

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 19th May 2014
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.35pm**

Present: Mrs M Weston (In the Chair) Mrs P Ayers Mrs A Davies B Jones
D Lewis G Rowberry

In Attendance: DCllr D Clarke CSO Vanessa Snape Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) S R Haslewood B R Woodhouse

70/14 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: Cllr Mrs Weston declared an interest in item 78c as an adjacent landowner.

d) To declare any changes to Register of Gifts & Hospitality: There were none.

71/14 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): There were none.

72/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th April 2014, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

73/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda

a) WCC Parish Forum at County Hall: Cllr Weston advised that there was no update available on the continuation of service of the 308 bus. She had spoken to a representative concerning Neighbourhood Planning but following discussions, members **agreed** not to pursue the matter.

b) Resurfacing, Moseley Road: Members noted that there had been no action taken by the County Council to either fill the potholes or resurface the highway. The clerk to report the matter once again.

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

74/14 Report of the County Councillor

There was no report available.

75/14 Report of the MH District Councillor

Cllr Clarke advised on:

a new fund accessible to District Councillors to aid with Parish Projects. Cllrs Clarke and Sue Gill (Holt) had submitted a joint bid for £5,000 towards the provision of a new Pre-School;
a detailed map of proposed new sites for inclusion within the SWDP was due in the next 3 – 4 weeks;
he congratulated the Peace Hall Committee on the success of the recent film evening.

76/14 Report from the Local Police Officer

CSO Vanessa Snape apologised for non-attendance at the Parish Meeting as only 3 officers and 1 car operated from the Tenbury Station to cover 28 parishes and other matters had to take precedence.

She advised that there had been 47 reported incidents in the past year ranging from theft of 2 terracotta flower pots to anti-social drink driving. It was anticipated that the Tenbury Station would be closed shortly as all officers were mobile with computers and the nearest officer would be sent to any incident.

Members raised concerns over the lack of contact within the area and also the inefficiency of trying to find homes/people through local postcodes.

CSO Snape left the meeting at this point.

77/14 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:

00099/FUL Conversion of vacant part of existing public house with extension to form two-bedroomed dwelling with parking New Inn, Sinton Green **Refused 16th April 2014**

00254/S73 Variation of Condition 6 on Planning Permission 04/01022/FUL to read 'the development hereby approved shall not be sold separately from the existing dwelling known as Moseley Bank and no separate curtilage shall be created. Moseley Bank, Moseley Road **Approved 22nd April 2014**

c) Grimley Raceway: There was no update available on the various licensing and planning matters.

78/14 Highways & Footpaths

a) Sewerage on Footpaths: Officers from Worcs Regulatory Services had confirmed that there was indeed a problem on the footpath but despite various efforts they had still not identified the property at the source of the concerns.

b) Surface on approx. 20 metres of footway, Grimley Crossroads back towards the bus shelter: Cllr Weston and the clerk had met with an officer from Highways Department and a scheme had been proposed. Following discussions, members confirmed that they were content with the proposals for the resurfacing of the footway and infilling of deep potholes in the gateway opposite.

c) Parked Vehicles in Grimley Lane: The chairman highlighted the problems caused by some drivers parking vehicles without due care and attention for others in Grimley Lane. The clerk has spoken to the Highways officer who had suggested that the Parish Council purchase bollards to place along the verge; the Lengthsman could be asked to undertake the work.

d) Flash Flooding in Grimley Village: It was **agreed** that the clerk should report the problems to the Highways Department and request mesh coverings for all local drains to prevent debris blocking the water flow during storms.

e) Headway/Drain adj Pound Farm: The clerk to report concerns over the deterioration of the headwall which was protruding into the highway.

79/14 Monkwood Green

a) Damage by MHDC Refuse Lorry to the Green (SSSI): Following further damage, MHDC officers were investigating the circumstances surrounding the damage.

b) Drains and Ditches: It was **agreed** to seek work on the headwalls on the Common.

80/14 Sinton Green

a) Silting of Local Ditches: Members noted that the ditches around The Green were silted possibly due to run-off from the highway but did not agree to take any immediate actions.

b) Highway Drainage: Problems were still occurring with flash flooding near to the crossroads at the time of heavy rainfall. The clerk to report the problems to the Highways Department.

81/14 Area of Sand and Gravel Extraction

The Chairman suggested that members consider inviting all relevant County Councillors and officers to view the current site of extraction, the impact on the village and highways and the problems remaining with the re-instatement of land on Retreat Farm. Following discussions, it was **unanimously agreed** that this should be done.

82/14 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: Members highlighted the flooding near to 'The Hunters Lodge', the verge on the southern side of Grimley Crossroads (incl clearance of the milestone) and the area near to the gateway where highway works were due..

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 Consider & Accept the End of Year Financial Report: Members noted and **approved** the previously circulated Financial Report.

e) To approve and adopt the 2013/14 final accounts, and the 2013/14 Annual Audit Return & Governance Statement. (Accounts previously circulated): Following careful consideration of all sections members completed and accepted the statements.

f) To Consider attendance at the CALC Financial Training event: No members wished to attend the event.

g) Review of Insurance Cover & Costs: The clerk had obtained three separate quotations, two of which gave substantial reductions on the offer from the current company. Cllr Mrs Weston agreed to review the documents. It was further **agreed** that the clerk in consultation with Cllrs Weston and Woodhouse accept and action one quotation.

83/13 Reports from Representatives

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Cllr Mrs Davies advised that the recent showing of 'Flicks in the Sticks' had been well attended and requested that Sinton Green be mown in readiness for the fete on 15th June.

b) Tarmac Liaison Committee: Cllr Rowberry advised that there had been no recent meeting.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: Cllr Woodhouse advised that all documentation would be completed by 30th June.

84/14 Correspondence

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

85/14 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only

No matters were raised.

86/14 a) Date of Next Scheduled Meeting: 16th June 2014

Chairman
(16th June 2014)