

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012  
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

**Present:** B R Woodhouse (Chairman) Mrs A Davies S Haslewood B Jones  
G Rowberry Mrs M Weston Tom Palmer, S Worcs Land Drainage  
Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

**Apologies:** D Arr (accepted) Mrs P Ayers D G Lewis WCCllr A E Davies  
DCllr D Clarke

**129/12 Declarations of Interest**

**a) Register of Interests:** There were no changes

**b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature:** There were none

**c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature:** Cllrs Haslewood & Rowberry declared an 'Other Disclosable Interest' in Minute 131 as local home owners - see also Minute 130a.  
Cllrs Mrs Davies & Jones declared an 'Other Disclosable Interest' in Minute 141c as Village Hall Representatives - see also Minute 130b.  
Cllr Mrs Weston declared an 'Other Disclosable Interest' in Minute 138d as a neighbouring land owner with a potential future interest in the site - see also Minute 130c.

**130/12 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)**

**a) Sinton Green Drainage/Flooding:** Cllrs Haslewood & Rowberry had each requested a Dispensation to be allowed to both speak & vote as local householders with relevant information on the problems relating to drainage on Sinton Green.

Following careful consideration, members **agreed to allow** the Dispensation until May 2015 or the relevant councillor resigned his seat whichever was the earlier.

**b) Peace Hall Funding:** Cllrs Mrs Davies & Jones had each requested a Dispensation to be allowed to speak on the possible grant for the Peace Hall. Following careful consideration, members **agreed to allow** the Dispensation until May 2013 or the relevant councillor resigned his seat whichever was the earlier.

**c) Re-instated Land, Retreat Farm:** Cllr Mrs Weston had requested a Dispensation to be allowed to speak as local householder and potential landowner with relevant information on the problems relating to water levels on site.  
Following careful consideration, members **agreed to allow** the Dispensation for this meeting.

**131/12 Sinton Green: Drainage Problems & Flooding**

The chairman welcomed Tom Parsons, South Worcestershire Land Drainage Partnership to the meeting. Tom spoke to his tabled papers & maps and a full discussion was held on the damage caused to households by recent storms, flooding and solutions. All present recognised that the most appropriate actions were not always possible due to land considerations, ownership, funding and highway restrictions.

Local members emphasised that the flooding was a very recent phenomena with the water depositing silt in gardens, one home and on the highway before running into the pond. The sudden volume was too great for the pond drainage to deal with effectively.

Tom had gathered much information and would submit a report to his seniors for further consideration for funding and possible action. He would continue to keep members and local parishioners updated on his actions. The chairman thanked him for his attendance at the meeting and informative reports.

**132/12 To Receive a Report from the Local Policing Officer**

In a written report the police had advised that during the last quarter the following matters had been recorded: 1 traffic accident, swan on the road, lost - 1 pair of binoculars.

**133/12 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

**134/12 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda**

There were none.

***Closure of the meeting to allow the public present to speak on any matters relating to Grimley Parish.*** Parishioners present made comment on planning applications

**135/12 Report from Worcestershire County Councillor**

CCLlr Davies had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

**136/12 Report from Malvern Hills District Council**

DCLlr Clarke had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

**137/12 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  
**Amendments**

Members noted the new drawings and changes from the original proposals, none of which addressed the previously stated concerns of parishioners and the Parish Council. Members therefore re-iterated previous comments:

“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.”

**b) To Consider Under the Scheme of Delegation any Planning Applications received between publication of this agenda and the Meeting:** There were none.

**c) Details of Decision Notices Received from MHDC:**

12/00821/FUL Replacement of modular building with new modular  
building of matching size  
Grimley & Holt CE Primary School  
**Approved 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012**

12/00973/FUL Erection of 5 bed unit with access and garaged parking  
Land adj New Inn, Sinton Green  
**Refused 7<sup>th</sup> September 12**

12/01114/HOU  
12/01115/LBC

Demolish rear porch and reception of utility room  
extension and porch Pound Farm, Sinton Green  
**Approved 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**d) Possible Enforcement Actions:** Members noted that once again the police report had detailed no crime for the Monkwood Green Area and therefore the partial alleged justification for having a mobile home on site was invalid. Following discussions on recent activities, members **agreed** to formally request that the District Councillor attend the next meeting to discuss the matter.

### **138/12 Highways & Footpaths**

**a) Worlds End:** The Highways Authority had commenced work on the gulleys and headwalls in the area.

**b) Blocked Ditch:** The drainage authority continued to liaise with the landowners.

**c) Verge at Grimley Crossroads:** The clerk reported that she had met on site with the relevant Highways Officer earlier that day. Following inspections and discussions, he had suggested that the most appropriate way forward was for the Parish Council to request through the County Councillor, the repair and kerbing of that section of footway. Members unanimously **agreed** to do so.

