

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 9th December 2013
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

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

In Attendance: WCCllr P Grove Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) B Jones D Lewis DCllr D Clarke

181/13 Declarations of Interest

a) Register of Interests: There were none.

b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: All members present highlighted Dispensations previously agreed in respect of discussions relating to the precept for 2014/15.

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

182/13 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): There were none.

183/13 Report from the Local Police Officer
There was no local report.

184/13 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th November 2013, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

185/13 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

186/13 Report of the MH District Councillor
Cllr Dean Clarke had tendered his apologies due to a prior engagement.

187/13 Report of the County Councillor
Cllr Grove advised on:

2 days strike action by the Fire Service;
Malvern Job Centre was to move to Malvern Library;
WCC Highways had sufficient grit/salt in store for gritting primary routes;
Bus Passenger Service consultation ending on 17th January;

Cllr Grove took the opportunity to remind members about his Division survey and requested responses to priorities matters within this parish.

188/13 Planning: a) To confirm the actions of the clerk and members in responding to applications received between meetings: Following careful consideration, the following comments were **agreed:**

13/01376/FUL Siting of gate into a hedge onto the Moseley Road to allow access to field. Whistlewood, Sinton Green

Members raised strong **objections** to this application as unnecessary and out-of-keeping with the area:

the traditional field in question has always been served by access though the adjacent field. Indeed the current applicants used that existing access for the provision of all building materials and machinery for the building of barns/storage areas currently on site (11/01423);

the proposed entrance is in a very narrow section of the Lane and the gates and proposed large hardstanding areas are not at all similar to the traditional agricultural 5-bar gates found along Moseley Road and around Sinton Green.

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

c) Examination of South Worcestershire Development Plan: The chairman referred members to the previously circulated letter from Lower Broadheath Parish Council deploring the lack of government respect for democratically elected local councils and the stated wishes of their parishioners in respect of local planning and development. It was unanimously **agreed** to support the Parish Council in their efforts to pressurise local MPS to seek an urgent change to government practice.

d) Housing Land Supply Issues MHDC: Members noted the previously circulated papers relating to strong concerns over the recent partial rejection by the government Inspector of the South Worcestershire Development Plan.

189/13 To Consider the Possibility of Conducting a Housing Needs Survey

As a number of members had tendered their apologies, it was unanimously **agreed** to defer this matter to a future meeting.

190/13 Highways & Footpaths

a) Min 175a: Possible Footpath Walk over various Paths of concern in and around Grimley Village: A date for a 'Village Walk' was awaited from WCC Public Rights of Way section.

b) Potholes, Moseley Road: The clerk to report potholes in the Moseley Road very near to the 30mph signpost.

191/13 Monkwood Green

No matters were raised.

192/13 Sinton Green

a) Trees on The Green: Following discussions, members agreed to ask a local contractor to 'lift' the trees on the Green to allow for easier access for the mowing contractors.

b) Bollards on the Verges: This matter was deferred until the next meeting to allow members the opportunity to view the concerns.

193/13 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: All grips plus an overhanging bush adjacent to Sinton Court.

b) To Receive, Consider 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 Note & Amend the Draft Budget: Members noted the 1st draft and **agreed** to consider it further at the meeting in January. Funding to allow works on the ponds on Monkwood Green to be included.

e) Provision of a Skip for Use in the Churchyard Clearance: It was noted that Tarmac/Lafrage had agreed to provide a skip when required.

194/13 Reports from Representatives

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: There had been no recent meeting of the Committee.

b) Tarmac Liaison Committee: Members noted recent concerns in Grimley Village over noise intrusion from faulty machinery. The Company had acted promptly to undertake relevant repairs.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: Cllr Woodhouse advised that the initial payment from Tarmac/Lafrage had now been transferred to the Charity. A meeting of the Trustees to allocate some of the funds had been arranged.

195/13 Correspondence

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

b) Statement of Community Involvement Consultation Draft (November 2013): Members noted the previously circulated document.

c) Bus Passenger Service Review: Members noted that this had been thoroughly advertised within the parish on noticeboards, newsletter and in bus shelters. Members **agreed** to write in support of the retention of the services.

d) MHDC Parking Disc: Following the installation of parking charges at the Council Offices, members noted the provision of a parking disc for use when on official business. The disc to be retained initially by the clerk.

e) Anti-Smoking Campaign: Members noted the previously circulated details and following discussions, **agreed** to leave the matter to individuals.

196/13 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only

Visibility Splay adjacent to The New Inn: The clerk to request that the landowner cut back the hedges to provide a clear visibility splay.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman
(20th January 2014)