

Grimley Parish Council

Monday 18th January 2021 7.30pm

ONLINE MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF GRIMLEY PARISH

Councillors, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Grimley Parish Council will be held on **Monday 18th January 2021 at 7.30pm** via the online conferencing software 'Zoom'. Your attendance at the meeting is requested. Lisa Stevens, Clerk & RFO. **Date of publication of this notice: Monday 11th January 2021**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82564446990?pwd=cFpUOVFIUdRcTRuZHVKNluOCtFdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 6444 6990

Passcode: GPC2021mwg

Please note:

- You do not need to be a member of Zoom in order to use the software or join the meeting.
- The **press and public** will also be cordially invited to attend this meeting to address the Parish Council on matters concerning the Parish (at the allotted point in the agenda) or to observe proceedings. This online meeting will be password protected.
- **Members of the public should give prior notice to the Parish Clerk of their intention to join, as the list of participants will be inspected by the Clerk prior to meeting commencing.** clerkgrimleypc@gmail.com **07950256363**
- A 'waiting room' will be in operation prior to meeting commencement. Participants access the meeting via the link above and automatically join the 'virtual waiting room' until the meeting is opened by the Clerk.

1	<p>Public Open Forum Standing orders to be suspended to allow the public present to address the Parish Council on any matters relating to Grimley Parish. This item to be limited at the discretion of the Chair. <u>Residents to confirm name and address please prior to speaking.</u> Your name may be recorded in the minutes of the meeting, unless you ask for this not to occur. The Council reserves the right not to allow questions from any person/s who do not confirm their residency in the parish.</p>
2	To consider any apologies for absence. Cllr Phil Grove
3	<p>Declarations of interest & points of order.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To note any updates received to Register of Interests. <i>Cllrs Bretherton & Wilson.</i> 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 for the granting of a Dispensation (S33 Localism Act 2011). Motion to approve requests. f. Councillors are reminded to update their register of interests. g. Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or any Other Disclosable Interest (para 12(4)(b) Code of Conduct), must leave the meeting for the relevant items unless a dispensation has been granted. h. To note any updates received to register of interests/dispensations. i. To note recent sad event in Hallow. Sympathy and best wishes to Anne Stark's family.
4	<p>Minutes of previous meetings – Motion to approve previous minutes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 23rd Nov & 7th Dec 2020 – Monthly meetings of Grimley Parish Council. b. 14th Dec 2020 – Extraordinary meeting of Grimley Parish Council.
5	To note the Report of the County Councillor – Phil Grove. Distributed 6 th Jan.
6	To Receive the Report of the District Councillor – Dean Clarke. (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting)
7	<p>Emergency update (Item for update only - maintaining awareness of ongoing difficulties and crises).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Coronavirus / Bird flu / Review of recent flooding.
7	<p>Planning - to consider, comment and resolve to respond to the following applications. <u>Standing orders to be suspended at this point with consent of parish councillors.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 20/01872/SCR - Land At (Os 8036 6145) Sinton Green/Hallow. Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion for proposed solar photovoltaic (PV) farm development. NB. This is not a formal planning application. MHDC have responded with a list of considerations and a list of what evidence/information would be required from the applicant in a future application. Summary of process so far. Future resident consultation. Invite residents to speak.

