

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 26th March 2012
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: B R Woodhouse (Chairman) Mrs P Ayers Mrs A Davies S Haslewood
B Jones D G Lewis* G Rowberry Mrs M Weston WCCllr A Davies
Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) WM Police

30/12 a) Declarations of Interest for a) the Meeting & b) Any Changes to be Notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality: There were none.

31/12 To Receive a Report from the Local Policing Officer
The clerk read the police report advising of recent thefts from oil tanks at Ball Mill Top and an alleged incident of drink driving from the Camp Inn.

32/12 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th February 2012, having been previously circulated, were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

33/12 Matters Arising from the Minutes:
a) Min 28b: Opening Extension, Grimley & Holt Primary School:
Cllrs Mesdames Ayers & Davies reported on a thoroughly enjoyable evening with entertainment from the pupils followed by a tour of the school.
b) Min 27b: Donations: A letter of thanks & appreciation had been received from both the Nora Parsons Day Centre and Grimley PCC.

Closure of the meeting to allow the public present to speak on any matters relating to Grimley Parish. Parishioners were present to make comment upon and listen to discussions on Grimley Raceway and the cattle.
Both matters were debated as per agenda later in the meeting.

34/12 Report from Worcestershire County Councillor
CCllr Davies advised on the following matters:
he too had attended the formal opening of the extension at the Primary School and commented very favourably on the school buildings, the support from pupils & parents and the increased pupil admission numbers:
to-date, Tarmac Ltd had not submitted the anticipated planning application to vary a condition relating to re-instatement of Church Farm West:
Worcestershire County Council had committed £3m to the improvement of footways (he invited suggestions for any appropriate areas) and £3.8m had been committed to surface dressing and highway improvements.

Members highlighted local concerns over the excessively wet fields previously excavated by Tarmac and the rising water levels down towards The Camp.

35/12 Report from Malvern Hills District Councillor
DCllr Dean Clarke was not present.

36/12 Planning: a) To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment:

11/01514/FUL Proposed riding arena and indoor stabling
Elm Hill, Sinton Green *Amendments*

Members noted the proposed reduction to the ridge height, the increased volume/mass at the extremities of the building (from details on the amended plans) and **agreed** to re-iterate previous comments ie; Members raised objections to this commercial application in open countryside where there is already an outdoor menage and stabling.

The proposed development would by reason of height, massing and position form a visually intrusive feature, particularly when viewed from neighbouring properties and footpaths. Accordingly, the development would be contrary to Policies DS3, EP8 of the MH Local Plan & Policies SD2, CTC1 and CTC2 of the Worcestershire County Structure Plan.

By reason of the cumulative scale of development and intensification of the use, entailing additional HG vehicle movements on unclassified roads, cause unacceptable harm to the living conditions of neighbouring residents and users of rights of way in the vicinity.

b) To Consider Under the Scheme of Delegation any Planning Applications received between publication of this agenda and the Meeting:

12/00301/FUL Single storey building for B1 light industrial/offices
Elgar Business Centre, Moseley Road
Erection of a single storey building for B2 general
industrial. Amended description

Members raised objections to this application on a rural site: as there were a number of vacant units within the existing site, the 'need' seemed unproven.

This building would mean the loss of off-road parking spaces for the existing units (not just the one space as detailed), considerable additional traffic on a very narrow lane without a footway (there is **no** suitable public transport to the area) and an unnecessary intrusion into the rural landscape.

12/00377/HOU Side & rear extension. 2 Walton Lane, Grimley

Members noted the proposals and raised no concerns.

c) Details of Decision Notices Received from MHDC:

12/00014/HOU Extensions to Garden Cottage to provide a ground
& floor bedroom and small kitchen
12/00015/LBC Garden Cottage, The Whitehouse, Monkwood Green
Refused 28th February 2012

11/01423/FUL Erection of 3 stables and storage for hay (Retrospective)
Whistlewood, Sinton Green **Granted 6th March 2012**

d) Possible Enforcement Actions: MHDC Enforcement officer had advised that the brick building clearly visible in Ockeridge Lane was for agricultural use only and did not require planning permission and that the chalet was progressing as per application.

