

**Matters of interest from Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held at the Trimley Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2004 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Chairman Nigel Smith, V. Chairman J. Barker, Joe Smith, Carol Garrett, Julie Pither-Jones, David Pither, David Beale, Andy Church, Keith Slaughter

**Clerk:** Tracey Hunter

**By invitation:** Mary Dixon, Sherrie Green, PC Gledhill.

**Apologies:** Patricia O'Brien, Heather Rodwell

**Declarations of Interest**

- No new declarations were made

**Matters arising from the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**

- **Felixstowe South Reconfiguration:** The Clerk confirmed that a letter of response had been sent to SCDC planning department, outlining our concerns with regard to the serious detrimental effects the expansion would have on the village, in particular on the Dock Spur roundabout, and it was agreed that a similar letter be written in response to the Harbour Revision Order.
- **SCC Matters:** The Clerk reported on a letter she had received from SCC, with regard to the flooding at Thorpe Lane, the drains had been cleaned and checked and a map showing the most affected areas of flooding is to be returned to SCC for their attention.
- The problems of the A14 Trimley foot bridge are apparently the responsibility of WS Atkins on behalf of the Highways Agency and SCC has directed our letter to them. However, after discussion of the problems of the bridge surface, the Clerk is to contact them directly to see if improvements can be made sooner, rather than later.
- With regard to the roundabout, this has been checked by SCC and is deemed to currently be in a safe and reasonable condition and is subject to a "Priority 1" gritting route.
- **Naming of Link Road.** The Clerk reported that SCDC have agreed to the name change to Howlett Way but was unable to provide signage as there were no actual properties on this road, but the Parish could identify the road with a nameplate, subject to permission of SCC. A decision on this was deferred to a future meeting.

**Community Police Report.**

- PC David Gledhill advised Councillors that due to other responsibilities in the County, that both himself and PC Kerr had been seconded for other duties outside of the village and that during the month of November and the first week of December, there was not a regular, visual police presence in the village, for which he felt, that in part, this may have had some bearing on the increased number of incidences of petty crime in the village.
- He reported on ten crimes that had occurred during the dates of 13<sup>th</sup> November to 26<sup>th</sup> December. PC Gledhill advised that persons known to live outside of the village and not local residents generally carried out these types of crimes. PC Gledhill also advised that there had been three or four sessions of speed checks along the High Road in both Trimleys and that results were not as they had expected, in that there were few drivers driving in excess of the limit and those that were caught, were either cautioned or issued with tickets. These sessions were carried out on both a visual police presence and non-visual.
- Regular checks at the schools would continue to be carried out to ensure that vehicles were not being parked indiscriminately outside and near to the school premises.

**Public Question Time**

- County Councillor Patricia O'Brien was unable to attend due to prior commitments.
- District Councillors Mary Dixon and Sherrie Green advised that the local liaison meetings would hopefully be able to commence in February and the agenda for these would cover local issues that were common to all Parishes.
- The District councillors also advised that allowances for District Councillors had been up for review and that these had been kept to inflation level and in fact the petrol allowances had in fact decreased. It was also pointed out that Suffolk had the lowest allowance increase in the County.

**Correspondence**

- **Bowls Club:** The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the Bowls Club who advised that they would be discussing the car park surface at their next meeting in January and their further comments on this are awaited. Copy of their annual accounts were also received.
- **Orwell Housing Assoc.** Clerk reported on seminars that were taking place with regard to rural housing. Councillors to advise the Clerk if they wished to attend.

## Planning Matters

### Decisions

- **C03/1994** Proposal: Erection of single-storey rear conservatory extension. Location: 34 Mill Close, Trimley St Martin Ipswich. **GRANTED** (subject to southwest elevation being obscure glazed and with non-opening windows.)
- Councillors discussed this decision and felt that bearing in mind the close proximity to the neighbour's house, that the condition of the obscure glazing was not enough and should not have been granted by SCDC.

### Highways and Footpaths

- The Clerk reported on a letter received from SCC regarding to damage done to trees along Footpath 26.
- Clerk also reported that a Hedge Notice had been served on a resident in Old Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin

## Any other business

- **Locality Budgets.** The Clerk issued details of the current expenditure to date of the Locality Budgets income and discussion took place with regard to the ordering of a new notice board, for which part of the 2003/4 allowance was being spent. Councillors looked at the design chosen and the Clerk is to order this.
- The Clerk reported that she had been advised that two of the waste bins had been damaged and that an additional bin was needed on the Howlett Way brick bus shelter. Another was also required for the bus stop opposite Reeve Lodge, should the siting of this bus stop be agreed. The Clerk is to order these from the suppliers.
- There is to be a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes committee for which all councillors are included and this takes place on January 20<sup>th</sup> at Longford House. The main item on the agenda is the preparation of the 2004/2005 Annual Budget.
- The date for the Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> and it was also advised that the July meeting would be held on the second Tuesday of that month, the 13<sup>th</sup> July.