

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 21st July 2014
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: B R Woodhouse (Chairman) Mrs P Ayers Mrs A Davies S R Haslewood
B Jones D Lewis Mrs M Weston

In Attendance: DCllr D Clarke Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) G Rowberry WCCllr P Grove

109/14 Declarations of Interest

- a) Register of Interests:** There were none.
- b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature:** There were none.
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature:** There were none
- d) To declare any changes to Register of Gifts & Hospitality:** There were none.

110/14 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): There were none.

111/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th June, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

112/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda
There were none

Closure of the meeting to allow the public present to speak on any matters relating to Grimley Parish.

Three parishioners attended the meeting to discuss the actions arising from a meeting between themselves and an officer from Natural England. They raised questions on proposed work on the clearance of scrub on Monkwood Green using a mini-digger and weed killer. The clerk had not received any information about the meeting or approved actions and advised members not to take any action until a permit for the work had been received from Natural England.

113/14 Report of the County Councillor

Cllr Phil Grove was not present at the meeting.

114/14 Report of the MH District Councillor

Cllr Clarke advised on:

Worcestershire Regulatory Services were to be 'outsourced';
all required evidence was available with regard to further actions to help control noise nuisance from the Raceway.

115/14 Planning: a) To Consider Under the Scheme of Delegation any Planning Applications received between publication of this agenda and the Meeting:

14/00896/FUL To erect fence panels inside the designated boundary 50cm from hedgerow to reduce raceway noise. Grimley Raceway, Main Road

Whilst members acknowledged the principle of this application, they raised strong concerns over the proposed materials. The fencing was totally out-of-character with the area and sound would rebound and echo thus further enhancing rather than reducing the noise nuisance from the site.

b) Details of Decision Notices Received from MHDC:

14/00409/HOU Detached double garage with study over Retreat Farm, Camp Lane, Grimley

Application Withdrawn

c) Grimley Raceway: See Min 114/14 above. Members noted that the MHDC Planning Enforcement officer had stated that no enforcement actions would be taken against the site at the present time. It was agreed that members would remain vigilant over activities on site.

116/14 Highways & Footpaths

a) Sewerage on Footpaths: Members noted that a householder had taken some preventive actions and no further nuisance reports had been received during the recent spell of hot weather.

b) Drainage on Sinton Green and adj Pound Farm: WCC Highway contractors had begun extensive repairs to the highway adjacent to the pond. It appeared that a drainage pipe had been pierced by a water pipe at some time in the past and the water company had undertaken a very poor repair which had subsequently ruptured. It was agreed to pursue Severn Trent Water for compensation towards the recent expenditure by the Parish Council of £2,100 for work on the drainage system and pond.

c) Vehicle Activated Sign on Monkwood Green: The Wichenford lengthsman had advised that the battery would not hold the charge and the sign was therefore ineffective: two new batteries were required. The clerk to request a financial contribution towards new batteries from the other two Parish Councils where the sign was in use.

d) Drainage in Grimley Village: Local residents had provided photographs of highway flooding during the recent storms. The clerk to collate the photographs as evidence to present to Worcestershire Highways.

117/14 Monkwood Green

a) General Maintenance: Members noted the prolific growth on Monkwood Green and agreed to discuss all maintenance of the area at the next meeting.

b) Damage caused by MHDC Refuse Collection Vehicles: Members noted that the garden refuse collection vehicle was still reversing along the track and causing damage. The clerk to seek repair of the area.

118/14 Sinton Green

a) Silting of Local Ditches: The ditch had been reprofiled but no invoice had yet been received in respect of the work.

b) Parking on The Green: Members considered a request to allow parking on Sinton Green during a private function in the Peace Hall. Following careful consideration it was **agreed** not to change the current policy of not allowing any parking on the Green.

It was **agreed** to ask that the Peace Hall Management Committee consider further clearance of grounds at The Peace Hall.

119/14 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: Members highlighted concerns over brambles and nettles over the footway in Grimley Village, the area around the noticeboard and adjacent to the church wall.

b) To Consider & Approve the payment of outstanding accounts: Members **approved** the payments of accounts as in the presented schedule (attached).

c) To Note the Completion of the Internal Audit and comments from the Auditor: Members noted the completion of the audit and the recommendation for an additional precise sheet with regard to the Risk Assessments.

120/14 Reports from Representatives

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Cllr Mrs Davies advised on a recent successful film evening, profits to be used towards the provision of new lights and replacement fire doors.

b) Lafrage/Tarmac Liaison Committee: Cllr Woodhouse commented on a recent meeting as a Parish representative. The Company had admitted to breaking the water table, top soil from the site had been utilised on an adjacent site and the anticipated water levels during restoration were unknown.

Members noted that fallen seedling trees had broken some fencing around the water on the reinstated land at Retreat Farm.

It was **agreed** that the clerk should request a site visit by a senior officer from Worcestershire County Council.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: Cllr Woodhouse advised that the final payment was awaited.

121/14 Correspondence

a) Any Matters Arising from the CALC Circulars: There were none.

b) WCC Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement: Members noted the document.

c) WCC Consultation on Draft Planning Validation Document: Members noted the document.

122/14 a) Date of Next Scheduled Meeting: 18th August 2014

123/14 In view of the confidential nature of the business the public will be excluded pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. (Contractual Matters for Staff) **Annual Review/Appraisal**

The matter was deferred to allow time for a report of the recent Staffing Committee to be circulated for discussion at the next meeting.

Chairman
(18th August 2014)