**d) Footpaths on Restored Land, Retreat Farm:** Members noted the continued complaints from residents concerning the flooded footpaths over the re-instated land at Retreat Farm. The clerk had reported the various matters to Worcestershire CC along with a report of concerns that the notice relating to 'deep water' was now submerged in the lake and death of a number of swans.

Tarmac Limited had advised that the levels were being actively monitored and further work in the area considered to maintain a reduced water level in the lakes. A report would be available to the next meeting of the Liaison Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Following considerable discussion on past levels, the dangers presented to walkers on local footpaths and the potential for even further dangers on the site of the Sacred Field, it was **agreed** that the clerk should contact the senior officer at the County Council regarding permissions on site for restoration and the monitoring of the required work.

**e) Hole in the Footway, Grimley Village:** The clerk had reported concerns raised by local parishioners regarding the hole under footpath near to the noticeboard in Grimley Village. A response was awaited from WCC.

### **139/12 Monkwood Green**

**a) Repair of Driveway on The Common:** Cllr Jones & the clerk had met on site with the contractor who had advised that a small digger plus approx. 5 ton of stone was required to complete the work. Having previously agreed to the purchase of stone, members also approved the hire of a small digger for the day.

**b) The Well:** Members requested quotes for the stone work for urgent consideration at the next meeting. Quotations for the railings were on file.

**c) Water on the Highway Opposite The Moorlands:** During the recent heavy rain storms, a considerable amount of water had flooded both the highway and Common. Local residents had cleared three drains and cut gulleys to clear the surface but two highway drains remained blocked thus maintaining the flooding on the Common, a SSSI.

As these blocked drains had been report to and inspected by Highways approximately two months previously, a highways officer had met on site with the clerk to assess the problems. Further highways investigations would be undertaken, the obviously blocked gulleys (under the highways) cleared and possibly a plan of local drainage gulleys produced.

**140/12 Update Reports (if appropriate) from Representatives:**

**a) Peace Hall Management Committee:** Cllr Jones advised that the windows and dry lining projects had been completed and the internal decoration was progressing well.

As the old heating system had had to be removed, it was imperative to install a new system as soon as possible but the Peace Hall Committee could only fund heating for the main hall. Members noted that there was funding available within their own budget and **agreed** to investigate the cost of heating for the Committee Room.

**b) Tarmac Liaison Committee:** The next scheduled meeting was 6<sup>th</sup> November – see also Min 138d above.

**c) Grimley Smaller Charities:** Members were advised that the legal agreement had yet to be completed.

**d) Joint Parishes Transport Group:** There was no update available.

**141/12 Finance**

**a) Works for the Lengthsman:** Footway and adjacent to the churchyard wall in Grimley Village.

**b) To Note & Accept the Quarterly Report:** Members noted and **approved** the previously circulated report until the end of September.

**c) To Consider & Approve a Grant to the Peace Hall:** Cllr Jones advised that additional work to that anticipated had had to be undertaken in respect of the dry lining and associated electrical works that had taken the costs over budget. Following considerations of their own funds, the Management Committee had requested a grant of £1,000 towards the additional costs.

Cllrs Mrs Davies & Jones spoke in favour of all of the work that had been completed, current internal decorating undertaken with the help of volunteers and the excellent recent fund raising activities and then left the meeting for a vote to be taken.

Following careful consideration of detailed invoices and Peace Hall budget and current funds, members **unanimously agreed** to give a grant of £1,000.00 and praised the Committee for all of their work on the project.

**d) Sinton Green: To Consider & Confirm any works required:** Following discussions relating to the Minute 131/12 above members **agreed** to the necessary clearance of the ditches on the Main Green. It was further agreed that if possible the digger used on Monkwood Green for the roadworks should be used on Sinton Green.

**e) To Consider & Approve the payment of outstanding accounts:** Members **approved** the payments of accounts as in the presented schedule (attached).

**142/12 Correspondence**

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

**b) CALC AGM:** Members noted the detail of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**c) CPRE AGM:** Members noted the detail of the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**d) Circulation Envelope:** The following items were circulated: CPRE Fieldwork Autumn 2012; Community First Newline Summer 2012; Clerks & Councils Direct September 2012.

**143/12 Date of Future Meetings:** 12<sup>th</sup> November & 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Chairman .....  
(12<sup>th</sup> November 2012)