

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 16th July 2012
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: B R Woodhouse (Chairman) Mrs A Davies B Jones D G Lewis
Mrs M Weston WCCllr A Davies Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) Mrs P Ayers S Haslewood G Rowberry DCllr D Clarke

92/12 a) Declarations of Interest for a) the Meeting: Cllr Mrs A Davies declared a prejudicial interest in Min 98e as a near neighbour **& b) Any Changes to be Notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality:** There were none.

93/12 To Receive a Report from the Local Policing Officer
Despite two requests particularly relating to Monkwood Green, no report had been received.

94/12 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th June 2012, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

95/12 Matters Arising from the Minutes
Min 87/12: Code of Conduct: Members confirmed their **acceptance** of the previously circulated, revised Code of Conduct. The clerk noted that the Declarations of Interest for meetings should be recorded in a varied format at subsequent meetings. Members were reminded to return their Register of Interest forms to MHDC by 27th July.

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

96/12 Report from Worcestershire County Councillor
CCllr Davies advised that:

he had spoken once again to the parishioner with particular concerns over parking in Grimley Village (Min 81/12) and would also request that the local headmistress raised the matter in the first Newsletter of the Autumn term: the repair works on the bridge in Dark Lane were scheduled for the coming week;

he urged all present to complete the on-line broadband survey to help provide evidence and a good case for an improved service within the area; the Community Transport Meeting had taken place with all interested parties present at the meeting. Further evidence & information gathering was required before any evening service could be commissioned (see Min 102d).

Cllr Davies reported on various statistics from the recently published 2011 census: an increase 7.8% in the county population in the past 10 years, compared to 4.4% in the country and increase of 22% in persons over the age of 65 years.

Members raised concerns over the recent flooding on Sinton Green. Cllr Davies advised that a MHDC officer was dealing with the matter and suggested that he also contact the relevant officer at the County Council.

97/12 Report from Malvern Hills District Councillor
DCllr Dean Clarke had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

98/12 Planning: a) To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment:

12/00912/S73 Removal of condition 12 from Planning Permission
11/01514/FUL reference to the timber cladding on the
north east elevation of the building.
Elm Hill, Sinton Green

Members noted the previously circulated e-mail from the applicant advising that he had not sought to remove condition 12 merely to amend.

Following careful consideration of the application (drawings & alternative suggestion), reasoning given by the Local Planning Authority within the original planning approval and the area to be occupied by the building, members raised objections to the application and requested that the condition as stated with timber cladding be retained.

b) To Consider Under the Scheme of Delegation any Planning Applications received between publication of this agenda and the Meeting:

The clerk advised that a further two planning applications had been received that morning but as yet the local residents had not been informed by the LPA. It was **agreed** to defer discussion on the applications until the next meeting.

c) Details of Decision Notices Received from MHDC:

11/01514/FUL Proposed riding arena and indoor stabling
Elm Hill, Sinton Green **Approved 21st June 2012**

d) Grimley Raceway: Members reported on the Workshop (9th July) with officers of both MHDC & Worcs Regulatory Services. Following discussions, the officers had agreed to meet with their legal advisors to agree a way forward and report back to the Parish Council within one month.

e) Notices of Appeal: To Receive and Comment if appropriate on the following Notices:

12/00014/HOU Extensions to Garden Cottage to provide a ground
& 12/00015/LBC floor bedroom and small kitchen
Garden Cottage, The Whitehouse, Monkwood Green
Refused 28th February 2012

Members made no further comments on the applications.

Members noted the Appeal in relation to the refusal of the application detailed below to commence at 10am on Tuesday, 14th August. Any person wishing to speak must be present at the commencement of the proceedings.

11/01409/FUL Erection of live/work dwelling
Land adj New Inn, Sinton Green Refused 16th Jan 12

f) MHDC Planning Training Events: Members to advise the clerk of any events that they wished to attend.

The four members who had attended to 'Introduction to Planning' evening reported very favourably on the event and content.

Members noted the detail of the MHDC information sessions in relation to the South Worcestershire Joint Development Plan.

g) Possible Enforcement Actions: No feedback had yet been received from MHDC.

99/12 Highways & Footpaths

a) Worlds End: The Highways Authority had not yet commenced work in the area.

b) Blocked Ditch: It was noted that the ditch had not yet been cleared and that the drainage authority would contact the landowner.

c) Flooding of Properties, Gumburn Lane & Sinton Green: The clerk reported on the activities of relevant authorities to-date following the flooding of various properties in the area. It appeared that most of the damage had been caused by a combination of surface water flooding from an adjacent field and a blocked ditch.

The drainage officer from MHDC had contacted all affected households and WCC over various possible highway improvements within the area.

100/12 Sinton Green

a) Parking on The Green: Following discussions on both the merits of and possible damage caused by allowing parishioners to park on The Green for special 'one-off' events, members **agreed** to review each application case-by-case dependent upon weather conditions etc.

101/12 Monkwood Green

a) Cattle: Members noted that seven of the cattle had been sold and the older cow transferred by special license to a local farmer. The Insurance Company had been advised of the sale and a refund of part of the policy payment anticipated.

b) Water opposite The Moorlands: The clerk to report the localised flooding to WCC Highways.

c) Repair of Driveway on The Common: In the absence of a number of members this item was deferred until the next meeting.

d) Feedback from Site Meeting with Natural England: Cllrs Jones & Lewis plus the clerk had met with an officer from Natural England and walked the site. The officer had made various suggestions with regard to future maintenance, possible grazing and funding that may be available. It was agreed that the Parish Council should register ownership of land and clarify all grazing rights before progressing other matters.

e) Mowing of Ditches & Visibility Splays: Members **agreed** that the local contractor be asked to undertake the mowing as in recent years.

102/12 Report from Representatives on

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Cllr Bryan Jones advised that:
work had commenced on installing replacement windows;
a fund-raising pig roast would be held in September.

b) Ball Mill Liaison Committee: There had been no meeting since the June meeting of the Parish Council. Members noted that water levels continued to rise and that the footpaths were flooded.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: The exchange of land was progressing very slowly through relevant solicitors. It was noted that the land could not be excavated until the contracts had been concluded.

d) Community Transport: Cllrs Ayers, Davies & Weston had each attended a joint meeting of local Parish Councils, representatives of WCC and others interested in the provision of an evening bus service.

Although an interesting meeting, it had been agreed that there was insufficient evidence to commit capital expenditure to the project, more research was required. County Cllr Davies had earlier advised that notes of the evening and a possible survey form would be circulated shortly to all Parish Councils: it was **agreed** to await this information before progressing the matter.

- 103/12 Finance:**
- a) Works for the Lengthsman:** Works on and around Sinton Green & in Grimley Village were detailed.
 - b) Report from the Internal Auditor 11/12:** Members noted the positive report from the Auditor on the accounts and practises for 2011/12.
 - c) To Consider the Renewal of Contract for the Internal Auditor 2012/13 – 2014/15 incl:** Following careful consideration, members **unanimously agreed** to renew the contract.
 - d) Payment of Accounts:** Members **approved** the payments of accounts as in the presented schedule (attached).

104/12 Correspondence

- a) Any Matters Arising from the CALC Circulars:** There were none
- b) Nora Parsons Day Centre – Funding:** Members noted the letter and **agreed** to consider it further with any other applications at their meeting in February 2013.
- c) MHDC, Vacancy on the Standards Committee:** Members noted the letter; interested members to apply direct to MHDC.

105/12 Date of Next Meeting: 6th August 2012 at 7.30pm

Chairman
(3rd September 2012)

The meeting closed at 9pm