

Please join us at our Annual Meeting of Residents of Grimley Parish

hosted by Grimley Parish Council

Join us for our **Anniversary** tea, coffee and cake,
celebrating **130 years** of service to the community.

Mon **24th March 2025** 7.30pm
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green



*Join in on a briefing and debate of the County and District plans for **Devolution** and the opportunities that this might hold for our parish.*

Hear reports from the parish council, hall committee, church committee, our primary school, Grimley Smaller Charity, Worcs Wildlife Trust, district and county councillors, local community groups, our PCSOs and receive any updates that we might have on the county council/Atlas plan for a mobile phone mast.

A normal parish council meeting will occur at the Peace Hall straight after this community meeting.
All are welcome to stay for that as well.

**If you cannot attend this meeting why not contact the
Parish Clerk Lisa Stevens to ask for a copy of the minutes of the meeting:**

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Residents and Councillors, Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of residents of Grimley Parish will be held on Monday **24th March 2025 at 7.30pm** at The Peace Hall, Sinton Green. Lisa Stevens, Clerk & Resp. Financial Officer, 07950256363, clerkgrimleypc@gmail.com

This is a meeting of parish electors organised by the Parish Council at the request of residents. Electors (residents) freely contribute to the agenda. This meeting is an opportunity to celebrate local activities and debate current issues. It is an opportunity for parishioners on the electoral roll to raise any matters of concern to them that relates to their local community. It would be helpful to have written notice of any matters to be raised but it is not essential. (Annual Parish Meetings must be held between 1st March and 1st June each year).

a. **7.30pm start** with free tea and cake in hand.

i. Option for vote for a Chair.

If residents do not nominate a Chair, then the parish council will Chair as a courtesy.

ii. Introductions, points of order, apologies & declarations of interests.

b. **Open Forum.** Residents may raise any matter without notice.

i. Mobile phone mast project update if any.

ii. Dog fouling at Monkwood Green and Sinton Green and professional dog walking companies trespassing and fouling crop fields in Grimley village.

d. **Devolution.**

Update on the forthcoming mandatory merger of district and county councils and implications for parish councils. Parish councils will come under pressure to take on more services – and yet we also see this as an unique opportunity. New service provision by the parish council will require funding via council tax. What do residents think about this? Come and have your say and ask questions.



County Council's January response to Devolution



Government Website Devolution announcement

What could a parish council take on if residents request it?

Bigger parish councils will be given the option to take over all libraries, public gardens, public toilets etc. Grimley parish is on a much smaller scale.

Nonetheless, this can be an opportunity if residents desire it. We could explore deeper parish council involvement in.....

- Mowing/maintenance of all verges.
- Extensions to the lengthsman scheme (which cares for drains, gullies and roadside paths on minor roads). This might include extension training to operate heavy machinery (diggers) in order to care out verge maintenance for example and, permits for roadside weed control.
- Maintenance on bridleways and public rights of way/sign posting and more controls over liaisons with landowners regarding legal care of styles/gates.

At this time, the parish council has no jurisdiction over private land or church land and it is not envisaged that this would change.

e.	Reports from Parish, County and District Councillors.
<i>Reports have also been invited from (in no particular order).....</i>	
f.	St Bartholomew's Church Committee.
g	Peace Hall Committee.
h.	Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
i.	Lengthsman.
j.	PCSOs.
k.	Grimley Holt Primary School
l.	Grimley Smaller Charity
m.	AOB and closing questions. 8.00pm approx. A reminder of the District Council litter picking scheme 'Adopt A Street' https://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/join-the-adopt-a-street-scheme
Close of resident's annual meeting and opening of Parish Council meeting.	
1.	Cllr's declarations of interest. Points of order. Apologies.
2.	Update on parish projects <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dark Lane & Walton Lane water leaking from Severn Trent pumping station. Contact has been made with Severn Trent. Queens Oak at the Peace hall. Christmas tree on village green Sinton Green. To consider and motion to approve a donation towards the estimated £1300 that will be required to repaint the inside of the hall. (Work will involve all walls and woodwork including the stage in main hall and hire of internal scaffolding). Highways work on Grimley approach road near bus stop – is follow up work planned by the County Council to reinstate kerbs and path line? National grid tree works on Monkwood Green common as informed 25 Feb 25. 30mph roundels at entrance to Monkwood Green – resident request for repainting. Heras fencing Grimley old wagon wheel – has building contractor improved safety?
3.	Planning matters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To receive and consider a response to any planning matters that have an expiry date before the next scheduled parish council meeting. Consultation on Extension of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) for Dog Control. Motion to approve a parish council response. To finalise of draft parish council policy Managing activities on parish council owned land, in readiness for public consultation.
4.	Finance and admin <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To consider/motion to approve payment of accounts made in the previous month. To consider/ to approve payment of outstanding accounts this month. Including standard months accounts and invoices for Clerk wages/expenses, monthly lengthsman.

5. AOB, closing questions, items on project watch list and correspondence.

- AOB. Dates for May 2025 County elections if published.

Projects on watch list	Update
Sinton Green village green ditch clearance	Contractor will proceed in drier weather.
WWT Green Farm water supply project	Waiting for drier weather.
Oakhall Green signage at sharp bend.	Feb 2025. Signs reported to be on order by WCC
Dark Lane & Walton Lane (Bells Bank), water in road, leaking pumping station	March 2025 Contact made with Severn Trent by Clerk. Awaiting their resolution.
Oakhall Green to Sinton Green, water in road.	Waiting for County Council action.
Monkwood Green flooding adjacent to Goodwin's Farm, water in road	Waiting for dry weather to assess and agree project spec with residents. Clerk has obtained maps of clean water drains and pipes under road. No waste water in this location. Severn Trent attended 05 & 06/03/25 to fix a leak – wait to see if this resolves the situation.
Moseley corner, water in road	Waiting for dry weather to assess Severn Trent work
World's End adj to Paddlebrook Cottage, water in road	Waiting for WCC action
Bench repairs, Peace Hall	Waiting for drier weather.
Enforcement Ref: M/ENF/24/0298. Alleged creation of hardcore area. Camp Lane, WR2 6LX.	Feb 2025. Enforcement Officer has attended the site location, sought land registry documents and has written to the proprietor of this parcel of land.
GM-579(C) & GM-584C rights of way blocked behind Sinton Court. Overgrown hedges obstructing the way. Fallen or overhanging trees that need removal	21/02/2025: Reported to WCC. Stage of Work by WCC: Awaiting inspection & awaiting Investigation.
PR-24-48834 Path Number: GM-609 Date Created: 27/06/2023. Broken finger post and reconfirm direction for finger post pointing	Stage of Work by WCC: Awaiting inspection & awaiting Investigation.
PR-21-36692 Path Number: GM-598 Date Created: 06/10/2020. Priority: 6. (1 is high, 6 is low).	Stage of Work by WCC: Inspected - Awaiting Investigation. Type: Barrier Across
Dog fouling signs	March 2025 – on order with MHDC
DofE litter picking volunteer	Date for start and processes for sign off.

Correspondence received/made by Clerk (where not mentioned in the agenda above):

- Enquiry to County Cllr about possible funding opportunities for the Peace hall
- Quarterly Police Contract – completed and returned.
- WRS verbal update on enforcement matters.
- Northern Area Planning Committee communications.
- County wide planning lists
- The Rural Bulletin – national rural news and ensuring rural communities have a voice
- The Rural Funding Digest - Funding for your local project or community group
- NALC Chief executive's bulletin & WCALC monthly bulletin.

6. Date of next parish council meeting.

Mon 28th April 2025, 7.30pm – Monthly meeting of the parish council.