

Grimley Parish Council

Monday 28th Nov 2022 7.30pm
Peace Hall, Sinton Green.

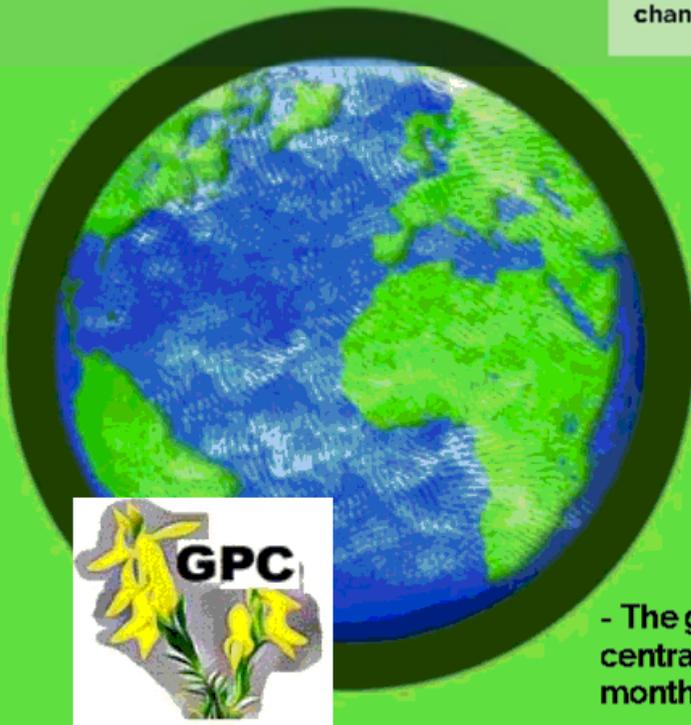
Councillors, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Grimley Parish Council will be held on Monday 28th November 2022 at 7.30pm at Peace Hall, Sinton Green. Your attendance at the meeting is requested. The press and public are also cordially invited to attend to observe proceedings. Lisa Stevens, Parish Clerk and RFO, clerkgrimleypc@gmail.com 07950256363. Date of this notice: 23rd November 2022. Rules for public participation are at the end of this agenda.

Public Open Forum

Primarily as a result of our use and burning of fossil fuels, in just 200 years, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has increased by 30%, so concentrations are now higher than at any point in the past 800,000 years.

Individuals want to make changes to their lives in order to address the climate concern but don't know how or what to do for the best. Parish councils may not be as powerful as local authorities but they can be a force for change, can help local understanding of climate issues: how it impacts on residents directly and how they can make a difference.

Parish councils can also join up with others, from the principal authority to the local school. Grimley Parish Council will promote practical action by local people, increase awareness and influence attitudes to encourage proactive behaviour change.



Essentially, there are too many greenhouse gases absorbing the sun's energy, which means our planet is warming up. This causes:

- Oceans to warm and ice caps to melt, causing sea levels to rise
- Extreme weather events: heatwaves, wildfires and heavy downpours.
- Disrupted access to food.
- Changes to where wildlife populations can live and survive.

- The growing season for plants in central England is now nearly two months longer than it was in 1900.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

- Compared with 50 years ago, in England, we now get more rain and snow, but on fewer days – so they fall more heavily.

Many actions that address climate change have other benefits – not least by reducing outgoings – like energy efficiency measures that reduce fuel poverty.

The existing parish emergency declaration requires updating and the parish council hopes to set up a local working party to assist running achievable local projects that residents can take part in.

Public Open Forum	
<p>a. Climate emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Introduction by Chair Dave Stanley ii. Review of Parish Climate Emergency Declaration iii. Climate Emergency Working Party and ideas for parish mini projects. Suggestions received by the parish council in Appendix 1 below. <p>b. Allotment provision in Grimley parish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To consider a way forward, with appropriate budget for exploratory work. <p>c. Memorial benches at Sinton Green and Monkwood Green.</p>	
1	<p>Points of order, apologies for absence and declarations of interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To note one vacancy available for immediate co-option.
2	<p>To receive the report of the County Councillor – Scott Richardson Brown (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting).</p> <p>Including updates on WCC Highways projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bus services through Sinton Green. b. Overgrown hedges and pathways in vicinity of top triangle Grimley village. c. No parking sign, lower triangle Grimley village. d. Overgrown hedges along highway through Monk Wood (Worcestershire Wildlife Trust have taken the leading in addressing this issue). e. Eroded grass verge Oak Hall Green (Oak Hall Farm Barn). Bollard to be installed. f. Flooding road outside Church Farm, Grimley. Soakaway and new drain to be installed.
3	<p>To receive the report of the District Councillor – Dean Clarke. (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting)</p>
4	<p>Planning - to consider, comment and resolve to respond to the following applications. <i>Cllrs to consider suspending standing orders if residents request to provide input.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 21/01846/FUL BRL Solar UK limited - Development of a solar farm with ancillary infrastructure. Birchall Green Farm, WR2 6NT. Update if any. b. Standing Item: To consider and as required arrange an extra ordinary parish council meeting for planning applications received after date of publication of this agenda.
5	<p>Commons and Village Greens To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sinton Green (Update as required). b. Monkwood Green. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Management update draft five-year plan - further thoughts received from cllrs and first draft proposals awaiting consideration by Natural England. ii. Update on option to pollard willows adjacent to farm buildings. iii. Update on latest strimming project to tackle brambles on petty whin section.
6	<p>Reports from other Projects and Representatives To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice. Max two minutes per item please.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Christmas tree projects. b. Peace Hall, including Queen’s Oak and replacement noticeboard.
7	<p>Finance and Administration - To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice. <i>Cllrs to consider suspending standing orders if residents request to provide input.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Budget for 2023/24. Cllr and resident input/ideas for future projects.

