

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 15th September 2014
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: Mrs M Weston (Chairman) 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 P Ayers B R Woodhouse

139/14 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.

140/14 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): There were none.

141/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th August, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

142/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda

a) MHDC Parish Conference 23rd October: Members noted the conference date; the clerk advised that a parking pass for persons attending the evening had been provided by MHDC.

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

* Cllr Steve Haslewood arrived during this item

143/14 Report of the County Councillor

Cllr Phil Grove advised that:

the GCSE results at The Chantry School had been above the national average;
in common with other local authorities, Worcestershire County Council had reviewed Children in Care policies in light of the Rotherham cases;
new local bus passenger timetables came into force on 1st September.

In response to previous enquiries, Cllr Grove advised that the land of the former park-and-ride at Perdiswell belonged to Worcester City Council and the land at Sixways to Worcester Rugby Club.

Cllr Grove advised that the results of his parish consultation Future Fit would be available shortly.

At this point in the meeting many supporters of Grimley Raceway arrived to highlight their concerns about pending legal action over alleged noise disruption in the local area during race meetings and preparation times. Although members had no knowledge of the pending action and it was not thought that any parishioners were present with the group, with the agreement of the meeting, the chairman invited their spokesman to address members.

Chris Parry read a pre-prepared statement on behalf of 82 supporters of the Raceway and activities, seeking Parish Council support for opposition to the proposed Noise Abatement Notice. Members listened attentively but declined to make any comment on a matter instigated by other Authorities and on which they had had no prior details of proposed actions. Mr Parry agreed to provide a copy of his statement for circulation by the clerk.

The supporters left the meeting.

144/14 Report of the MH District Councillor

Cllr Clarke advised that there were no recent matters of particular interest to this parish from MHDC.

145/14 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:

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

Refused 2nd September 2014

c) Grimley Raceway: See above.

d) SW Joint Development Plan: Members noted the information evening scheduled by MHDC for 23rd and 25th September.

146/14 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:* New batteries were awaited for the VAS signs.

c) *Hedge adj to The New Inn:* Members noted that the hedge had not been cut.

d) *WCC Enhanced Lengthsman Scheme:* Members noted the previously circulated details of the scheme.

e) *Highway, Worlds End:* Members noted that the potholes had not been repaired. Cllr Grove advised that Hallow PC had been informed that Moseley Road would be closed during early October for repairs with a diversion along Dark Lane. Grimley Parish Council had received no such notification.

f) *Gritbin, Top Triangle Grimley Lane:* Members noted that a vehicle had left the highway and crashed through the hedge during recent weeks. In view of past similar accidents in this area, it was **agreed** to seek the provision of a gritbin on the top triangle.

g) *Fly-tipping, Informal Layby:* The clerk advised that the 'No Tipping' notice would shortly be in place. The chairman agreed to approach the landowner and request that the hedge be cut back and a new gate hung on the field entrance.

h) *Hedge in Grimley Lane:* The clerk to request that the hedge of the property owned by the Church Commissioners in Grimley Lane be cut back.

147/14 Monkwood Green

a) General Maintenance: Members noted that officers from Natural England could not attend a meeting until mid-October. The contractor had commenced work on the area previously grazed by the cattle.

b) Verges and Ditch Clearance: The work had been completed.

148/14 Sinton Green

a) Mowing: Members sought clarification of the dates on which the mowing had occurred during recent months and agreed a procedure for notification of future mowing and works.

b) Drainage and Past Flooding on Sinton Green: members noted the e-mail previously circulated by the SW Drainage Team. Cllr Rowberry highlighted the concerns felt by himself and other local residents that the past actions had caused their homes to be 'blighted' by flood warnings with a consequence loss of value.

Following discussions, it was agreed that the clerk seek action against the silt flooding onto the highway at various times.

c) Bulrushes in The Pond: Members noted with concern the increased number of bulrushes in the pond.

Cllr Lewis left the meeting at this point.

d) Parking on The Green: A local parishioner had highlighted concerns over two vehicles parking on various areas of the registered Village Green. Members noted that other vehicles were also parking against the byelaws. It was **agreed** that the clerk should seek advice on the Parish Council obligations with regard to the matter.

e) Dog Fouling Notices: The clerk to provide further notices for the boards.

149/14 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: Members highlighted concerns over various areas within Grimley Village.

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

150/14 Reports from Representatives

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Cllr Mrs Davies advised that the Peace Hall MC had prioritised work on replacement fire doors and a new electricity fuse board over the outdoor clearance of the Peace Hall grounds. Concerns were expressed over the lack of space for visitors at the meetings when the main hall was in use (as this evening). The clerk advised that the main hall had been booked for the meeting but the Hall Management Committee were in situ when councillors arrived.

b) Lafrage/Tarmac Liaison Committee: Cllr Rowberry advised that there was approximately 6 weeks sand and gravel extraction left on site.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: There was no report available.

d) Nora Parsons Day Centre: Cllr Mrs Weston had recently visited the Day Centre: it cost approx. £20k per annum to keep the services running. It was thought a very worthwhile cause for occasional fundraising within the parish.

151/14 Correspondence

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

b) To Note and Action the NALC/CALC advise following the

Government changes in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: Members agreed to amend Standing Order 1e with the addition of: "*Deleted following the implementation of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014*".

- c) **WCC Parish Conference:** Members noted the conference scheduled for 29th October.

152/14 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only

a) **Future of Grimley Church:** Members noted that a meeting was to be held on October to discuss the future of the church.

153/14 a) Date of Next Scheduled Meeting: 20th October 2014

Chairman

(20th October 2014)