

**Informal Notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2006
at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin.**

Present: Chairman Nigel Smith, Vice-Chairman John Barker, Joe Smith, Berridge Eve, Keith Slaughter, Heather Rodwell, David Beale, Julie Pither-Jones, David Pither.

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

By invitation: SCDC Councillor Mary Dixon

Apologies: PC Gledhill, Pc Kerr, Councillors Carol Garrett and Andy Church, SCDC Councillor Sherrie Green.

Matter Arising from the minutes of the February 2006 meeting

- 1) **HPUK Transport and Works Order** – The Clerk informed councillors that a three-month extension period to respond to the Order had been made.
- 2) **Felixstowe Masterplan** – The Clerk informed councillors that David Lock Associates had arranged for a presentation to be made of their findings and Councillors were invited to attend the event on March 23rd at 7pm. Mary Dixon advised that the SCDC South Development Sub control committee would be presenting their views to full Council with regard to the Transport and Works Order on the same evening and she would not therefore be attending the David Locke event. *(Since this parish council meeting and the minutes being written up, the date of the Felixstowe Masterplan presentation has been changed to the 29th March).* Vice Chairman Barker advised council that the SCDC web site had details of their proposed recommendations following a site visit by the representatives of the Sub Control Committee to the area of the dualling and it would appear that no mention had been made of improved crossing access or warning lights and the Clerk has been instructed to write to SCDC in respect of this. It was felt that the parish council should have been consulted before the recommendations are made to full Council although the Clerk pointed out that a copy of the parish council's response to the Works Order had been sent to SCDC on the 31st January 2006.
- 3) **Listed Oak** – The Clerk was asked the current situation with regard to the damage being caused by the listed oak in Cavendish Road and councillors were advised that a Surveyor would be carrying out a site visit on the 8th March.
- 4) **Burger Van** – It was reported that the occupant of the premises on the High Road was continuing to trail the cable across the pavement to the Burger van and the Clerk is to write again to the authorities to see what can be done to stop this dangerous practice from being carried out.
- 5) **Parish Pump** – It was reported that copies had not been delivered in Kirton Road and the Clerk issued copies to Doug Hart, who kindly offered to deliver them.

Community Police Officer's Report.

The Clerk read the monthly crime report to Councillors, detailing three minor incidences.

Public Question Time

- **SCDC Councillor Mary Dixon** advised Councillors that SCDC had agreed a 4.94% increase in their part of the council tax which meant a £6.21 increase on Band D properties. The County Council had implemented a 4.5% rise and the Police a 4.53% rise. The annual council tax rate for a Band D property would now amount to £1284.96. She also advised that she has been elected on to a new research group, which is looking into affordable housing and the proposals that have been carried out elsewhere in other parts of the country, which could be copied and carried out in the Suffolk area. Their findings will be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny committee.

Highways and Footpaths.

- Cavendish Road sign was reported as being broken.
- Excessive mud outside 49/51 Grimston Lane, Clerk to contact SCC to clean.
- Vice -Chairman Barker reported that he had been in contact with CC John Goodwin regarding the state of Mill Close/Heathfields regarding it's resurfacing. This had been carried out with very little notice and the new surfacing had resulted in there being large pools of water on the road after heavy rain and the edges were higher than the lowered kerbs outside driveways. The Clerk had been in contact about this with SCC and had been advised that a site visit had been carried out and that the problems reported would settle with time, although they would inspect the area at a later date to ensure this was the case.
- The new annual landscape maintenance contract for the Howlett Way planting is due for renewal and Councillors agreed that the Clerk and Chairman should negotiate the renewal.

Any other business

- **POF Local Authority Liaison meeting** – The Clerk reported the date for this to be the 14th March and the parish council would be represented by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk.
- **The Memorial Hall Committee** are still awaiting news of their recent lottery application and the Clerk advised that she had been asked by HM Customs to provide further documentation to them in respect of the request by the parish council to obtain a directive on whether VAT could be recovered on the improvement works to the Hall. Councillor Rodwell advised that the Memorial Hall AGM would take place on the 21st March.
- **Next meeting** – The Clerk advised the next meeting to be the Annual Parish meeting at 7pm on the 4th April, followed by the usual monthly meeting at 7.30pm.