

Grimley Parish Council

Next Meeting

Monday 21st January 2019, 7.30pm
Peace Hall, Sinton Green

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Dear Councillor, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Grimley Parish Council will be held on **Monday 21st January 2019 at 7.30pm** in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green when the business set out in the agenda below will be transacted. Your attendance at the meeting is requested. Yours faithfully, Lisa Stevens, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

The **press and public** are also cordially invited to attend this meeting to address the Parish Council on matters concerning the Parish (at the allotted point in the agenda), observe proceedings or to inspect draft minutes of previous meetings.

1	To consider any apologies for absence.
2	<p>Declarations of interest.</p> <p>a. Register of interests: To note any updates received. b. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relevant to the agenda. c. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests relevant to the agenda. d. To declare any additions to the Register of Gifts & Hospitality. e. To consider written requests from Councillors for the Parish Council to grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011). Motion to approve requests. f. Check that all have submitted Register of Interests to Malvern Hills District Council.</p> <p>Councillors are reminded to update their register of interests. Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or any Other Disclosable Interest (para 12(4)(b) Code of Conduct), must leave the room for the relevant items unless a dispensation has been granted.</p>
3	<p>Minutes of previous meetings – Motion to approve previous minutes.</p> <p>a. Monday 3rd December 2018 – Monthly meeting of Grimley Parish Council.</p>
4	<p>Public question time.</p> <p>Standing orders to be suspended to allow the public present to address the Parish Council on any matters relating to Grimley Parish. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration. This item to be limited at the discretion of the Chair. Residents to confirm name and address please prior to speaking. Your name may be recorded in the minutes of the meeting, unless you ask for this not to occur. Please speak to the Clerk if you have any concerns. The Council reserves the right not to allow questions from any person/s who do not confirm their residency/association with the parish.</p>
5	<p>To Receive the Report of the County Councillor – Phil Grove.</p> <p><i>Limited to three minutes please.</i> (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting)</p>
6	<p>To Receive the Report of the District Councillor – Dean Clarke.</p> <p><i>Limited to three minutes please.</i> (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting)</p>
7	<p>Planning - to consider, comment and resolve to respond to the following applications.</p> <p>a. 18/01759/HP Stable End, Grimley, Worcester, WR2 6LU. Two storey and single storey extensions to dwelling and alterations to the elevations. Consultation extension granted until 31st January 2019. Officer: Karen Wightman.</p> <p>b. EPR/WP3239EK Application to vary environmental permit application. Thorngrove Poultry Farm.</p> <p>c. Conference - Planning Enforcement Summit for Parish and Town Councils – Thursday 31st January 2019 – Cllr Woodhouse to attend. <u>Review</u> of questions submitted to panel. See Appendix 2.</p>
8	<p>Grimley village - To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.</p> <p>a. Accident 22nd December 2018, Grimley top triangle, to discuss</p> <p>i. Circumstances and future mitigation. ii. Progress with Highways replacing passing places sign. iii. Progress with Parish Council insurance claim for replacing green salt bin. iv. Damage to kerb stones have been reported separately to Highways: 633680.</p>