8	<p>Environment & Climate Emergency To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Climate Emergency briefing – date to be arranged. b. Parish Plan (definition in appendix 1). c.
9	<p>Infrastructure, highway matters, drainage and flooding To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice. Highways (roads & pavements) & byways (bridleways and footpaths).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phone box at Grimley Village – volunteer for maintenance still required. b. Defibrillator at Grimley Village and Sinton Green. c. Improving facilities at the Church.
10	<p>Commons and Village Greens To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sinton Green, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Parking on the Village Green by workmen in association with new build. b. Monkwood Green. Including <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Management and Commoners Association update. ii. Fallen willow and emergency pollarding work. iii. Western Power planned works Jan 2021. iv. Potholes on service road. v. Water seepage outside Langdale. vi. Stones placed by householders on Common and SSSI.
11	<p>Reports from other Projects and Representatives To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Broadband projects update Grimley, Monkwood Green and Sinton Green. b. Peace Hall. c. Parochial Church Council. d. Grimley Smaller Charities. e. Nora Parsons Day Centre. f. Lengthsman.
13	<p>Finance and Administration - To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To consider and motion to approve the payment of outstanding accounts. b. To receive and motion to accept Bank Reconciliations 2020.
14	<p>Correspondence, dates for diary, items for future agenda.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Results of staff appraisal. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>To note actions agreed at appraisal: (deadline for actions 31/03/2021 unless stated)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the process, timeliness, and efficiency of the production of agendas and minutes to achieve reduction in time spent. 2. Research/recommend to the Parish Council of Clerk pension for their consideration. 3. Review the parish email system to facilitate permission for the use of parishioners' email and telephone number data. 4. Parish Climate Change Emergency Declaration (CCED). Arrange to re-brief via Zoom the council, parishioners and invite adjacent parishes. 5. CCED. Seek to establish environmental working groups within the parish. 30 April 2021. 6. CCED. Investigate signup by households to CCED and mitigation actions. 30 June 2021. 7. Investigate the feasibility and practicality of establishing a Parish Plan. 30 June 2021. ii. <i>To debate and motion to approve additional actions suggested at appraisal: Ie. To support and facilitate wider Parish Council objectives for the coming year.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teambuilding and wider councillors involvement in council and parish activities. 2. Further community building and engagement within the parish – church, Peace Hall, youth, and conservation projects additional to Monkwood.

Date of next scheduled meeting – Monday 22nd February, 7.30pm, Online meeting via Zoom. The press and public are cordially invited to attend this meeting

Appendix 1 – Items for payment

Mr Simon Skeys	Lengthsman worksheet/s for: Dec 2020.	£356.5	VAT nil.
Lisa Stevens	Clerk wages Dec 2020. As per contract of 12 hours per week, £12.01 per hour.	£576.48	VAT nil
Lisa Stevens	Expenses Jan 2021 Including £14.39 zoom membership.	£47.92	£2.40 VAT

Chair
Approved online

Appendix 1 - Definition of a Parish Plan and how it differs from other options.

Numerous sources including Stratford DC, Wirral Council and Gov.uk

Table below – summary comparison between parish plan and neighbourhood plan

	Parish Plans	Neighbourhood Plans
Aims	To take a 'holistic' approach. It sets out a vision for how the community wants to develop in the future and to identify the actions required to achieve it.	To enable development. To decide where and what type of development should happen in the local area. To promote more development than is set out in the Core Strategy.
Scope	They can include everything that is relevant to the community, including social, economic and environmental issues. It can include more than planning related issues.	It is primarily about the use and development of land and buildings.
Status	If the Parish Plan is adopted as a material consideration, it can be used by officers in the determination of planning applications.	A formally adopted neighbourhood plan carries more weight in the decision making process than parish plans. It becomes a development plan document, forming part of the development plan.

1. Neighbourhood Plan

1.1 A Neighbourhood Plan (sometimes called a Neighbourhood Development Plan) is a way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. These are intended to enable development in local communities. The plans are not to be used to block development and it must be primarily about the use and development of land.

1.2 It can be used to:

- Develop a shared vision for your neighbourhood.
- Choose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built.
- Identify and protect important local green spaces.
- Influence what new buildings should look like.

1.3 A Neighbourhood Plan could include:

- Housing development including affordable homes and bringing vacant/derelict housing back into use.
- Provision for business to set up or expand their premises.
- Issues around roads, cycling, walking and disabled access.
- The development of schools, places of worship, health, leisure and entertainment facilities, community and youth centres and village halls.
- The design of buildings.

