

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 6th August 2012
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: B R Woodhouse (Chairman) Mrs P Ayers S Haslewood B Jones
D G Lewis G Rowberry DCllr D Clarke Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) Mrs A Davies Mrs M Weston

- 106/12 a. Declarations of 'Disclosable Pecuniary Interests' (as per Register of Interest or additions to, the Register of Interests):** There were none.
b. To receive declarations of 'Other Disclosable Pecuniary Interests' in items on this Agenda and their nature: Cllr Mrs Pam Ayres declared an interest as a local parishioner on Monkwood Green in Min 111/12.

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

- 107/12 Planning: a) To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment:**

12/00327/FUL Proposed new dwelling following demolition of outbuildings
Land adj to Yew Cottage, Sinton Green

Members raised objections to this back-garden development as:
out-of-keeping with the streetscene;
a major concern with regard to the local drainage system
from increased surface water (please refer to the Land
Drainage officer);
increased traffic on a narrow lane.

12/00854/HOU Single storey side extension & formation of new vehicular
access. Yew Cottage, Sinton Green

Members raised objections to the proposed extension which would change and unbalance the appearance of the period property.

It was noted that there was no design & access statement available.

12/00969/LBC Internal improvements and alterations to provide
additional bedroom & en-suite.
1 Thorngrove Mews, Sinton Green

Members noted this application and raised no objections to these improvements

12/00973/FUL Erection of 5 bed unit with access and garaged parking
Land adj New Inn, Sinton Green

Members raised objections to this second application for the site that lies outside of the settlement boundary in open countryside. The proposed building was out-of-character with the surrounding homes (materials, hip-roof etc) and would cause material harm to the character of the area contrary to policy QL1, DS3 of the MHDC Local Plan.

12/00821 Replacement of modular building with new modular building of matching size
Grimley & Holt CE Primary School

Members noted this application and welcomed the improved building for the Primary School

12/00301/FUL a) Single storey building for B1 light industrial/offices
Elgar Business Centre, Moseley Road
b) Erection of a single storey building for B2 general industrial. Amended description
c) *Erection of single storey building for B1 Business of Use Classes Order 2010* **Amended description**
Elgar Business Centre, Moseley Road

Members raised objections to this application on a rural site as there were a number of vacant units within the area and the need therefore seemed unproven.

The building would mean the loss of off-road parking spaces for the existing units (not just the one space as detailed); considerable additional traffic on a very narrow lane without a footway (there is **no** suitable public transport to the area); exacerbate local flooding and be an unnecessary intrusion into the rural landscape. Any BI use, current & future, would be a noise intrusion for local households.

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

12/00943/HOU Two storey extension Little Horscroft, Sinton Green

Members noted that the proposed extension was not inkeeping with the existing cottage.

No design and access statement was available.

11/01317/FUL Provision of fishing lodges
Land at (OS 8262 6085) Grimley (**Amended details**)

Members noted the amended details, re-iterated their strong objections and the fact that local knowledge referred to past 'uncontrolled' tipping on site. The mound of 'landfill' was simply covered with soil: a full environmental assessment of the land was considered essential.

c) Details of Decision Notices Received from MHDC:

12/00773/HOU Side & rear extension and existing dwelling clad with new brickwork. 2 Walton Lane, Grimley
Approved 16th July 2012

d) Grimley Raceway: Members noted that there had been no report from officers of either MHDC or Worcs Regulatory Services.

The race meeting on Sunday, 5th August had been particularly noisy and intrusive for parishioners in Walton Lane & Sinton Green.

e) Possible Enforcement Actions: The MHDC Enforcement Officer had visited Monkwood Green and had found nothing to cause planning concerns. The mobile home had allegedly been taken to the site for security reasons. Members noted that there had been no recent reports of theft from the area.

f) South Worcestershire Development Plan Preferred Options:

Members noted the previously circulated e-mail that detailed the consultation period for the 'significant changes' (6th August – 14th September) and the public exhibition at Hallow on 9th August.

g) WCC Minerals Policy: Members noted the WCC questionnaire and **agreed** to seek a copy of the new Minerals Policy and Notice of the Annual Review.

h) Re-instated Land, Grimley Village: Members noted the concerns from various parishioners over water levels, stagnant water and waterlogged fields on the re-instated land. On previous occasions when concerns had been forwarded to Tarmac Ltd, members had been advised that the water levels were reviewed every three months. As the Parish Council had been unable to prompt any further remedial action, it was **agreed** to recommend that future concerns be directed to the Village representatives who may be able to pursue the matter further and more successfully with the Company.

108/12 To Receive the Report of the Recent Community Transport Meeting and to consider actions arising from that Report

Members noted the previously circulated report and draft survey questionnaire. Following an update from Cllr Ayres and discussions on the survey, members noted the lack of funding/cost detail and **agreed** not to pursue the matter at the current time.

109/12 Highways & Footpaths

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

b) Blocked Ditch: The drainage authority had confirmed that the ditch would be cleared within the month.

c) Bridge, Dark Lane: Members noted that work had not commenced on the repair of the bridge.

110/12 Sinton Green

a) Update on flooding/drainage: Members noted the considerable effort expended by the relevant Drainage Officer at MHDC to secure better drainage and necessary funding for the properties on Sinton Green.

Members noted that not all affected properties had received the relevant questionnaires to assess the overall position: the clerk to inform MHDC.

b) To consider quotations for the removal of the excess bulrushes from the pond: Following careful consideration of the tabled quotation members unanimously **agreed** to accept that from Pencroft Ltd.

111/12 Monkwood Green

Cllr Mrs Pam Ayres, having declared an 'Other Disclosable Pecuniary Interest' left the room.

a) Repair of Driveway on The Common:

Following careful consideration of the driveway, members **agreed** to ask a local contractor to fill the potholes with the stone already on site.

Cllr Mrs Pam Ayres returned to the meeting.

112/12 Finance

a) To Receive & Accept the Bank Reconciliation: Members noted & **accepted** the previously circulated report.

b) To Receive & Accept the Quarterly Report: Members noted & **accepted** the previously circulated report.

c) To Sign the Application for the receipt of interest on Government Stocks without the deduction of income tax: Two councillors plus the clerk signed the required form.

d) Payment of Accounts: Members **approved** the payments of accounts as in the presented schedule (attached).

113/12 Correspondence

a) Any Matters Arising from the CALC Circulars: There were none

b) WWC Public Broadband Surveys: WCC noted the circulated details of the public surveys; details to be posted on the noticeboards.

Chairman
(3rd September 2012)