

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.50pm**

**Present:** M Weston (Chairman) P Ayers\* A Davies D Jennings D Lewis  
D Stanley B R Woodhouse

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

**Apologies:** B Jones (accepted) DCllr D Clarke

**79/15 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:** Cllr Ayers declared an interest as a home owner adjacent to the SSSI on Monkwood Green: Cllr Weston declared an interest as a landowner affected by inconsistent water levels from the sand and gravel extraction on Retreat Farm. Cllrs Davies & Weston declared an interest in that they were aware of various electricians who had quoted for electrical work in the Peace Hall. Cllr Woodhouse declared an interest in the re-instatement of land in Grimley Village as a Village representative on the Liaison Group

**d) To declare any changes to Register of Gifts & Hospitality:** There were none.

**80/15 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011):** The following dispensations were requested and agreed:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>To Speak</b>	<b>To Vote</b>	<b>Period of Dispensation</b>
Pam Ayers	Matters relating to Monkwood Green management as a resident	Yes	Yes	Until the next Parish Council elections – scheduled May 2019
Annette Davies	Matters relating to the Peace Hall Management C'ttee as PC representative	Yes	Yes	Until the next Parish Council elections – scheduled May 2019
David Lewis	Matters relating to Monkwood Green management as a resident	Yes	Yes	Until the next Parish Council elections – scheduled May 2019

Mel Weston	Matters relating to the re-instatement of land previously used for mineral extraction as a Village representative on the Liaison Committee	Yes	Yes	Until the next Parish Council elections – scheduled May 2019
	Matters relating to the re-instatement of land previously used for mineral extraction as an adjacent landowner	Yes (public participation opportunities)	No	Until the next Parish Council elections – scheduled May 2019
Robin Woodhouse	Matters relating to the re-instatement of land previously used for mineral extraction as a Village representative on the Liaison Committee	Yes	Yes	Until the next Parish Council elections – scheduled May 2019
	Matters relating to Grimley Smaller Charities as PC representative on the Trustees	Yes	Yes	Until the next Parish Council elections – scheduled May 2019

With the agreement of members the order of the agenda was changed at this time to allow the County Councillor the opportunity to give a report prior to leaving for another meeting.

\* Cllr Ayers left the meeting during the following item.

### **81/15 To Receive the Report of the County Councillor**

Cllr Grove advised that:

WCC were seeking a further £25m saving during the current financial year;

Funding for Children's Services would be maintained, additional foster parents were sought to help relieve pressures on care budgets;

Highway resurfacing work had commenced throughout the area including 3 roads within the parish.

Cllr Grove advised members that he did have a £10k Divisional Fund for this year but due to financial constraints at the County Council, it may be the last. He agreed to forward an application form for use by the Peace Hall Management Committee for funding towards the required new emergency double doors at the rear of the hall.

Cllr Grove left the meeting at this point.

### **82/15 To Receive the Report of the District Councillor**

Due to attending a meeting elsewhere, Cllr Clarke had tendered his apologies but had advised that he was still pursuing the concerns over the activities on the Raceway and mobile home in Ockeridge Lane.

**83/15 To Receive a Report from the Local Policing Team**

There was no report available for this meeting.

**84/15 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

**85/15 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda**

**a) Gwyn Rowberry:** Members noted the letter of thanks from Val Rowberry & also the acknowledgement from St Richards Hospital for the donation.

**b) Donation to PCC For the Clearance of the Churchyard:** A letter of thanks had been received for the donation. It was noted that it was necessary to purchase land for an extension to the burial ground.

***Closure of the meeting to allow the public present to speak on any matters relating to Grimley Parish.***

A resident provided the Parish Council with some very useful facts in relation to websites, local businesses and lorry/vehicle activities. Members expressed their thanks for this useful guidance.

**86/15 Planning: a) To Consider the following planning application for comment to MHDC:** There were none.

**b) To Consider any Planning Applications for Comment to MHDC received between the publication of this agenda and the Meeting:** There were none.

**c) Details of Decision Notices Received from MHDC:** There were none.

**d) Possible Enforcement Action, Ockeridge Lane:** Further details had been provided for the MHDC Enforcement officer and feedback was awaited. Following the new information provided by a parishioner at the meeting, it was agreed that the detail should be forwarded to MHDC for further action.

**e) Grimley (Oval) Raceway – Update:** Cllr Dean Clarke had advised that the court cases were progressing.

**87/15 Monkwood Green**

**a) Management of the SSSI: Proposed works on the large pond adjacent to Green Farm House – update:** Natural England had returned the signed licence for the work. The clerk had contacted the landowner and advised that the work had been scheduled.