Hedge, Ockeridge Lane: The clerk was requested to ascertain if the hedge was to be re-instated in Ockeridge Lane, rather than the fencing and new gateway currently in situ.

e) Grimley Raceway: Members noted the concerns & complaints from local parishioners both on the weekend of the recent 'Experience Day' on Saturday 10th March and enhanced earlier in this meeting under public participation.

The original Notice limiting noise and activities on the site had not yet been amended and served on the current Limited Company and the noise emanating from the loud speakers on the Experience Day had been excessive and a thorough nuisance to neighbours.

Subsequently there had been various activities on site, mature trees had been felled, brambles cleared, ground scarified and a huge bonfire built. Members expressed sympathy with the residents and as it appeared that MHDC were required to complete administrative matters, confirm planning permissions for the site and take enforcement actions, it was suggested that parishioners seek a meeting with the Chief Executive to agree a way forward as a matter of urgency.

It was further **agreed** that the Parish Council should pressurise relevant authorities to serve all Notices as soon as possible.

f) Development Quality Tour: Members noted that all sites must be accessible by bus – none were nominated.

37/12 Highways & Footpaths

a) Worlds End: Members noted that the repair of the various drains and gulleys within the area had yet to be completed.

b) Footway, Grimley Village: Members **agreed** to nominate the footway in Grimley Village for repairs, clearance and drainage improvements (Min 34/12)

38/12 Sinton Green

a) Bulrushes in the Pond: The clerk to ascertain the likely amount of bulrushes to be removed and seek a quote for a skip for the disposal of the bulrushes as 'contaminated material'.

39/12 Monkwood Green

a) Cattle: The clerk had received the TB certificate literally one day prior to the final day for movement and too late to apply for a licence to 'move' the two 16 year old cattle. A further TB test was now required prior to the cattle being sold.

40/12 Report from Representatives on

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Cllr Jones reported on:
it was unfortunate that an enjoyable 'Shindig' jazz evening had been poorly supported;
a planning application had been submitted to vary the previous permissions concerning the style of the windows.

b) Ball Mill Liaison Committee: Parishioners continued to express concerns over the footpaths and the requirements to keep dogs on leads.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: The exchange of land was progressing through relevant solicitors.

41/12 Parish Meeting

Following discussions, it was agreed that no specific speaker would be invited to the Parish Meeting but special notice to be sent to the police, tree warden and lengthsman.

- 42/12 Finance: a) To Consider and Necessary Revisions to the Insurance Schedule:** Following discussions on the previously circulated documents, members **agreed** that it was 'fit for purpose'.
- b) Lengthsman: i) Works:** No new areas were highlighted but members did express their appreciation of the recent works on the footway adjacent to the A443.
- ii) Contract with WCC for 2012/13:** Members welcomed and appreciated the renewal of the contract.
- iii) Contract with the Lengthsman for 12/13:** Members had no hesitation in **renewing** the annual contract for the current lengthsman at a slightly increased hourly rate.
- c) Payment of Accounts:** Members **approved** the payments of accounts as in the presented schedule (attached).
- d) To Consider the Mowing Tenders/Contracts:** Following careful consideration of the tenders, members agree to award the contracts for the mowing of Sinton Green and small Greens to 'Charlie Farmer' and for Monkwood Green to Simon Skeys. It was further **agreed** that Cllr Rowberry would highlight the necessity of cutting along the ditches and around the pond and trees for safety reasons to 'Charlie Farmer'.
- e) Parish Transport:** Following consideration of the previously circulated documents, members **agreed** to join with the multi-parish proposals: Cllr Mel Weston to represent the parish on the group.

43/12 Correspondence

- a) Any Matters Arising from the CALC Circulars:** There were none
- b) Localism in Worcestershire – Consultation on WCC's approach to Localism:** The clerk had circulated the details and highlighted the Parish Conference to be held on Wednesday, 25th April at County Hall.

44/12 Items of Parochial Interest

Use of Small Green for Parking for the Queens Jubilee Event: The organising Committee had requested through Cllr Annette Davies, the use of the small Green for car parking during the Diamond Jubilee celebrations at the Peace Hall.

Members **agreed** to the request, subject to the long-standing and repeated condition that the area immediately adjacent to the ditches is roped-off to prevent any accidents.

44/12 Date of Next Scheduled Meetings

30th April: Parish Council Meeting at **7pm** Parish Meeting at **8pm**

Chairman
(30th April 2012)