

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.35pm**

**Present:** Mrs M Weston (In the Chair) Mrs P Ayers Mrs A Davies S R Haslewood  
B Jones D Lewis G Rowberry

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

**Apologies:** D Arr (accepted) B R Woodhouse

**34/14 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:** There were none.  
**c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature:** There were none.

**35/14 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011):** There were none.

**36/14 Report from the Local Police Officer**  
There was no local report.

**37/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**  
The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

**38/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda**  
**a) Min 22a: Visit to Fire & Rescue Headquarters:** It was noted that the visit had been **agreed** for 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.  
**b) Min 25: Housing Needs Survey by 'Private' Architect:** The majority of members had **agreed** to the inclusion of 'Grimley Parish Council' within the survey covering letter.

***Closure of the meeting to allow the public present to speak on any matters relating to Grimley Parish.*** There were no parishioners present

WCCllr Grove arrived at the meeting at this point.

**39/14 Report of the County Councillor**

Cllr Grove advised on:  
the enhanced Broadband service to be extended to include Monkwood Green toward the end of the year but Grimley Village would not be included until late 2016;  
the allocation of £200 of additional funding for the Lengthsman to each of the ten parish councils within the Hallow division;  
copies of the summary of the conclusion of his survey to be distributed later in the month;  
initial work on the Ketch Island and southern carriageway;  
his actions/voting with regard to recent budget discussions for the Fire Authority.

Members raised concerns with regard to the highway surface on Moseley Road and also the footpath at Grimley Crossroads. Cllr Grove requested that all past e-mails on the latter be forwarded to him.

WCCllr Grove left the meeting at this point to attend Parish Council meetings in adjoining parishes

**40/14 Report of the MH District Councillor**

Cllr Clarke advised on:

vastly increased allowances for members of the Executive Committee;  
new details on the National Planning Framework;  
there would be no District Councillor grant for 2014/15.

**41/14 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:**

14/00099/FUL Conversion of vacant part of existing public house with extension to form two-bedroomed dwelling with parking  
New Inn, Sinton Green

Members raised strong objections to this application in that the overall mass of the two buildings would amount to an incongruous form of development which would harm the character of the area and possibly harm the business of the only local pub within the settlement.

The drawings provided appeared to give inaccurate factual detail of existing building eg windows, garage etc.

14/00254/S73 Variation of Condition 6 on Planning Permission  
04/01022/FUL to read 'the development hereby approved shall not be sold separately from the existing dwelling known as Moseley Bank and no separate curtilage shall be created.  
Moseley Bank, Moseley Road

Members noted that this application was simply to formalise what was already on site.

**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:**

14/00073 Two storey extension of bedroom over carport  
Little Horscroft, Sinton Green  
**Granted 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

**d) Notice of Planning Appeal:**

13/00844/FUL Change of use of land to residential curtilage and erection of outbuilding to include stables, store and garages.  
Moseley Bank, Moseley Road Refused 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013

Members noted the Appeal.

**42/14 Highways & Footpaths**

**a) Sewerage on Footpaths:** Officers from the Environment Agency were investigating the various reports. A response was still awaited.

**b) Flooding on highways during recent heavy storms:** Members highlighted further concerns with regard to blocked drains and flooding near to The Old Post Office on Sinton Green. It was agreed that the clerk should pursue the matter with both South Worcestershire Drainage and Worcestershire Highways.

**c) Surface on approx. 20 metres of footway, Grimley Crossroads back towards the bus shelter:** Members **agreed** to pursue repair and future maintenance of the footway with both the County Councillor and County Highways.

**d) Footpaths on the re-instated land, formerly in the ownership of the Church Commissioners:** Members agreed with the noted complaints from various parishioners regarding the footpaths and agreed to pursue matters with Lafrage/Tarmac.

**e) Village Gates:** Following brief discussion, members were agreed that the proposed 'gates' were both ineffective and unnecessary for the Village.

#### 43/14 Monkwood Green

**a) Damage by MHDC Refuse Lorry to the Green (SSSI):** Members noted that the refuse lorry had not reversed onto the area in the last few weeks.

**b) Willow Pollarding:** It was **agreed** to undertake pollarding on trees opposite 'The Moorlands' and near to 'Walnut Tree Cottage'.

**c) Drains and Ditches:** It was **agreed** to seek work on the headwalls on the Common.

**d) Pond Maintenance:** Members noted the grant kindly given from the County Councillors' Divisional fund.

#### 44/14 Sinton Green

**a) Silting of Local Ditches:** Members noted that the ditches around The Green were silted possibly due to run-off from the highway but did not agree to take any immediate actions.

**b) Sinton Green:** See Min 42b above.

#### 45/14 Finance

**a) Works for the Lengthsman, incl the additional £200:** Members highlighted the flooding near to 'The Hunters Lodge', moss on the footway opposite the Raceway and the verge on the left-hand side of Grimley Crossroads.

**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 Consider the Mowing Quotations for 2014/15 and Award the Contract:** Following careful considerations of the quotations received, members **agreed** to award the contracts for both the areas of Monkwood Green and Sinton Green to Simon Skeys.

**e) To Reconsider the provision of signage with regard to litter around the Grimley Old Road, Lay-by etc plus one additional litter bin:** Members noted that Mel Weston had collected numerous bags of rubbish in the area of 'Grimley Triangle' and following careful consideration, members **agreed** to provide 'local' signage subject to the agreement of local landowners.

**f) To Note the Date of the External Audit as 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014:** Members noted the detail.

**46/13 Reports from Representatives**

- a) Peace Hall Management Committee:** Cllr Mrs Davies advised that although there had been a fairly low attendance at the recent showing of 'Flicks in the Sticks', the Committee had made a small profit.
- b) Tarmac Liaison Committee:** Cllr Rowberry advised that there were no further matters to report.
- c) Grimley Smaller Charities:** There was no report available.

**47/14 Correspondence**

- a) Any Matters Arising from the CALC Circulars:** There were none.
- b) MHDC: Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places:** Members noted that there were no changes proposed for the parish.
- c) MHDC Small Grants in respect of Flooded Homes:** Members noted that the grant had been approved for several homes.
- d) Community Champions in Rural Areas (see encl):** Members noted the detail of the previously circulated document but were **agreed** to take no action.

**48/14 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only**

- a) To seek ideas to commemorate (if desired) the 1<sup>st</sup> World War 1914 – 1918:**  
Members expressed to interest in any form of commemoration.

- 49/14 a) Date of Next Scheduled Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014
- b) Date of Parish Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Chairman .....  
(14<sup>th</sup> April 2014)