7 con	<p>b. Motion to approve minutes of previous meeting 31st October 2022.</p> <p>c. To consider and motion to approve the payment of outstanding accounts. Appendix 2.</p> <p>d. To consider and motion to retrospectively approve payment of urgent accounts, as per emergency Clerk procedures (Delegation to Clerk policy). Appendix 3.</p> <p>e. To receive and motion to accept October Bank Reconciliation 2022.</p> <p>f. May 2022 elections – Any questions to put to MHDC? Nominations in April.</p>
8	<p>Correspondence, dates for diary, items for future agenda, items on hold.</p> <p>a. Reminder of Defibrillator training 5th December, 6pm, Peace Hall.</p>
9	<p>Date of next scheduled meeting: 12th December, Peace Hall, Sinton Green, 7.30pm</p> <p>a. Motion: Cllr proposal to reschedule this meeting.</p>

Appendix 1 - Summary of input/ideas received from parishioners and councillors

1. Align achievable mini parish projects with district aims.
2. **Parish assistance in the challenge of reducing the amount of household waste put in wrong wheelie bins.**
3. Parish assistance in the challenge of reducing food waste and prepping the way to mandatory food waste collections by MHDC by 2025.
4. **Parish council site visit to 3Gs Hallow Meadow owned by MHDC.**
5. Tie in with recent MHDC destination zero carbon emissions report.
6. **Encourage home composting.**
7. Publication by parish council highlighting new parish broadband services and suggestions benefits to local businesses of home working. (Residents can provide to their employers and gain support for review of contracts permitting home working).
8. **Phone boxes to form local collection point for pill blister packs, batteries and ink cartridges.**
9. Replace stolen (public use) litter picking equipment in phone boxes.
10. **More tree planting. Emphasis on fruit trees. Forestry commission has suggested that each parish should aim for 20% tree cover. What would that look like for Grimley parish / balance with food production.**
11. Encourage fitness and wellbeing – survey and repair of right of way furniture, including along Severn Way, provision of public seats and benches.
12. **Preservation of existing parish facilities in order to future proof the parish against reliance on vehicles in order to access services. Including project to bring St. Bartholomew's church in to wider public use and option to list remaining public houses as community assets.**
13. Local resident flood action plan for Grimley village (liaise with Environment agency)
14. **Encourage sign up to local farmer cluster groups, which encourage farmer-led delivery nature-based solutions and land management changes that benefit the natural environment, reduce flood risk, and improve the farm business.**
15. Encourage Worcestershire Wildlife Trust 'Green Farm' project and tie in with parish council tree planting options.
16. **Lighting in Peace Hall. Solar panels Peace Hall.**
17. Assist residents to choose energy efficient lighting in their homes. Some sources suggest that energy efficient light bulbs last 12 times longer (up to eight years!) and each can save up to £30 a year on electricity bills. Community pledge to eliminate all incandescent bulbs.
18. **Bring residents together for bulk buying of home solar panels.**

Appendix 2 Payments to be made this month (or date paid if contracted monthly)

Mrs Simon Skeys	Lengthsman October 2022	£238.00
Mr Simon Skeys	Mowing Sinton Green October 2022 1x cut of grass on Sinton Green including strimming around trees/posts- £80 Long grass/flower areas cut, raked up and debris taken away- £120. Invoice GPC 1022	£200
Defib training session	Peace Hall 5 th December. Invoice dated 27/10/22	36.00
Mrs Sue Wilson	Xmas tree project Monkwood Green	50 to be paid
Mr Allan Bretherton	Xmas tree project Sinton Green.	50.00
Mr Dave Stanley	Xmas tree project Grimley village.	50.00
Grimley and Holt Primary School	Section137 application 2023 Western Front Association talk and coffee event	100.00
Citizen's Advice Bureau	Donation	100.00
Nest Pensions	Nov payment for Oct wage	40.35
Mrs Lisa Stevens	Overtime planning matters solar farm £12.01 per hour as per existing contract.	96.08
Mrs Lisa Stevens	Monthly Expenses Nov2022. Printing ink.	35.25
Mrs Lisa Stevens	Monthly wage Oct 2022	553.42

Appendix 3 - Payments made in previous month under delegation to Clerk policy and in line with annual budget previously approved by Cllrs.

Mr Simon Skeys	Lengthsman worksheet September received 2nd Oct 2022. Claimed from WCC 25/10/2022	31/10/2022	127.50
Mr Simon Skeys	Mowing invoice dated 30th September received 2nd Oct 2022.	31/10/2022	80.00

Rules for public participation at this meeting

- The **press and public** are also invited to attend to address the Parish Council on matters concerning the Parish (allotted point in the agenda), observe or inspect draft documents.
- Social distancing is no longer in place, though the Chair reserves the right to reschedule the meeting if attendance is high and personal wellbeing is likely to be affected as a result.
- The Register of Electors will be inspected in order to ascertain residency. '*Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002*' which permits parish councils to inspect the electoral register for the purpose of establishing whether a person is entitled to attend and participate.
- Names may be recorded in the meeting minutes, unless individuals ask for this not to occur.
- Persons attending this meeting should prior note the document 'Information provided at the beginning of each parish council meeting', and also the policy 'Public Open Forum and procedures for filming and publishing via social media', which forms part of the parish council Standing Orders. These are available on the parish council website:
<https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish> (Grimley/publications/page9).
A copy may be obtained from the parish clerk or to view at each parish council meeting.

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