

TRIMLEY ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Trimley St Martin Parish Council held at the Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall on Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 7.45 p.m.

Present Parish Councillors: Barker, Bozier, Garrett, Owen, Parker, Pither, Rodwell and Sills

Also Present: County Councilor Goodwin, District Councillor Harding and four members of the public

Public Session

County Councilor John Goodwin gave his report which included:

- Notification that works to deal with flood management near the Sausage Shop were underway.
- An update on the condition of the Innocence Lane verges. Representations had been made to the Highways Department, but they had responded that the current condition was acceptable and that no repair work could be expected before the new financial year.
- A report that Trinity College were pursuing the possibility of a more attractive alternative to the bridleway bridge proposed by Network Rail for the Gun Lane crossing.

District Councillor Harding introduced Christine Jones, Secretary to Trimley St Martin Sports & Social Club, who was attending to provide information on the Club's plans for the children's play area. It was agreed Mrs Jones report would be received during the discussion of Item 7 on the agenda.

Public Questions:

There were no questions from members of the public.

Parish Council Meeting

1. To elect a Chairperson

Councillor Garrett proposed that Councillor Sills be elected as Chairman; Councillor Rodwell seconded the proposal and following a unanimous vote Councillor Sills was duly elected. Councillor Sills thanked Councillor Barker on behalf of the Parish Council for the hard work that he had done over the years that he had held the Chair.

2. To Receive Apologies for Absence

There were no absences.

3. To Receive Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

4. 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

5. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held 1st November 2016

The Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2016 which were signed as a true record.

6. To Consider the Financing and Erection of a Post to Enable the Provision of a Portable Speed Warning Sign in High Road

In the light of information received from elsewhere in the county, concerns expressed by councillors over difficulties which might be experienced in moving the equipment safely between locations within the village, and the expected difficulty of finding suitable volunteers, the Council decided that they would review the position once the scheme had been in operation in Trimley St Mary for a period of nine months.

7. To Consider the Request for Financial Support towards Replacement Play Equipment at Trimley Sports & Social Club

Christine Jones, Secretary of Trimley Sports & Social Club, supported by District Councillor Harding, provided a report on the Club's request for financial support towards the cost of replacement children's play equipment at the Club. Mrs Jones explained that the equipment was 30 years old and in need of replacement or overhaul. The Club had had to remove a swing and two pieces of ground equipment. The climbing frame was in need of repair and the ground surface would need to be replaced. The cost of making good was expected to fall in the region of £8,000 to £14,000 as compared with a replacement cost of £22,000. The Club planned to put forward a detailed bid for financial assistance. They were aware of the need for a legal agreement that the area and equipment would remain freely available in perpetuity (or on an alternative site) and that a written commitment would be needed to the effect that the Club would assume total responsibility for ongoing maintenance, repairs and risks associated with the equipment. Councillor Harding said that these matters had been referred to a solicitor for action. The importance of meeting ROSPA specifications was acknowledged.

Mrs Jones was advised that SCDC was responsible for administering the Play and Sport fund. The Club would need to contact the officer responsible, Sarah Shinney, and ask for the appropriate form on which to apply for funding. On receipt of the application SCDC would then consult with the Parish Council and the Cabinet Member, Richard Kerry. The club would provide an update when they had more information.

8. To Note the Position with Regard to Damage to perimeter of the Howlett Way roundabout and verges and the condition of the side access adjacent to the Memorial Hall

The verge at the boundary where the Cavendish Grove development abuts the High Road pavement was untidy and overgrown. Councillors noted that Jordan Last of Taylor Wimpey had confirmed that the company would be planting new landscaping on their side of the hedge and would tidy the parts of the existing hedgerow which fell within their ownership. Taylor Wimpey had still had cabling work to complete on the roundabout. It was expected that the cabling would be completed by late February and a further meeting with the site team had been agreed to take place at that time to determine what remedial action would be required.

