

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014  
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

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

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

**Apologies:** D Arr (accepted) B R Woodhouse DCllr D Clarke

**17/14 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.

**18/14 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011):** There were none.

**19/14 Report from the Local Police Officer**

There was no local report.

**20/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

*With the agreement of the meeting, the order of the agenda was changed at this point*

**21/14 Report of the County Councillor**

Cllr Grove advised on:

the closure of the main river bridge due to flooding;

WCC budget cuts, a further £100m savings were required;

following an extensive consultation with a very good response, the decision on the future of public transport had been delayed until September 2014;

an enhanced Broadband service had been launched at the end of January. It was anticipated that the Hallow exchange would benefit from this by the end of September 2014 but further information was required with regard to Monkwood Green;

he had allocated £200 of additional funding for the Lengthsman to each of the ten parish councils within the Hallow division.

Cllr Grove thanked members for completing his questionnaire and invited questions.

*WCCllr Grove left the meeting at this point to attend two further Parish Council meetings in adjoining parishes*

**22/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda**

**a) Visit to Fire & Rescue Headquarters:** Following discussions it was **agreed** to seek an evening visit (no later than 7pm) on either Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> March.

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

**23/14 Report of the MH District Councillor**

Cllr Clarke had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

**24/14 Planning: a) To confirm the actions of the clerk and members in responding to applications received between meetings:** Following careful consideration, the following comments were **agreed**:

14/00073 Two storey extension of bedroom over carport  
Little Horscroft, Sinton Green

Members noted the application detail

**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:**

13/01376/FUL Siting of gate into a hedge onto the Moseley Road to allow access to field. Whistlewood, Sinton Green  
**Granted 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014**  
NB Highway Amendments/requirements

**25/14 To Consider the Possibility of Conducting a Housing Needs Survey**

Following comprehensive discussion on the lack of local employment opportunities, public transport, no shops and no contact from any parishioners on the matter, it was unanimously **agreed** not to support a local survey.

**26/14 Highways & Footpaths**

**a) Sewerage on Footpaths:** Officers from the Environment Agency were investigating the various reports.

**b) Flooding on highways during recent heavy storms:** Various highway problems related to localised flooding in Worlds End and Monkwood Green had been reported to Worcestershire County Council. Members requested that the flooding near to the Oakhall Inn also be reported for clearance of local drains and ditches.

**c) Fly-tipping/Litter, Walton Lane, Old Road and Layby, A443:** A parishioner had raised concerns over various areas where an excessive amount of litter had accumulated and sacks of rubbish dropped. The clerk to report the concerns to MHDC.

**27/14 Monkwood Green**

**a) Overhanging bush, adjacent to roadway near Telephone Box:**

Following discussions, members agreed to ask a local contractor to cut back the offending bush.

**b) Damage by MHDC Refuse Lorry to the Green (SSSI):** A parishioner had complained to MHDC concerning the damage caused by the large refuse lorry reversing onto The Green. MHDC had not responded to the complainant. The parishioner had sought the support of the Parish Council and provided photographs of the offending lorry. Members **agreed** to this request.

**c) Re-instatement of Footpath Sign Post:** Members **agreed** to re-instate the post currently lying in an adjacent ditch.

**28/14 Sinton Green**

**a) Silting of Local Ditches:** Members noted that the ditches around The Green would require clearance during the early summer months.

**29/14 Finance**

**a) Works for the Lengthsman:** Pond at Oakhall Green and grass seed in the Spring for the area of the 2013 landslip.

**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 & Agree the Mowing Specifications for 2014/15:** The chairman spoke to the previous circulated paper which was **accepted** unanimously for publication.

**e) To Consider a Donation to:**

**i) Upkeep of Grimley Churchyard:** Members **agreed** to donate £200 towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

**ii) Nora Parsons Day Centre:** Members noted the benefits provided by the Centre to various parishioners and unanimously **agreed** to donate £200 from Section 137 funding.

**iii) Hallow Scout & Guide Group:** A request has been received for funding for the purchase of IT and audio visual equipment. Following discussions, members unanimously **agreed** to donate £100 from Section 137 funding.

**30/13 Reports from Representatives**

**a) Peace Hall Management Committee:** Cllr Mrs Davies advised that although there had been a fairly low attendance at the recent showing of 'Flicks in the Sticks', the Committee had made a small profit.

Members were seeking grant funding towards various repairs (flat roof, guttering, rear doors).

**b) Tarmac Liaison Committee:** Cllr Rowberry advised that there was a meeting scheduled for the following week and that he had been advised that the pump was not working at Retreat Farm.

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

*Cllr David Lewis left the meeting at this point.*

**31/14 Correspondence**

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

**32/14 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only**

**a) Stainless Steel Chimney Flue:** A parishioner had complained about the siting of a new stainless steel flue for a log-burner. Members noted that this had not been the subject of a planning application for consideration by the Parish Council and therefore advised that the parishioner contact the MHDC Enforcement Officer direct with any concerns.

**33/14 a) Date of Next Scheduled Meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**b) Date of Parish Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm. In view of the usual very low attendance, members **agreed** not to invite a guest speaker to this meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman .....  
(10<sup>th</sup> March 2014)