

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 18th August 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 G Rowberry

In Attendance: DCllr D Clarke WCCllr P Grove Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) Mrs M Weston

124/14 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.

125/14 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): There were none.

126/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st July, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

127/14 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.

Several parishioners attended the meeting to discuss future actions on proposed work on the clearance of scrub on Monkwood Green. The relevant officer at Natural England had indicated what work could be undertaken but that the equipment for permitted use was not in line with what residents had understood from a previous meeting.

Following considerable discussion on the preferred work, clearance of the area previously grazed by the cattle and past limitations imposed by Natural England on the work, a 'way forward' was proposed for discussion by members on the resumption of the meeting of the Parish Council.

128/14 Monkwood Green

a) General Maintenance: Following previous discussions during the closure of the meeting, it was proposed, seconded and **agreed** that:

- i) the Parish Council seek an early, open meeting with Natural England and residents on Monkwood Green to discuss future maintenance and the possibility of a five or ten year maintenance plan;

- ii) to ask the contractor to top the area previously grazed by the cattle.

b) Verge and Ditch Clearance: Members noted that the contractor had completed 95% of the work: residents had commented on the improvements.

129/14 Report of the County Councillor

Cllr Phil Grove advised that he had agreed to fund the purchase of 2 batteries for the VAS signs from his WCC Divisional fund. Members expressed appreciation of the grant: the clerk to order the batteries.

130/14 Report of the MH District Councillor

Cllr Clarke advised on:

all required evidence was available with regard to further actions to help control noise nuisance from the Raceway;
the opening of the pre-school new building and negative comments on the banners obscuring highway visibility;
the Planning Appeal in respect of The New Inn.

WCCllr Grove left the meeting at this point.

131/14 Planning: a) *To Consider Under the Scheme of Delegation any Planning Applications received between publication of this agenda and the Meeting:* There were none.

b) Details of Decision Notices Received from MHDC: There were none.

c) Grimley Raceway: See Min 130/14 above.

132/14 Highways & Footpaths

a) Drainage on Sinton Green and adj Pound Farm: Members noted that the work near to the telephone box had been completed but no work had been undertaken near to Pound Farm.

b) Vehicle Activated Sign on Monkwood Green: See Min 129/14 above.

c) Informal Layby, Grimley Crossroads: Members noted that a 'No Fly Tipping' sign would be erected on site for a short period of time.

133/14 Sinton Green

a) Mowing: Members noted that the area had not been mown as frequently as detailed in the annual contract.

b) Grass Seed: Members noted that Robin Woodhouse had provided the seed for the recently disturbed area by the ditch; Gwyn Rowberry offered to sow and tend the seed.

134/14 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 and the hedge by The New Inn.

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 External Audit: Members noted the completion of the audit without comment from the external auditor.

135/14 Reports from Representatives

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: In response to comments from members, Cllr Mrs Davies agreed to ask the Peace Hall Committee to seek quotations to cut back the grass and brambles to the hedgerows. The Parish

Council members would be pleased to consider the quotations and fund any agreed work.

b) Lafrage/Tarmac Liaison Committee: There had been no recent meeting; members noted that the agreement with regard to the water pump had yet to be signed by all parties.

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

136/14 Correspondence

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

b) MHDC Parish Profiles: Members considered the document and requested various pieces of information.

c) MHDC Parish & Town Council Conference 'The Resource Challenge': Members noted that the conference would be held on 23rd October.

137/14 a) Date of Next Scheduled Meeting: 15th September 2014

138/14 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**

Members noted and **agreed** for action with effect from 1st April 2014, the previously distributed report of the Staffing Committee meeting.

Chairman
(15th September 2014)