**b) Works on the non-SSSI – update:** The contractor would complete the work on the pond within the coming weeks.

**c) Damage caused to the common by a neighbouring landowner undertaking fencing works with a large tractor on wet, heavy ground:** The ground had been rolled which had improved the area.

**d) Protection of Grass Verges:** A licence for the work had been granted by Natural England. The clerk to purchase 'highway approved' verge protectors.

**e) Proposed Solar Farm:** No update had been received.

**f) Damage caused to the Green by MHDC Refuse Collection Vehicles:** Cllr Ayers and the clerk had attended a site meeting at which the MHDC officer had agreed to submit a claim to re-instate the drive and tarmac the area as previously. Members **agreed** to the actions.

**g) Damage to the Area adj to The Moorlands:** Members noted that the area was badly rutted: the clerk to seek a contractor to roll the area.

**h) Verge Cutting:** Members noted that verges on all roads on Monkwood Green had been cut presumably by a contractor from WCC. Unfortunately many flowers within the SSSI had been mown down which had caused some consternation to parishioners and damage caused to one ditch. The clerk to circulate photographs to all members.

#### **88/15 Highways & Footpaths**

**a) Highway/Verge Erosion, Old Road, Grimley:** The clerk had supplied further details to WCC for consideration.

**b) Triangle by the Noticeboard:** Members noted that a local parishioner had ceased to mow the triangle adjacent to the telephone box due to ill health. It was agreed to leave further discussion on the matter until the return of Cllr Taft from holiday.

#### **89/15 Sinton Green**

**a) Mowing 2011 – 2013:** The clerk had on six occasions requested correct details from the contractor. There had been no response to-date.

#### **90/15 To Consider Any Matters Arising from the Parish Meeting**

The chairman spoke to the previously circulated draft Minutes with particular reference to the resignation of Paddy Harrison as Tree Warden. Members were sorry that Mr & Mrs Harrison were to leave the area and following discussions, it was **agreed** to seek his guidance on a replacement Tree Warden.

#### **91/15 New Clerk Recruitment**

It was **agreed** that subject to the availability of the Peace Hall, the Staffing Committee would meet on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May to progress the recruitment package.

#### **92/15 Finance**

**a) Works for the Lengthsman:** Members highlighted concerns in relation to the visibility of speed restriction signs around the parish due to overgrown hedges.

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

**c) To Consider Costs in relation to Lighting Provision in the Peace Hall:** No further update was available.

#### **93/15 Reports from Representatives**

**a) Peace Hall Management Committee:** Cllr Davies reported that: the Committee was progressing with a roving chairman, new members were required:

the recent Film Show evening had been very well attended. Members queried whether it was now possible to change the evening for some of the events.

Cllr Davies wondered if it would be possible to renovate the war memorial wall plaque during the Centenary year of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. Further details to be sought from a neighbouring parish where similar work had already been undertaken.

**b) Lafarge/Tarmac Liaison Committee:** Members reported on a site meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May. There had been great consternation over the high water levels on the former Retreat Farm site: WCC advised that new, higher levels had been agreed following the installation of the pump, details had not been shared with the Parish Council.

Equally water levels on the Sacred Field were rising rapidly in the large pools and the Company had completed the causeway to their own satisfaction. This footpath re-instatement without any fencing had been accepted by WCC much to the horror of all Village and Holt PC representatives. The WCC representative had agreed to reconsider the matter although he could not make the original report available to all.

In view of the pending planning application for part of the site, Lafarge Tarmac had agreed with the Church Commissioners that no further restoration would be undertaken on Church Farm East/South until the application had been determined. Members thought this highly inappropriate particularly as the application process was likely to be lengthy and had urged WCC to ensure that the work was completed as per the agreed plans.

It was **agreed** that the clerk should contact WCC officers with regard to these matters.

**c) Grimley Smaller Charities:** There was no further progress on the standard of re-instatement of the land.

#### **94/15 Correspondence**

**a) Any Matters Arising from the CALC Circulars:** Training course details to be circulated to all members.

#### **95/15 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only**

**a) Parking Near to Grimley & Holt Primary School:** The chairman highlighted various problems that had been caused by the inconsiderate parking of vehicles during the school morning and afternoon 'run'. It was agreed that the clerk should contact the Chairman of Governors and Community Police on the matter. **Next agenda**

Chairman .....  
(15<sup>th</sup> June 2015)