

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013  
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

**Present:** B R Woodhouse (Chairman) Mrs A Davies B Jones D Lewis  
G Rowberry Mrs M Weston

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

**Apologies:** D Arr (accepted) Mrs P Ayers S Haslewood

**83/13 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 Lewis declared an interest in Min 95d as the applicant.

**c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature:** Cllrs Jones, Rowberry, Weston & Woodhouse declared an interest in Min 95d as friends and customers.

**84/13 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011):** Following consideration of requests from Cllrs Weston & Woodhouse, members **agreed** to allow each a dispensation to both speak and vote on matters relating to Rural Rate Relief in respect of The Fox Inn until the next Parish Council elections.

**85/13 Report from the Local Police Officer**

Despite a reminder from the clerk, there had been no response from the police with regard to parking in Grimley Lane or parking on Sinton Green.

**86/13 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

**87/13 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.

**88/13 Report of the County Councillor**

Cllr Grove advised that:

two bye-elections had been called following a resignation and a death; he had arranged a meeting for councillors within the Hallow Division to meet with the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council; Moseley Road carriageway will be 'patched' during August/September.

Cllr Grove also took the opportunity to remind members about his Divisional fund and the opportunity to apply for small grants – he had already contributed £500 towards the 50 year celebration at the Chantry High School.

**89/13 Report of the MH District Councillor**

Cllr Dean Clarke advised that:

there were 90 children enrolled at the Primary School and a new male teacher had been appointed; there was to be a new health commissioning system within the south-west of the county;

he had attended a very informative planning workshop including discussions on a Planning Inspectorate decision highlighting the lack of a five-year land plan;  
two planning officers had left the employment of MHDC;  
the agreed plans for SWorcs Revenues and Benefits would hopefully save both money and employment.

Members highlighted concerns for investigation over proposed overnight camping at The Raceway, the deposit of grass cuttings in ditches thereby blocking water courses and the lack of business rates applied to those working from home.

Concerns were also raised over the proposals by the District Council to only send planning consultations by e-mail. It was unanimously **agreed** that this was most unhelpful and unnecessary, the Parish Council had no laptop, projector or printer capable of producing reasonable size prints and therefore no way of continuing with public consultations.

**90/13 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:**

13/00693/HOU External wall insulation 3 Bungalow, Sinton Green

Members raised no objections to the planning application.

**c) Grimley Raceway:** Members highlighted concerns over the extremely noisy meeting the previous Sunday and the proposals for camping-out over the bank holiday weekend. It was noted that the District Councillor (see Min 89/13) was pursuing the latter concerns.

**d) Electronic Consultation on Planning Applications:** Members re-iterated their concerns highlighted in Min 89/13 above and **agreed** to request the provision of a laptop and projector by MHDC to allow for the proposed electronic consultations.

**91/13 Highways & Footpaths**

**a) Highway Surface, A43 Hallow/Grimley Parish Boundary:** Members had noted that the repairs had been completed by Severn Trent and that the water was no longer running onto the carriageway.

**b) Highway Problems caused by Parked Vehicles in Grimley Lane:** Local members **agreed** to provide relevant photographs as proof of the problems caused by inconsiderate parking.

**c) 'No Fly-tipping Signs':** Members noted that there had been no further incidents of local fly-tipping.

**92/13 Monkwood Green**

**a) Drainage of the Large Pond and Local Ditches:** Members **agreed** to defer the matter pending drier and more suitable weather.

**93/13 Sinton Green**

**a) *Parking on Sinton Green:*** The chairman referred members to the earlier discussions with and the lack of response from the local Police Inspector. The clerk to pursue the matter and it was **agreed** to await her written advice prior to taking any further action.

**b) *Pothole in a layby adjacent to The Green:*** Local residents had sought information as to whose responsibility it was to fill the pothole. Members **agreed** that the clerk should seek further advice with regard to this area of land.

**c) *Kerbing, Opposite the Telephone Box:*** Cllr Rowberry advised that there was a large hole adjacent to the kerbing, without a cover and of concern should a pedestrian catch a foot in the hole. The clerk to report the matter once again to Worcs Highways.

**94/13 South Worcs Land Drainage Team: Flooding & Drainage Mapping**

The chairman referred to previously circulated correspondence. Following discussion, members unanimously **agreed** to participate in the project with the Land Drainage Team.

**95/13 Finance**

**a) *Works for the Lengthsman:*** Verges, near to paddlebrook, visibility splays on Sinton Green and visibility at Grimley Crossroads.

**b) *To Receive and Approve the Bank Reconciliation:*** Members noted and **approved** the previously circulated Bank Reconciliation.

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

**d) *To Consider an Application for Discretionary Rate Relief for The Fox Inn, Monkwood Green:***

Cllrs Lewis and Rowberry left the room.

Following considerable discussion, members **agreed** to support the application as of benefit to parishioners but declined to make any financial contribution.

Cllrs Lewis and Rowberry returned to the meeting.

**96/13 Correspondence**

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

**b) *Attendance at CPRE, Worcs Branch AGM, 14<sup>th</sup> July:*** Members **agreed** to tender apologies for the meeting.

**97/13 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only**

**a) *Stones on the Highway Verge:*** Following the recent proliferation of stones and link-chains on the highway verges, it was **agreed** that the clerk should seek written guidance and advice for inclusion in the Parish Magazine and on local noticeboards.

**b) *Causeway, Retreat Farm Restoration:*** Parishioners had noted that the water had almost cleared from the lower stile but that all of the islands were still submerged.

**98/13 Date of Future Meetings: 19<sup>th</sup> August**

Chairman .....  
(15<sup>th</sup> July 2013)