

Trimley St Mary Parish Council



Welcome to the Trimley St Mary Parish Council news June 2024

Trimley St Mary Population **3,830**

Chairman's Report: David Southgate

Following elections in May 2023 the Council entered a new 4 year term, with enthusiasm to deliver our published Parish Plan. I found myself elevated to Chairman and together with 5 returning Councillors, endeavouring to deliver a high quality service to the Parish.

The Parish Council is the sole Trustee to 3 Trusts who own major assets in the village.

The Welcome Hall

Ellis Kindge and Poors Allotments

Stennetts Memorial Playing field

The Trust business has to be run separately. To enable these to continue to deliver, the councillors automatically become Trustees. This creates extra work and I am indebted to the Councillors for unstinting voluntary hours dedicated to keeping these valuable assets open at an affordable price to the benefit of

the villagers. We are grateful to a team of volunteers who assist us in performing tasks to enable the smooth operation of many aspects of village life.

The initial six Councillors organised themselves giving many hours of their own time to ensure we meet our obligations on services to the village. We were very fortunate to recruit 3 additional very experienced Councillors to add to the team during the year, enabling us add to the facilities we deliver.

Our aims and goals are contained within the Parish Plan. Some are deliverable, whilst others are projects and take a little longer to achieve. The work is divided with all councillors taking a portfolio. The Councillors invest time in attending many workshops and meetings which to enable these projects to come to fruition. The results are reported in the minutes at the monthly meetings and published on the Website. Therefore I do not intend to list them all here.

I am especially pleased to announce important progress on the Councils ambitions.

Establishing links with the most recent Head teachers at the Primary School, enables us to engage them in the environment and community projects. The Christmas Tree light Up event which was enjoyed by all ages being a prime example. The Neighbourhood Watch and the lobbying SCC to renew the white Lines, contribute to the Safety of Parishioners much work which goes unseen but is vital to wellbeing of the Village
The Hirers/Tenants/users of the Welcome Hall, Allotments and The Playing field all contribute to providing an opportunity for parishioners to enjoy a vibrant Village scene.

I am indebted to Councillors Lynn Beal, Colin Jacobs, Bryan Frost, Sue Cox, Tricia Goulden, Linda Knock,, Mick Richardson and Richard Kerry For their enthusiastic support throughout the year. Our Clerk Nicky Dunn has worked tirelessly, going beyond her duties to enable the efficient operation of the Council, which is

appreciated by us all

David Southgate

Chairman

Parking issues: It is well understood that movements to and from Station Road into and out of adjoining roads can be problematic due to parked vehicles close to any of the junctions.

A proposal is being considered to at each junction where Station Road meets Addington Road / The Avenue / Second Avenue / New Road for a distance of 10m (compliant with the Highway Code) to dissuade parking close to the relevant junction(s).

If you have any thoughts about this proposal please contact michael.richardson@trimleystmary-pc.gov.uk

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