

## **At Grimley Parish Meeting held in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 8pm**

**Present:** Cllr Robin Woodhouse (Chairman of the Parish Council) 6 parishioners  
DCllr D Clarke, Mrs S Hughes (Clerk to the Parish Council)

**Apologies:** Paddy Harrison, WCCllr P Grove

**Welcome:** Cllr Robin Woodhouse welcomed parishioners to the meeting.

- 1 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014, having been circulated were approved and signed by the chairman.

**Matters Arising:** There were none

**2 Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

Robin Woodhouse advised that the Parish Council had:

continued with participation in the WCC Lengthsman Scheme;  
continued to monitor planning applications and decisions but lack of enforcement and consistency in planning decisions by MHDC was a frustration to all;  
monitoring activities at Grimley Raceway (Oval) with regard to usage and excessive noise;  
monitoring re-instatement works at Retreat Farm and Church Farm South.

Robin concluded by thanking and acknowledging the work of the Lengthsman, Simon Skeys, the Tree Warden, Paddy Harrison and his fellow parish councillors. Particular thanks were expressed to both the District Councillor, Dean Clarke and County Cllr, Phil Grove for all of their help in many aspects during the past municipal year.

**3 Report of the County Councillor, Phil Grove**

Cllr Grove had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

**4 Report of the District Councillor**

DCllr Clarke spoke to his written report gave an update on:

*Housing:* Local needs are not determined locally but by central Government imposing its wills through an Inspector. Grimley Parish, as a Category three Village, had escaped any large scale development because of its lack of facilities.

*Infrastructure:* Central Government had made very little provision in plans for the improvements in local infrastructure.

*Grimley Raceway:* - remains a problem despite recent vigorous action by regulatory services.

*Solar Farms:* Personal support for the conversion to sustainable energy sources but should be enforcing zero carbon housing standards and covering factories, offices and houses with solar panels before reducing food production by covering fields with glass.

*New Pre-School building at Grimley and Holt School:* He and DCllr Sue Gill were successful in obtaining a MHDC grant of £5000 towards the building.

**5 To Receive the Report of the Local Police Officer**

No Report had been received.

**6 Report from the Tree Warden**

Paddy Harrison had tendered his apologies for the meeting but had submitted a comprehensive written report including:

“horse chestnuts, whilst looking pretty bedraggled by end-summer due to the ravages of the Horse-chestnut Leaf Miner over the last few years, seem not obviously damaged this spring, so maybe it's not life-threatening in the longer term;

Ash Dieback, the Forestry Commission website had considerable information including an up-to-date map of its current distribution. This showed no infestation in the immediate neighbourhood of Worcestershire, the nearest being one location in Monmouthshire and one well north of Birmingham;

pollarding work had finished on Monkwood Green, the trees bare of branches, looking in their own way quite spectacular. Coppicing, which required stem removal to be brought down virtually to ground level rather than to the 12 feet or so of pollarding, had the effect of prolonging the life of the base growth (the stool) indefinitely.

Finally, maybe we're going to get a wetting! Ash appears to be coming out before oak this year.”

The chairman reported that Paddy had most unfortunately resigned his post as he and his wife were leaving the area.

**7 Report from the Parish Lengthsman, Simon Skeys**

Simon had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

**8 To Receive an Update on the Peace Hall Management Cttee**

On behalf of the Committee, Annette Davies advised that:

- the Committee had held many fund raising functions including the fete and rural wheels;
- the past chairman, Mrs Catherine Oliver had resigned;
- the Committee would welcome new members and other parishioners on an adhoc basis to help at functions;
- investigations were continuing into the possible improvements of the lighting in the main hall.

Mel Weston congratulated the Peace Hall Management Committee on all of their work in maintaining the building.

**9 To Receive a Report on the Ball Mill/Tarmac Liaison Committee**

There was no report available.

**10 To Receive the Accounts from Grimley Smaller Charities**

These were not available.

**11 Open Forum**

No matters were raised.

Chairman . . . . . ( 2016)