

## **Minutes of The Annual Parish Meeting of Trimley St Martin Parish held at Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall on 01 May 2018 at 7pm.**

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillor Stuart Bird; District Councillor Richard Kerry and Parish Councillors Garrett, Owen and Rodwell

### **2. To Agree and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 May 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2017 were agreed and approved as a true record

### **3. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman presented his report on a busy year in the Parish and invited comments from those present. The problems associated with the diversion of the A14 through the village prompted considerable discussion as many people had been very badly affected. The Parish Council had made every effort to represent residents' interests, and had been successful in persuading Highways England to introduce traffic light control to the section of the route which followed a single track road with passing places. The Parish Council had raised the issue at all levels and had contacted Therese Coffey M.P., but theirs was only one voice and it was important for individuals to make their views known to Highways England and to their M.P.

### **4. Annual Reports from District and Ward Councillors**

Written reports from County Councillor Bird and District Councillor Kerry were displayed from fifteen minutes before the start of the meeting. Cllr Harding presented his report focussing on the problems of speeding vehicles in the Parish. Cllr Harding noted that traffic flow cables were in place on the periphery of the village and suggesting that the Parish Council should seek information from Suffolk County Council Highways on the data gathered.

### **5. Annual Reports from Local Community Organisations**

#### **Bowls Club and Poor's Allotment Trust**

Yvonne Smart presented a report on behalf of the Bowls Club encouraging residents to take up an enjoyable and companionable sport, available close at hand and at low cost. Yvonne also reported on the activities of the Poor's Allotment Trust. There were no plots available immediately, but residents interested in allotment gardening could add their names to the waiting list.

#### **Trimley Sports and Social Club**

Chris Cushnahan presented a report on the Trimley Sports and Social Club with particular reference to the new play area which had received funding from the play and sport fund for the parish via an

application facilitated by Suffolk Coastal District Council. Work was about to start on the new facility which would be available for use by the whole community. The Club would be undertaking some refurbishment of the bar and kitchen in the lead up to their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019. They were keen to make further improvements and were also looking for funding to provide new lighting for the training pitch. Another significant change was that the old squash club was now run as a gym. Residents wishing to become members of the Club could do so by completion of a simple form.

### **Local History Recorder**

Liz Rastrick reported on her first months in the role of local history recorder. This was all about recording the present for the future; from local events to everyday activities – everyone had a story to tell and Liz was planning to create a blog to share some of these things. For example she had noticed that dog walking seemed to play a big part in the lives of an increasingly large number of people. This was an example of the sort of feature of modern life in the village which she would like to record for the future and she was keen to hear from local people who wished to contribute on this or any other topic.

### **The Memorial Hall Committee**

The Clerk read a report from the Memorial Hall Committee in which they were pleased to record that they were in a sound position financially and that the Hall continued to be a popular venue for local groups hosting a wide range of activities. A list of activities could be seen on the noticeboard outside the building.

### **6. Public Forum**

No additional issues were raised

### **7. To consider the arrangements for the 2019 meeting**

It was agreed that in 2019 the Annual Parish Meeting should be held on a different evening from the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. This would allow more time and might attract more residents and greater participation from local clubs and groups. Space for these organisations to provide information and engage with residents at the meeting was identified as something which would be welcomed.

### **8. Close**