

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 15th April 2013
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.00pm**

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

In Attendance: Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) Mrs A Davies WCCllr A E Davies

49/13 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 disclosable pecuniary interest in Min 54b/13 as the land owner.

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: Cllr Woodhouse declared an interest in Minute 54d/13 as an adjacent landowner.

50/13 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

51/13 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th March 2013, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

52/13 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.

53/13 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:

13/00162/HOU Two storey extension comprising carport with bedroom over. Little Horscroft, Sinton Green
Granted 25th March 2013

APP/J1860/A/12/2187368 Elm Hill, Sinton Green
Allowed 13th March 2013

d) Grimley Raceway: The clerk advised that the MHDC Standards Committee had upheld the complaint made by local residents over the inaction of the Legal Services Section in relation to the serving of a Noise Abatement Notice. A notice had now been served on all connected parties and a further review anticipated within the next three months.

54/13 Highways & Footpaths**a) Highway Surface, A43 Hallow/Grimley Parish Boundary:**

Cllr Weston advised that she had seen workmen clearing the drains within the area. Members noted that the original problem of water being pumped onto the highway had not been resolved. The clerk to contact the Highways Department once again.

Cllr Mrs Weston having declared an interest left the meeting.

b) Footpaths, Re-instated Land, Retreat Farm: A parishioner had highlighted concerns once again that many of the footpaths on the re-instated land were not accessible due to flooding; water pumping had made no difference to these paths. The clerk to contact Worcestershire County Council as it was they who had the responsibility to ensure that all of the planning conditions in relation to the re-instated land had been fulfilled correctly.

Cllr Mrs Weston returned to the meeting.

c) Drains, Grimley Village: A parishioner had highlighted the fact that the drains in Grimley Village had not been cleared for a very long period. The clerk to contact the Highways Department.

d) Highway Verges, Grimley Village: It had been noted that areas of highway verge adjacent to two separate properties had been cordoned off by landowners. The chairman declared an interest in this item and stated that as his family and visitors had caused damage to the grass verge he had purchased topsoil and seed to repair the area. The canes were to prevent cars encroaching onto the newly sown seed.

Following discussions, it was **agreed** that the clerk should ascertain if the other householder was taking similar action rather than claiming ownership of the land.

55/13 Monkwood Green**a) Flooding of the highway & local drainage: Top Pond near to**

Monks Hollow: Cllr Ayers advised that a section of damaged pipework had been replaced but the ditch was still blocked. The chairman agreed to speak to the landowner.

56/13 Sinton Green

a) Parking on Sinton Green: Members noted that whilst some of the residents were no longer parking on The Green, others were now causing a problem. It was agreed to await advice from the local police before writing once again to the parishioners concerned.

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

Additionally, the clerk to notify Highways of the damaged kerbing opposite Pound Farm.

57/13 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: No new works were identified.

b) To Consider a Request for Funding from the Wichenford Local Heritage Group: The chairman spoke to the previously circulated written request and support papers. Following discussions, it was unanimously

agreed to support the request with a donation of £100.00 (Section 137 funding) and to ask that a speaker attends the Parish Meeting in 2014.

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: Members noted that one cut of Sinton Green had been completed; a second would take place in two weeks followed by a review of the contract.

e) External Audit: Members noted that the audit was scheduled for 1st July.

58/13 Correspondence

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

b) Circulation Envelope: The following items were circulated:
Clerks & Councils Direct March; Came & Company Parish Matters Spring 13;
Community First Annual Report.

59/13 Items of Parochial Interest

There were no Reports.

60/13 Date of Future Meetings: 20th May & 17th June

Chairman
(20th May 2013)