

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 11th November 2013
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: B R Woodhouse (Chairman) Mrs P Ayers Mrs A Davies B Jones
D Lewis G Rowberry

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

Apologies: D Arr (accepted)

168/13 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: All members present highlighted Dispensations previously agreed in respect of discussions relating to the precept for 2014/15.
c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: There were none.

169/13 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): There were none.

170/13 Report from the Local Police Officer

There was no local report but in a general report to the CALC Executive the Deputy Police Commissioner had advised that the Police Commissioner was very keen to see police/CSOs attending parish/town council meetings.

171/13 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st October 2013, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

172/13 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda

- a) Min 137: Visit to Fire Brigade Headquarters:** Date to be advised.

Closure of the meeting to allow the public present to speak on any matters relating to Grimley Parish. There were no parishioners present

173/13 Report of the MH District Councillor

Cllr Dean Clarke advised on two planning applications and concerns over the high percentage of Appeals upheld by the Planning Inspector, many at financial cost to MHDC. In response to members' comments, he noted that a planning application on a local site for consideration later in the meeting was outside of the settlement boundary.

174/13 Planning: a) To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment: Following careful consideration, the following comments were **agreed** for submission to MHDC:

13/01251/HOU	Single storey ground floor extension
13/01252/LBC	The Dovecote, Sinton Green

Members raised no objections to these applications.

13/01319/HOU Conservatory extension to rear elevation
Hazeldene, Worlds End

Members raised no objections to this application.

13/013970/FUL Proposed two detached dwellings
Land adj Cornerways, Main Road, Hallow

Members agreed to re-iterate previous comments on this application ie:

Members raised objections to this application:

the area was outside of the settlement boundary;
over-development of a small site in a prominent location;
inappropriate access for existing traffic. Members urged the LPA to seek details of the actual number of road traffic accidents in the immediate area (WCC had the details as police and ambulances had been present) partially due to the current surface water from the drive flowing across the highway and freezing.

b) To Consider Under the Scheme of Delegation any Planning Applications received between publication of this agenda and the Meeting: There were none.

c) Details of Decision Notices Received from MHDC:

13/01112/HOU Rear single storey extension of existing accommodation
1 Court Cottages, Sinton Green
Granted

12/00973/FUL Erection of 5 bed unit with access and garaged parking
Land adj New Inn, Sinton Green **Refused 7th Sept 2012**
Appeal Allowed 17th October 2013

175/13 Highways & Footpaths

a) Min 140: Sewerage on the Footpath adj Windyridge: WCC Inspectors had visited the area but had not found any problems. Members **agreed** to ask for a local meeting at the end of the year to view this and other concerns within the area.

b) Min 161d: Informal Access to field off A443- Southern Boundary of Parish: Following completion of field planting, the informal opening had been fenced.

*** WCllr P Grove arrived at this point in the meeting and **DCllr D Clarke left to attend a meeting of a neighbouring Parish Council**

176/13 Report of the County Councillor

Cllr Grove advised on:

a review of subsidised bus passenger services was underway with a view to save £100,000;
a complete review of children's services, social care and home care;
180% increase in apprentices since 2011;
82% of schools are rated as good or outstanding;
an increase in recycling saved WCC over £7m in landfill charges;
a 'retirement' package had been agreed for the current Chief Executive, costs were currently unknown.

Members expressed concerns over any 'retirement' package and also costs in relation to recruitment and new salaries.

Following discussions, it was **agreed** that the clerk should highlight the bus passenger service review through notices in the parish magazine and on all noticeboards and bus shelters.

177/13 Monkwood Green

a) Visibility Splays & Verges: Members noted that all mowing and clearance of the verges had been completed and expressed their appreciation of the work done.

It was **agreed** that possible clearance of the large pond would be reviewed in late Spring 2014.

178/13 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: All grips and drainage channels. The clerk to contact the landowner to seek removal of an overhanging branch, Monkwood side of Moseley Turning.

b) To Receive, Consider and Approve the Bank Reconciliation: Members noted and **approved** the previously circulated Bank Reconciliation.

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

d) To Receive an Update on the Purchase of a Laptop Computer: The computer was currently in use.

e) To Note & Agree the Budget Preparation: Members had noted from previously circulated CALC Updates that no precept should be set until full and relevant details had been received from both the Government and MHDC. It was **agreed** that the clerk should prepare initial figures for full discussion in January.

f) Provision of a Skip for Use in the Churchyard Clearance: Following discussions, it was **agreed** that the Parish Council would provide a skip in the event of no other organisation fulfilling the request.

179/13 Reports from Representatives

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: The chairman of the Committee had advised that the loan repayment was due early in the New Year. Cllr Woodhouse advised that the Smaller Charities may be able to help and that he would contact the Committee when appropriate, hopefully before the end of the month.

The Committee had agreed to replace the outside lighting with the profits from the recent Fashion Show.

b) Tarmac Liaison Committee: A meeting was scheduled for the following evening but unfortunately no invitation had been extended to the County Councillor. He agreed to pursue the matter with the relevant officer at the County Council.

Members were asked highlight the constant concerns over rising water levels affecting the footpaths and also the non replacement of a rotten wooden stile on the southern causeway.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: Cllr Woodhouse advised that the final documents had been signed and final account settlements awaited.

180/13 Correspondence

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

b) MHDC Rough Sleepers within the District: Members were unaware of any persons sleeping rough within the parish.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman
(9th December 2013)