

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 3rd December 2012
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.35pm**

Present: B R Woodhouse (Chairman) Mrs P Ayers Mrs A Davies B Jones
G Rowberry Mrs M Weston

In Attendance: DCllr D Clarke Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) D Lewis WCllr A E Davies West Mercia Police

161/12 Declarations of Interest

a) Register of Interests: There were no changes notified

b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: Cllr Jones declared a DPI in item 173b.

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: There were none.

162/12 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

a) Budget & Precept: Cllrs Ayers, Davies, Haslewood, Jones, Lewis, Rowberry, Weston & Woodhouse had each requested a Dispensation to be allowed to both speak & vote as local residents on the Parish Council budget and precept discussions and decisions.

Following careful consideration, members **agreed to allow** the Dispensation until May 2015 or the next Parish Council elections whichever was the later.

b) Grimley Smaller Charities: Cllr Arr & Woodhouse had each requested a Dispensation to be allowed to both speak & vote as Trustees appointed by the Parish Council on all matters relating to Grimley Smaller Charities.

Following careful consideration, members **agreed to allow** the Dispensation until May 2015 or the next Parish Council elections whichever was the later.

163/12 To Receive a Report from the Local Policing Officer

The police had tendered a written report covering the last quarter, advising of:

- 1 road traffic collision,
- dead swans & ducks on the recently restored land of Retreat Farm,
- 5 incidents of suspicious behaviour by vehicles & people and
- 1 attempted garage break-in.

164/12 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

165/12 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.

A local resident attended the meeting on behalf of persons living near to Thorngrove. The detail and relevant comments were included in Min: 168d.

166/12 Report from Worcestershire County Councillor

CCLr Davies was not present at the meeting. Members queried the reason for the numerous temporary road signs depicting snow flakes, throughout the area.

167/12 Report from Malvern Hills District Council

DCILr Clarke had attended a recent meeting of 'Active Youth' in Martley; commented on the various amounts of mud on the highways and highlighted the MHDC Extra-ordinary Meeting scheduled for 10th December to further discuss the proposals for the South Worcestershire Development Plan.

He also enquired on behalf of the applicant, as to whether the Parish Council would support a development at The New Inn. In the absence of any specific plans, members were against the closure of the public house and agreed to discuss the matter of parish facilities further at a subsequent meeting.

168/12 Planning: a) To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment: There were none.

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: There were none.

d) Concerns Over Incorrect Data & Possible Incorrect procedures of a Planning Appeal:

MH10/00820/FUL Construction of two new poultry units to house broilers (expansion of existing poultry enterprise). The two new units would be 96.515 x 24.58m (including fan canopy and dust baffle area). Five feed bins and a mixer shed proposed to be located between the units.
Thorngrove, Sinton Green Refused 18th November 11
Appeal Notification **Appeal Allowed 7th November 2012**

A local resident had attended the meeting to highlight the concerns of many in that the Inspector had conducted a written Appeal rather than by public hearing, had been given incorrect information (source unknown) relating to the ownership of the nearest properties and appeared not to have been advised about various complaints made over the years to Environmental Health. The residents sought support from the Parish Council to encourage the District Council to seek a judicial review over the lack of due process with regard to the procedures.

Following careful consideration of the known facts (the clerk was awaiting further clarification from MHDC), members **agreed** to write to MHDC in support of the residents request for a review.

169/12 Highways & Footpaths

a) Worlds End: MH Land Drainage had advised that the clearance had been completed satisfactorily but there was a blockage under the highway which had been reported. Cllr Jones advised that the blockage in front of 'Ashgrove'.

It was noted that there was a considerable amount of water on the highway

opposite 'Paddlebrook'.

b) Drainage, Dark Lane: Members noted the all work had been completed in the area but with the temporary diversion of heavy traffic along the lane, much of the debris had been pushed back into the ditch.

c) Oakhall Green: MH Land Drainage had advised of problems near to the Oakhall Inn, Pelham House (Mudwalls) and lower down the lane towards the New Inn. The officer would pursue clearance of relevant ditches with the landowners and Highways Department.

d) Sinton Green: It was noted that various properties had suffered from flooding from the local fields once again: MH Land Drainage were pursuing changes with the landowners.

170/12 Monkwood Green

a) Area Previously Grazed by Cattle: Following discussions, members **agreed** to defer decisions on the future care of the land until the area had dried out.

b) Pothole, Centre Road: The clerk to report a deep pothole on the centre road near to 'Blackberry Cottage'.

c) New Ditch at the Rear of 'Langdale': A local landowner had requested permission to dig a new ditch adjacent to the gardens of 'Langdale' and 'Blackberry Cottage' and pipe the outflow into a second ditch within his responsibility.

Members **agreed** to seek the advice of Natural England on the matter.

171/12 Sinton Green

a) Clearance of the ditches: Members noted that the Lengthsman had yet to complete the work in the ditches on The Green and Gumburn Lane.

172/12 Update Reports (if appropriate) from Representatives:

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Members advised that the Christmas fundraising event was progressing on schedule.

b) Tarmac Liaison Committee: The clerk tabled the details recently received from WCC of the drainage scheme implemented at Tinker's Coppice. Following discussions, members expressed concerns that the drawings did not detail three wells on site or various springs and expressed disbelief that simply sowing grass pasture would solve the problems.

It was **agreed** that the clerk should request a site meeting with the relevant officers at Worcestershire County Council.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: Two Trustees had signed the Agreement relating to the land, the third signatory was awaited prior to payments.

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

173/12 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: Headwalls in Gumburn Lane, grips in Worlds End.

b) To Consider & Approve the payment of outstanding accounts:

Members **approved** the payments of accounts as in the presented schedule (attached).

c) To Note and additional items/expenditure for the budget 2013/14:

Members deferred the discussions until January.

174/12 Correspondence

a) Any Matters Arising from the CALC Circulars: Members noted the recent advice on Councillor dispensations and the publication of the Register of Interest forms.

b) MHDC Circular: Members noted that all training sessions for November & December had been postponed until the New Year.

175/12 Items of Parochial Interest

Heating in The Committee Room: Members noted that the heating system had been pre-set at too low a temperature for comfort. The clerk to seek an increase in the temperature setting prior to the next meeting in January.

176/12 Date of Future Meetings: 14th January & 11th February 2013

Chairman
(14th January 2013)