1.4 A Neighbourhood Plan can

- Decide where and what type of development should happen in the neighbourhood area.
- Promote more development than is set out in the Core Strategy.
- Include policies, for example regarding design standards which take precedence over existing policies in the Local Plan for the neighbourhood – provided the NP policies do not conflict with the strategic policies in the Core Strategy.
- Comply with national planning policies set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

1.5 A Neighbourhood Plan cannot

- Conflict with the strategic policies in the Core Strategy.
- Be used to prevent development that is in the Core Strategy.
- Protection and creation of open space, nature reserves, allotments, sports pitches, play areas, parks and garden and tree planting.
- Protection of important buildings and historic assets.
- Promotion of renewable energy projects.

1.6 What is the status of a Neighbourhood Plan?

A formally adopted Neighbourhood Plan carries more weight in the decision making process than Parish Plans. Once it is adopted, following a successful examination and referendum, it will become a 'Development Plan Document' (DPD). There is a legal requirement to take it into consideration when determining planning applications. Consequently, it's creation must be taken very seriously. Consultants are usually used for the creation process as legal loop holes must be avoided.

1.7 Neighbourhood Development Order

A Neighbourhood Development Order can help to implement a shared vision by granting planning permission to certain types of development in certain locations, without the need to submit a planning application to the local planning authority. A Neighbourhood Development Order can apply to all of the Neighbourhood Plan area, or a particular site within the neighbourhood.

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2. Parish Plan (AKA Community or Local Plan)

These are statements of how the community sees itself developing over the few years. It reflects the views of all sections of the community and identifies local problems and opportunities. The aim of the Parish Plan is to identify what actions are required to achieve its future vision for the area, which group will assist with the implementation and the timeframe for realistically achieving the identified actions in its action plan. It could include any actions, ranging from addressing a lack of playground facilities to establishing a car share schemes. Parish Plans should include the monitoring of the action plan to ensure that the plan remains a 'live document'. A Parish Plan can help to manage change in a community and also to protect and improve their area.

2.1 Why choose to prepare a Parish Plan? Parish Plans are 'holistic' and comprehensive in their scope and cover more than just planning issues. Due to its holistic nature the Parish Plan has the potential to influence a wide range of organisations and their policies and plans. This influencing role is particularly important and it is where a Parish Plan comes into its own, by identifying areas which may attract potential funding. The Parish Plan can be the focal point for an effective and positive role for your community in helping to guide proposals, manage change and address local needs through the formal planning process.

2.2 There are numerous benefits that can be gained by undertaking to a Parish Plan, some of which include:

- Building a greater sense of community spirit by working towards a common goal;
- Improves communication between the Parish Council and local people;
- Production of an action plan which identifies local problems and provides local solutions for them;
- Helps establish better partnership working with key service providers;
- Supports funding application as it is based on consultation with the community. To bid for funding for local initiatives and to encourage effective partnership working.
- To take action to improve the quality of life in an area through practical projects, such as running a community transport scheme, or setting up a youth club.
- To manage change and address local needs through the planning process, such as supporting the protection of community facilities, or building affordable housing.
- To help influence and inform plans, policies, organisations and service providers.
- To enhance a Parish Council's community leadership role, in line with Quality Parish ethos.

2.3 What is the status of a Parish Plan? If the Plan is adopted by the District Council as a material consideration, it may be used by officers in the determination of planning applications. Whilst the Parish Plan is produced by the local community, it will be assessed by a Planning Policy Officer to determine whether it fits into existing national and local planning policies. It is recommended that discussions about any Parish Plan proposals are held with Planning Policy Officers and key stakeholders to establish whether any proposals are feasible and may be delivered. However, aspirations for future actions which may not be presently feasible should not be precluded. In practice, less legally binding than a Neighbourhood Plan.

3. Village Design Statement

3.1 A Village Design Statement (VDS) is a document describing the qualities and characteristics that your local community values in its village and surroundings. It sets out clear and simple guidance for the design of all development in the village. You cannot use a VDS to stop new development, but you can use it to influence developers and your District Council, and to ensure that new buildings respect and reflect local character.

4. Housing Needs Surveys

4.1 These studies can provide useful information to assist in both determining levels of local need for affordable and market housing and exploring community opinion towards new housing development.

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