

Update from your local councillors



Grimley Parish Council serves (in no particular order) the communities of Grimley Village, Monkwood Green, Sinton Green, Oakall Green, Birchall Green, Moseley, Worlds End, Dark Lane, Walton Lane, Camp Lane and all inbetween!

Chair Adam Collett (MonkWGreen)	P. Ayers (MonkWGreen)	G. Moore (Grimley village)	G. Probert (Wider parish)
A. Sinclair (MonkWGreen)	J. Izamis (MonkWGreen)	S. Wilson (MonkWGreen)	R Woodhouse (Grimley village)

1 vacancy at present available for cooption – please contact the Clerk for details.

- At the time of writing the parish council has received notification of **a planning appeal for the Birchall Green solar application** (21/01846/FUL is the ref. number). The parish council has been invited to attend the appeal hearing over 3 days starting on 29th November and, with this in mind has commissioned two experts to assist with writing a formal statement of case. This will be submitted prior to the hearing for consideration by the planning inspector and, in line with parishioner majority wishes, will ask for the appeal to be dismissed. Residents of any opinion may attend the hearing – as the Clerk for details.
- The parish council continues to chase options for **allotment provision** in the parish and are in early stage talks with Grimley Smaller Charities for renting a partial plot of land post 2025 once existing contracts expire.
- The parish council has commissioned and published a **tree survey of Monkwood Green Common and SSSI**. This survey, kindly conducted and put together by Dr Chris Betts and his team, will assist residents and councillors in understanding which tree species we have on the Common, their age, general health and which animal, bird and insect species might be dependent upon them. The book is full of facts, figures, interesting information and coloured photos. There is even a map of where the trees / groups of trees are around the Common. If anyone would like a copy, and we hope you will for your coffee table or library, as well as taking it with you as you walk around the Common, they are just **£3.50**. Contact the Clerk in order to receive a hard copy. Free electronic copies will be available upon request next month. Next will be to organise a similar survey at Sinton Green village green.
- **Various other projects underway via the parish council in no particular order:**
 - o ditch maintenance on parish council land at Sinton Green and Monkwood Green;
 - o additional safety signage on Monkwood Green and Sinton Green;
 - o exploration of vehicle activated speed signs;
 - o joint project with Worcs Wildlife Trust to improve water provision to troughs on Trust land and Monkwood Green Common;
 - o maintenance of bus shelters;
 - o maintenance of memorial bench at Peace Hall;
 - o chasing Highways for provision of shared space signs on Camp Lane;
 - o work with Highways to understand water erosion of new road surface on Dark Lane;
 - o continue to chase action on the road flooding on Walton Lane, plaques for memorial Queen's Oaks (now that they are slightly more established and protected from rabbits/deer);
 - o continue to chase action on the overgrown hedges on A443/Grimley crossroads heading towards Grimley village;
 - o continue to chase action on the multiple broken stiles/blocked rights of way parish-wide;
 - o explore provision of a new parish council website;
 - o replace stolen smart water signs;
 - o inspect all salt bins;
 - o inspect and repair life buoys on ponds.....
 - oplus, anyone who can help with PAT testing please let the Clerk know.

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- **Now is the time to cut your hedges.** This is a reminder to all landowners to ensure that hedgerows facing onto public highways are cut in a timely and regular manner each year – with due regard to accepted seasonal nesting guidelines (see below).

The number of complaints that the Parish Council receives with regard to hedge height, width and general untidiness is increasing. Hedges that are cut each year facilitate the mowing of verges, prevent drains from becoming blocked and also prevent damage to passing vehicles. This is therefore a polite reminder that before and after each nesting season, a quick check of your hedges be conducted and then the hedge/s made tidy please. Furthermore, if an overgrown hedge is causing a road safety issue, then the hedge can be cut back at any time.

The Parish Council can liaise between County Hall and landowners wishing to conduct safe cutting of hedges along busy/narrow roads. If you need assistance please get in touch.

Further information concerning the nesting season: The nesting season lasts from 28th February until August and landowners are encouraged not to cut their hedges during this period. All birds in the UK are fully protected by law (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - WCA) from intentional harm. Any active nest is also protected from intentional destruction or removal. Some birds can nest at any time of year and milder weather can tempt many birds into nesting early.

- The parish council continues to receive reports of **nuisance levels of light pollution and also a more than ideal frequency of bonfires.** The parish council can help by reporting these matters to Enforcement at the District Council once residents provide sufficient written details (dates, times, photos etc). As a polite reminder, burning rubbish and animal faeces causes unpleasant smells and fumes and can impact on human health and enjoyment of homes and gardens. Residents should not be burning anything which is likely to cause excessive and pungent smoke please. If residents and business owners could also make sure that night time security lighting is properly set on timers and angled downwards please – this helps the bats as well as your neighbours!
- **Christmas tree displays.** As usual there is a £50 contribution available from the parish council towards community displays that encourage and support local businesses, the economy and public well-being by 'fostering that festive feeling'. Applications can be made to the parish council now. As usual community groups are responsible for their own risk assessments and only battery operated lights are permitted on local authority property (commons, greens, verges etc). Although we advertise this service in the autumn, it isn't limited to Christmas in reality – if you have a project idea, get in touch and ask for our S137 grants policy.

Contact the parish clerk if you would like to receive agendas or minutes by email.

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NEXT MEETING: 23rd October & 27th November, both 7.30pm, Peace Hall, Sinton Green.

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