

Minutes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council Annual Meeting held on 23rd June 2015 at 7.30pm in The Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin

Present: Councillors: Barker, Cowan, Garrett, Good, Owen, Pither, Sills and Smith
Public: Five members of the public

Public Session

A member of the public read a letter on behalf of another resident. The acting Clerk advised that the comments made in the letter were factually incorrect.

Another member of the public expressed hope that the successful relationship between the Trimley Social Club and the Council could continue.

Parish Council Meeting

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr John Barker was elected as Chairman for 2015/2016, and duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. To Confirm the Appointment of a Temporary Parish Clerk

The Council confirmed the appointment of Gordon Mussett as temporary Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for 12 hours/week on Local Council Clerks' SCP23 with immediate effect.

3. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Bozier, Eve and Rodwell. The Council agreed to grant them an extension of time until the next meeting in which to sign their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

4. To Receive Declarations of Interests

No Councillors declared any pecuniary interests in matters on the agenda.

5. To Receive and Determine Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests from Councillors for dispensations enabling them to speak, or speak and vote, on matters on which they have a pecuniary interest.

6. Elect a Vice-Chairman of the Council

Cllr Sills was elected as Vice-Chair for 2015/2016.

7. To Appoint Representatives to Outside Bodies

The Council agreed to appoint representatives to outside bodies as follows:-

Memorial Hall Management – Ian Cowan and Ann Owen

Poors Charity Trustees - John Sills and Berridge Eve

East Suffolk Travellers Assoc. – None (represented by Bryan Frost; Trimley St Mary PC)

Port of Felixstowe Liaison – Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk

Police SNT Quarterly Meetings – All elected councillors

Footpaths, River Orwell, Tree and Hedgerows Group – Carol Garrett, Justine Good and Berridge Eve

Freight Quality Partnership – John Barker

SCDC Felixstowe Peninsular AAP Working Group – John Sills

8. To Appoint Committees and Sub-committees

The Council agreed to discontinue the General Purposes Committee but to retain the Planning Committee with the following membership:-

Carol Garrett, Justine Good, Ann Owen, Dave Pither and John Sills

9. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held 7th April 2015

The minutes of the meeting held 7th April 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.

10. To Approve the Accounts for 2014/2015

Cllr Cowan asked for a recorded vote. The Council approved the Council's Accounts for 2014/2015, Cllr Cowan voting against, Cllr Owen abstaining and Cllrs Barker, Garrett, Good, Pither, Sills and Smith voting in favour.

11. To Approve the Signing of the External Audit Return, Including Confirming the Council's Annual Governance Statement

Cllr Cowan asked for a recorded vote. The Council approved the signing of the External Audit Return, including confirming the Council's Annual Governance Statement, Cllr Cowan voting against, Cllr Owen abstaining and Cllrs Barker, Garrett, Good, Pither, Sills and Smith voting in favour.

12. To Approve the Appointment of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils as the Council's Independent Internal Auditor

The Council approve and confirm retrospectively the appointment of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils as the Council's Independent Internal Auditor.

13. To Defer All Other Business to the Next Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday 21st July 2015

The Council agreed to defer all other business to the next meeting of the Council.

14. Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.47 p.m.