The track that ran down the side of the Memorial Hall which previously provided pedestrian access to the Mushroom Farm was in private ownership but Taylor Wimpey had agreed access rights over that land. It was noted that residents of the existing premises alongside the track had vehicular access over the land. The condition of the hedge adjacent to the track, alongside the Bowls Club, was poor but Taylor Wimpey had agreed that they would maintain their side of the hedge, the rest remaining the responsibility of the Parish Council.

9. To Consider the invitation from Taylor Wimpey to take on responsibility for an area of open space at the far end of the Cavendish Grove development.

The Council considered the invitation from Taylor Wimpey to take on responsibility for an area of open space at the far end of the Cavendish Grove development. It was noted that the open space would be managed by a private company if the Parish Council declined to take on responsibility for it. Part of the open space was used as a soakaway and there were responsibilities associated with the maintenance of the soakaway which would fall to the Parish Council were the land to be accepted. A payment was available which would offset the cost of this in the medium term. After due consideration, the Parish Council concluded that it would not be in the interests of the village to take on responsibility for this land. The Clerk would convey the outcome to Taylor Wimpey

10. To Receive a Financial Statement to 25th November 2016 (includes bank statements and budget update)

The Council received a detailed Financial and Budget Statement to 25th November 2016 showing income, expenditure, spend against budget and copies of reconciled bank statements.

11. To Approve the Following Cheque Payments:-

To approve the following payments:-

Date	Cheque No.	Payable to	In Respect of	Amount £	Powers
06/12/2016	300117	Salvation Army	Donation services of bugler	£50	LGA 1972 s137
06/12/2016	300118	Mr B Dunningham	Cleaning of Bus shelter	£54.00	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s.4
06/12/2016	300119	G Mussett	Locum clerk's salary	£120.00	LGA1972 s112
06/12/2016	300120	Caroline Ley	Clerk's Salary	£390.28	LGA1972 s112
06/12/2016	300121	Caroline Ley	Clerk's expenses Oct & Nov	£82.58	LGA1972 s112
06/12/2016	300122	HMRC	Tax due on clerks' salary	£113.40	LGA1972 s112
06/12/2016	300123	JAS Landscapes	Planting of bulbs around roundabout	£250.00	Highways Act 1980, s.96
06/12/2016	300124	JAS Landscapes	Renewal of fencing behind Memorial Hall	£485.00	Highways Act 1980, s.96
06/12/2016	300125	SALC	Clerk's Intro Session	£24.00	LGA1972 s112
06/12/2016	300126	Goslings Farm	Christmas Tree	£46.90	Local Government Act 1972, s.145

12. To consider whether the meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for 6th June could be held in the Chapel so as to avoid a clash with the planned performance schedule of Trimley Saints players

The Council agreed that the meeting scheduled for 6 June 2017 could be held elsewhere, possibly in the Chapel, so as to avoid a clash with the planned performance schedule of Trimley Saints players. Further enquiries would be made by the Clerk when the needs of Trimley Saints were confirmed.

13. To Note the intention to advertise the existence of the three casual vacancies.

The Council noted the intention to advertise the existence of the three casual vacancies. The vacancies would be covered in a forthcoming edition of the Parish Pump.

14. To note the intention to issue a copy of the Parish Pump early in the New Year

The Council agreed that an edition of the Parish Pump would be prepared for issue early in the New Year.

15. To Consider a Response to the request for comments on the impact of the Suffolk Local Policing Review

The Council had no comments which they wished to convey at this stage. It was noted that there was an ongoing opportunity to raise issues as and when they arose.

16. To exclude public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Exclusion from Meetings) Act 1960 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

The public were excluded from the meeting.

17. To agree a response to the Report on the Code of Conduct complaint

A response to the report was agreed. The Clerk would write to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services at SCDC in the terms agreed.

18. Closure

The meeting closed at 9.20p.m.