	<p>b. Speeding (to include discussion of speeding parish wide)</p> <p>i. Resident request to re-examine speed limit on Grimley approach road and Camp lane</p> <p>ii. 'Mini police officers' (previously known as Billy and Belinda Bollards) – loan scheme from Police Crime Commissioner. Consideration for placement outside school.</p>
9	<p>Sinton Green – To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.</p> <p>a. Asset of community value – progress.</p>
10	<p>Monkwood Green - To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.</p> <p>a. Service roads – update.</p> <p>b. Well opposite Woodcote – update.</p> <p>c. Commoners Association – update.</p> <p>d. Grazing of petty whin site in 2019 – initial discussion of options, including suggestion for purchase of four sheep.</p> <p>e. Phone booth(s) maintenance update.</p>
11	<p>Parish events and facilities – To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.</p> <p>a. <u>Sunday 3rd March Grimley Community Open Day</u>, which will include stalls and representatives from the following groups:</p> <p>i. "We don't buy crime" smart-water project conclusion. West Mercia Police constables will be present and Smart Water kits will be handed out at this event.</p> <p>ii. Play equipment for the parish consultation. Working Party will be on hand to discuss options and ask for public input.</p> <p>iii. Peace Hall publicity stall – Management Committee members will be on hand.</p> <p>iv. Options for inviting Worcester Wildlife, School, Church, Grimley Smaller Charities, fund raising for defibrillator et al.</p>
12	<p>Reports from Representatives - To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice. <u>If not already discussed elsewhere.</u></p> <p>a. Peace Hall Management Committee.</p> <p>b. Tarmac Quarry Liaison Committee.</p> <p>c. Grimley Smaller Charities.</p> <p>d. Play Equipment Working Party.</p> <p>e. Lengthsman. Also, motion to receive and approve future items of work.</p> <p>f. Suggestion to create a 'Defibrillator Fund Raising Working Party' – resident based.</p>
13	<p>General Finance and Administration- To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.</p> <p>a. To consider and motion to approve the payment of outstanding accounts.</p> <p>b. To receive and motion to accept latest Bank Reconciliations, December 2018.</p> <p>c. To note that the request to MHDC for 2019/20 precept has been submitted.</p>
14	<p>Dates for diary, items for future agenda and correspondence not dealt with elsewhere - To note and discuss as required correspondence already circulated to Cllrs, or available for inspection at the meeting. <i>Cllrs may use this opportunity to report minor matters of info not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise future items.</i></p> <p>1. Meeting attendee required - Worcestershire Wildlife 'Natural Networks Programme' on 31st January. Venue: Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, Lower Smite Farm, Hindlip, WR3 8SZ, 6pm- 8pm.</p>
15	<p>Date of Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday 11th February 2019 7.30pm, Peace Hall, Sinton Green. The press and public are cordially invited to attend this meeting.</p>

Appendix 1: Items for payment.

Simon Skeys	Lengthsman invoice November and December 2018. Awaiting confirmation of invoice details.	£480 max	VAT nil
Lisa Stevens	Clerk wages [Dec 2018] As per contract of <u>12 hours</u> per week, £12.01 per hour.	£576.48	VAT nil
Lisa Stevens	Expenses. GPC201703. Includes new lockable cabinet for storage of register of electors.	£240.00	VAT under calculation

Appendix 2 - Questions submitted to Planning Committee for consideration.

1) "There is an impression/perception of a lack of resources and funding dedicated to the issue of planning enforcement by the District Councils in Worcestershire. a) Can any detail/illustration be given of how the funding provided to the joint enforcement team is calculated and b) how it compares with funding provided to similar teams in other parts of the country."

2) District Councillors report a frequent change in enforcement staff, leading to an inevitable disruption to services - are there any plans to tackle this issue?


3) It is understood that every new planning application is separate in its own right and in most circumstances existing/historic planning applications are not allowed to prejudice a new application. However, it is evident to many Parish Councillors that this system causes significant distress to surrounding communities, who are often left to cope with multiple, repeated and unlimited applications, on top of unresolved enforcement issues. Is there scope to lobby central government for a rethink in regard to this? For example this could include obtaining greater flexibility for District Councils to consider existing circumstances/community feedback, when for example a threshold of three applications has already been reached on a particular site.


4) Parish Councillors are democratically elected or appointed by co-option to represent their communities, within the open and fully advertised processes of the law. Yet even with this endorsement for representing a local community, Parish Councillors may request to visit the site of a planning application but can be refused. Such refusals hinder the ability of the Parish Council to understand all the aspects of the application. Why do Parish Councillors have such limited powers when it comes to representing planning issues in their community? (Since composing this question, DCllr Dean Clarke has already mentioned that District Cllrs also have limited powers to conduct site visits and so the question can be expanded to include District Councillor powers as well please).


5) The impression is given that District Councillors are often left out of the loop when it comes to enforcement actions and updates and are unable to disseminate progress to parish level. Can assurances be given that District Councillors are or will be regularly updated on enforcement matters.


6) Is there scope for planning enforcement updates to be included on the district council planning application website?

7) District Councillors and the Planning Department in general has indicated a general willingness to lobby for improvements in planning law, concerning higher environmental standards in planning. It would be appreciated if the Enforcement Team could endorse this and add weight to the need for urgent change. The Enforcement Team sees first hand the effects of poorly carried out, illegal or environmentally damaging construction and it may be that they are best placed to lead the way in calling for change with Central Government.

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