

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 11th February 2013
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

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

In Attendance: DCllr D Clarke* Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

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

17/13 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 Mrs Weston declared a DPI in item 28b.

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

18/13 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

There were none.

19/13 Report from the Local Police Officer

There was no report available. Members expressed concerns over the various cars parked on the A443 in Hallow causing difficulties for passing motorists.

20/13 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th January 2013, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

21/13 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.

There were no parishioners present

22/13 Report from Worcestershire County Councillor

WCCllr had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

23/13 Report from Malvern Hills District Council

DCllr Clarke had tendered his apologies for late arrival at the meeting. He advised on:

Elgar Business Centre: The Northern Area Committee had refused planning approval for the new unit;

MHDC had proposed a Council Tax increase of 2%;

He had highlighted parking problems near to Grimley & Holt primary School with the police;

Flooding A443 had been reported to Worcs Highways.

24/13 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:

12/01601/LBC Replacement of 3 external doors with oak doors.
Alteration to colour of external woodwork. Replace existing softwood cladding on upper section of cart entrance. Salways Barn, Moseley Road

Approved 1st February 2013

d) Grimley Raceway: Members noted that no update had yet been received from either MHDC or Worcestershire Regulatory Services with regard to the 'licence' for the area.

25/13 Highways & Footpaths

a) Worlds End: Cllr Jones advised that the pipe under the highway near to 'Pebbles' was blocked and water was spilling over the carriageway. The clerk to report to Highways.

b) 'Bells Bank', Dark Lane: Members noted that the carriageway was in a poor state of repair, several drains were blocked and surface water had frozen during the cold weather forming an ice hazard. The clerk to seek urgent work in the area by the Lengthsman and report the problems to Highways.

c) Highway Surface, A43 Hallow/Grimley Parish Boundary: Worcs Highways had cleared tree roots out from one manhole to reduce the amount of surface water but there was a considerable amount of field/garden run-off immediately adjacent. Members noted that there had been five road traffic accidents in the area during January and **agreed** that the clerk should pursue further actions by the Highways Department.

d) Carriageway near to 'Hillcroft', Sinton Green: Members noted that there was a considerable amount of water running onto the highway from neighbouring fields and tracking down to Sinton Green. The clerk to advise the Highways Authority.

e) Kerbing, Sinton Green: The clerk to report the collapsed kerbing opposite the telephone box on Sinton Green.

26/13 Monkwood Green

a) Future Management of the SSSI: At a recent meeting, officers of Natural England had agreed that the area formerly grazed by the cattle should be 'topped' as soon as the ground was in reasonable condition and no later than mid April.

b) Ditch Piping near to 'Langdale': Following a site meeting, the officers had **agreed** to the request and issued a licence for the work to be completed. With the **agreement** of members, the chairman signed both copies of the Agreement for return to Natural England.

27/13 Sinton Green

a) Clearance of the ditches: The work had been completed.

b) Parking on Sinton Green: It was noted that the vehicles were still in situ but that the clerk had written to the owners only some 10 days prior to the meeting. It was **agreed** to review the matter in March.

28/13 Update Reports (if appropriate) from Representatives:

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: There was no report available.

Cllr Mrs Weston, having declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the following item as a landowner left the room.

b) Tarmac Liaison Committee: Although there had been no meeting, the chairman advised that the water levels had dropped a little and that hedges in front of the houses in Grimley Village had been cut. There had been no response from WCC with regard to the various permissions on the area.

Cllr Mrs Weston returned to the meeting.

DCllr Clarke arrived at this point – see Min 23/13

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: Cllr Woodhouse advised that matters could not progress as the incumbent had not responded to various requests.

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

29/13 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: Clearance of the surface and new grips to be dug in Dark Lane and Moseley Road to Monkwood Green.

b) To Consider a Donation to:

i) Upkeep of Grimley Churchyard: Members **agreed** to the principle of donating £200 towards the upkeep of the churchyard but that the cheque should not be released until the incumbent had responded with regard to Min 28c above.

ii) Nora Parsons Day Centre: Members noted the benefits provided by the Centre to various parishioners and unanimously **agreed** to donate £200 from Section 137 funding.

iii) Hallow Scouts Group: The clerk referred members to the previously circulated e-mail. Following discussions, members unanimously **agreed** to donate £200 of goods or £200 cash dependent upon the preference of the Scout Group.

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

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

d) Mowing Contracts 2013/14: Following careful consideration of the previously circulated details, it was agreed to advertise for quotations for the mowing of various areas. The quotations to be considered at the March meeting.

30/13 Correspondence

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

b) MHDC Recycling: Members noted the circulated details.

c) CALC Finance Training: It was **agreed** that Cllr Mrs Weston would attend the session on Tuesday, 19th March and the clerk, the Audit training on 12th March.

d) MHDC Conference at Abberley: No member wished to attend.

31/13 Items of Parochial Interest

a) House Indicator Posts, Monkwood Green: For discussion in March.

32/13 Date of Future Meetings: 18th March & 15th April

Chairman
(18th March 2013)