

## **Matters of interest from Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held at the Trimley Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2004 at 7.30pm.**

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

**Clerk:** Tracey Hunter

**By invitation:** Mary Dixon, Sherrie Green, PC Jim Kerr

**Apologies:** Patricia O'Brien, A Church

### **Declarations of Interest**

- No new declarations were made

Draft minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and with the inclusion of the item raised regarding Mill Close and the inclusion of Morston Hall Lane under the agenda item of Quiet Lanes, the file copy of the minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### **Matters arising from the February 3rd Meeting**

- **High Road/Mill Lane** – The Clerk read out a letter regarding this junction, which had been received from SCC. Councillors were not happy with the comments made and a suggestion was made that the County Councillor be made aware of the situation. The Clerk is to write to Patricia O'Brien outlining the concerns of the Parish Council regarding this junction.
- **Quiet Lanes** – Literature regarding the Campaign to Protect Quiet lanes; Rural England's Guide to Quiet Lines was continuing to be circulated to all Councillors and once this has been returned to the Clerk, a list of potential lanes for consideration will be drawn up for Councillors to examine, which lanes will qualify for the scheme.
- **Damage to Greens in Mill Close** – The open green spaces in Mill Close are currently being damaged by children/youths playing football for which these small plots of land are clearly not suitable. Vehicles parked close by are being damaged and private gardens are being entered without the owner's permission, to retrieve missing footballs. This matter was fully debated and a number of options were considered. The Clerk is waiting to hear from SCDC for their views on the problem and she is to write to the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator regarding the council's concerns.

### **Community Police Officer's Report**

- PC Jim Kerr reported on eight crimes/incidents which had occurred during the month of February, the most serious being a youth having been robbed in Cavendish Road. Enquiries are still continuing on the latter.

### **Public Question Time**

- **County Councillor Patricia O'Brien** was unable to attend and the Clerk read her report at the meeting. Items reported included details of the SCC budget being increased by 3.8% for 2004/05, the proposal to take away free travel for voluntary aided schools and the government proposal of having a regional fire service. Full details of the report are held with the Clerk.
- **District Councillor Mary Dixon** reported an increase of 4.9% being charged by S.C.D.C. for 2004/5 (2003/4 was 7.7%). Housing figures to be incorporated into the Local Plan were still being awaited. The date for the Parish Liaison Meeting is likely to be either the 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> April and SCDC will arrange for the various authorities to be present to answer questions from the Parish Councils present.

- **Public Questions** – Matters raised by the Public included the street lighting through the St Martins Green estate and the bus stop opposite Reeve Lodge. A suggestion of a bus stop sign being painted on the road was made and the Clerk is to take this up with SCC.

### **Correspondence**

- SCC – Provision of Bus Shelters – No shelters were required at present.
- SCDC – Litter Action – Councillors felt that this was the responsibility of SCDC to carry out litter picks where needed and the Clerk is to contact them regarding the appalling state of Howlett Way.
- Felixstowe Sports and Recreation Council – Councillors notified of AGM date.

### **Planning Applications**

**CO4/0337** - Erection of two-storey rear extension. Location: 284 High Road, Trimley St Martin - Discussed by Councillors and no objections made.

**CO4/0302** - Erection of two-storey side/rear extension. Location: 12 Jasmine Close, Trimley St Martin - Discussed by Councillors and no objections made.

**CO4/0243** - Erection of two storey (second storey in roof space) annexe building attached to outbuildings and extension to the existing garage. Location: Trimley Rectory 17 Church Lane, Trimley St Martin - Discussed by Councillors and no objections made.

### **Planning Decisions**

CO3/2470 - Replacement of existing Dutch light wooden glasshouse with modern aluminium glasshouse. Location - Roselea Nursery Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin – **Granted**

### **Highways and Footpaths**

- A footpath sign between Old Kirton Road leading to Cavendish Road reported as being loose.
- Morston Hall Lane, large hole reported outside property.
- It was pointed out that the surface of Mill Lane is deteriorating; the Clerk is to make enquiries to the relevant authorities to see if anything can be done to improve this.

### **Any Other Business**

- A quotation is to be sought for the maintenance of the Howlett Way planting scheme.
- POF/Local Authorities Liaison Meeting - this will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March and the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman will be attending.
- Keith Slaughter reported on the meeting with Suffolk Acre regarding the proposal to build disabled toilets at the Memorial Hall.
- Heather Rodwell reported that the one of the heaters at the Hall require replacing and this is to be discussed fully as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- Heather Rodwell requested that the September meeting be held at the Methodist Church due to rehearsal commitments of the Saints Players at the Memorial
- Next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting at the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April - followed by the usual parish council meeting.