. The chairman advised that the parish council had objected to the application in its current form and were awaiting the decision from the SCDC Planning Dept.

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Memorial Hall – The Clerk advised that she had received a quotation from the contractors who had resurfaced the side of the hall two years ago but was still waiting to hear back from the other contractors to advise if their prices had increased from the quotations that were requested and dated May/June this year. The Clerk has ascertained that it was not a problem for work to be carried out in the winter months and also, a further £3000 funding had

been successfully sought and granted. Councillors agreed that they would limit the amount from the Village Amenity Fund towards this project to £3000 with some of this being replaced in the precept next year. The Clerk advised that by the December meeting, she would be in a position to confirm to councillors, details of all the quotations received for the work along with the total amount of funding received towards the project. The Clerk is also to contact SCDC to see if planning permission was required for the re-surfacing work.

Planning Decisions:

CO8/1610 Location: 19 Brick Kiln Close Trimley St Martin.

Proposal: Erection of rear two-storey extension. (existing conservatory to be demolished)

Granted

CO8/1616 Location: 3 Jubilee Close, Trimley St Martin.

Proposal: Erection of rear conservatory.

Granted

CO8/1649 Location: 412 High Road, Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Conversion of part of garage to annexe. (Resubmission)

Granted with conditions

CO8/1680 Location: 9 Sandy Close Trimley St Martin

Proposal: Erection of first floor extension.

Granted

Street Lighting:

The Clerk advised she had reminded the authorities, yet again, to replace the damaged light at the end of Mill Close and Mill Lane. *(at the time of writing up the minutes, the light has now been fixed)*. No other street light faults were reported.

Highways and Footpaths:

- a) Councillor Slaughter advised that the flooding in Thorpe and Grimston Lane had been particularly bad in recent days and photographs of this were circulated. The Clerk had already been in contact with SCC to remind them that they were to clear the drains and ditches along these roads and she will forward copies of the photographs to them. Reports of blocked drains outside Owl Cottage were also made and also the one situated outside of Longford House. Mention was also made of the drains along Morston Hall road being blocked and the Clerk is to report all of these to SCC.
- b) Vice Chair B. Eve also reported that there were some gaps in the hedgerows and the Clerk is to contact SCDC with regard to their Parish Planting scheme.
- c) Mention was also made of the poor state of the Hand in Hand bus shelter. Councillors agreed that this would be a continuing problem and the Clerk is to write to SCC to see if the bus shelter can be knocked down and replaced with a Perspex one.

Any other business

- a) **Parish Pump** – The Chairman advised that the council would be looking to put out a Parish Pump at the end of December and editorial contributions for insertion were requested by the end of next week.
- b) **Remembrance Service** – The Clerk advised that a civic gathering would take place on Tuesday 11th November at Reeve Lodge.
- c) **Local Development Framework** – Vice Chairman Eve and Councillor Cowan had both attended (in a public viewing capacity basis) the SCDC Cabinet meeting held on Tuesday 22nd October whereby further documents were put to cabinet members, for their approval, by the Task Group and Planning Officers, in respect of the latest developments of the LDF. The next stage documents of the LDF will be out for

consultation towards the end of November/beginning of December for a two-month period.

- d) **Carols and Light switch on** – Councillor Rodwell advised that this event would take place on December 2nd. The Clerk advised that she would order the Christmas tree for the Hall and also one for the Reeve Lodge. Councillors agreed that, if necessary, new/replacement lights could be purchased by the committee subject to a reasonable cost.
- e) **Reeve Lodge Carols** – The Clerk requested that councillors note the date of December 17th for the Reeve Lodge carols and this year, they would be joined by some of the Saints Players.

These minutes were not signed at the December meeting due to a query raised by Councillor Cowan (see December minutes) in that his comments at this meeting had not been properly minuted and it was duly agreed by all councillors present (except Chairman John Barker and Vice Chairman Berridge Eve) that the following statement would be included as an amendment to these minutes:

Councillors wished to express their appreciation of District Councillor Sherrie Green for speaking up for her support of the Trimley Villages in respect of the threat of large scale housing development but also wished to express their disappointment that she was not vocally supported by her fellow district ward councillors, despite their promises made at previous meetings, that they would do so.