

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.32pm**

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

**In Attendance:** DCllr D Clarke WCCllr P Grove Mrs S Hughes - Clerk  
2 parishioners 1 member of the public

**Apologies:** E A Taft

**112/15 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:** Members referred to previously agreed Dispensations on file. Cllr Jones advised that he was distantly related to a contractor who had quoted for work at The Peace Hall; Cllr Davies advised that she & her husband had used one other contractor for work in their own home.

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

**113/15 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011):** The following written dispensations were requested and agreed:

Councillors	Reason	To Speak	To Vote	Period of Dispensation
Pam Ayers Annette Davies Bryan Jones David Lewis Mel Weston Robin Woodhouse	To allow for discussions and a vote on recommendations to MHDC in respect of planning application number 15/00217 Yardway Farm, Sinton Green (The home of a former parish councillor, resigned May 2015)	Yes	Yes	Until the next Parish Council elections – scheduled May 2019

**114/15 Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

With the agreement of the members, the order of the agenda was changed at this point

**115/15 Planning:**

**a) To Consider the following planning applications for comment to WCC & MHDC**

15/000016CM Proposed Materials Recycling Facility, Workshop Building & Ecological Restoration & Enhancement Areas  
Church Farm Quarry, Grimley

**i) Amended Landscape Plan:** Members noted the detail previously circulated.

**ii) To Receive Feedback from the Parish Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July & agree 'the way forward':** The chairman advised that in her opinion the meeting had been well received and that she had agreed for a Working Group of parishioners to formulate a response to the planning application that could be used by the Parish Council.

Members noted the matter and **agreed retrospectively** to support this action and to consider at a future meeting any funding required to engage a Planning Consultant particularly for an independent noise assessment. Cllr Woodhouse reminded members that there was an opportunity for a meeting without prejudice or fees with a planning consultant with experience in this field. Members **agreed** to follow through on this opportunity.

The chairman advised that the closing date for comments on the application was 24<sup>th</sup> August.

**iii) To Suggest dates for a joint meeting with Neighbouring Parish Council Representatives:** In view of the short timescale prior to submission of responses, the chairman proposed that she speak to the two neighbouring councils, Hallow & Holt to seek support for opposition to the application.

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

A parishioner advised that the police had been informed of the occupants of 2 vehicles flytipping approximately 14 tyres through the hedge adjacent to the layby on the A443 opposite Grimley Raceway. The number-plate of one vehicle had been recorded.

The Chairman of Governors at Grimley & Holt Primary School had various letters from the children detailing their thoughts on the proposed Pencroft planning application. He would deliver these letters to the Planning Authority at County Hall.

There being no other comments the meeting was re-opened.

The original order of the agenda was resumed.

**116/15 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda**

**a) Min 76: Election of Representative on the PCC:** Members noted previous comments.

**b) Min 100: Parking & Speeding in Grimley Village:** The police had undertaken a hand-held speed check in the Village during the past month. The greatest speed recorded was 27mph. Members noted the request to Worcestershire County Council for a speed review during school term-time using parallel tube recorders on the highway.

There had been further problems caused by inconsiderate parking by parents of school children: the police had judged the majority of photographs of parked cars on the footway as inclusive.

**117/15 To Receive a Report from the Local Policing Team**

There were no new matters raised.

**118/15 To Receive the Report of the County Councillor**

WCllr P Grove advised that:

£230 million was to be cut from the Local Government budget; WCC had already pledged to cut £25m per annum until 2017; the budget for young adults and children in care would be protected; a new scheme would be launched in August connecting school with business – members queried whether this would also include agricultural & horticulture; super-fast broadband was now available to an additional 30,000 households across the county.

There being no further questions, Cllr Grove left the meeting.

**119/15 To Receive the Report of the District Councillor**

Cllr Clarke reported on the two Solar Farm applications that had been determined the previous week by MHDC and the possible use/repercussions of those reports for the anticipated planning application adjacent to Monkwood Green.

**120/15 Planning – cont (see Minute 115/15 above)**

**b) To Confirm the Responses submitted to MHDC between meetings on the following Planning Applications:**

15/00724/FUL Proposal for a small portal framed open sided barn for the storage of chipped timber for use with the existing biomass boilers which are used to heat the existing chicken coops. Thorngrove, Sinton Green

Members raised no objections to this application but requested that it should be removed when permitted use was no longer required.

15/00163/HOU Erection of outbuilding extension to existing dwelling and associated works. Yew Cottage, Sinton Green

Members raised no objections to this application

**c) To Consider any Planning Applications for Comment to MHDC received between the publication of the agenda and the Meeting:**

15/00217/HOU Vertical and horizontal extension to existing dwelling to roadside elevation. Yardway Farm, Sinton Green

Members noted the detail of this application and welcomed the improvements to the building.

**d) Details of Decision Notices Received from MHDC:**

15/00379/FUL Creation of new access to permitted barn conversion and erection of a garage/log store in revised location Elm Hill Farm Barn, Sinton Green  
**Approved 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015**

**e) Possible Enforcement Action, Ockeridge Lane:** The Enforcement Officer had written to the owner of the site requesting a meeting and business details.

**f) Grimley (Oval) Raceway – Update:** Members noted that Court actions were proceeding.

**g) Abberley Neighbourhood Area Designation Consultation:** Members noted that MHDC had received an application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area from Abberley Parish Council: there were no comments on the proposals.

## 121/15 Monkwood Green

**a) Management of the SSSI – Update on pond near to Green Farm House:** The required work on the pond had been completed by the contractor whilst working from the common only.

*Mowing and topping in liaison with Worcester Wildlife:* Worcester Wildlife had advised that as this work would be best undertaken by the contractor in September in conjunction with work in Monkwood, details were required urgently. Following discussion, it was **agreed** that subject to consultation with Natural England and the Residents Association the following areas should be mown: areas cut and treated by the Residents Association during various work parties over the winter months, area near to The Croft and the area previously grazed by the cattle.

The contractor had advised that he would mow and bale the area during the first week in August.

**b) Works on the non-SSSI:** Update on pond near Walnut Tree Cottage: Members noted that this work had been completed.

*To consider mowing of the non SSSI:* It was proposed, seconded & **agreed** to ask Mr Prosser to undertake the mowing of the areas either side of 'The Moorlands'. Other work to be considered after the completion of work on the SSSI.

**c) To Confirm Actions between Meetings:** The clerk confirmed that the residents at Whitehouse Farm had been given permission to 'top' the verge in front of their home after the 1<sup>st</sup> July to allow further grazing of their sheep providing that ground conditions were suitable for a tractor

**d) Monkwood Nature Reserve:** Consultation on the Forestry Commission Approved Management: Members noted the plan without further comment.

**e) Newsletter to Residents:** Members noted the latest Newsletter to residents that included details on the MHDC considerations of two planning applications in relation to Solar Farms within Wichenford Parish Council Area.

## 122/15 Highways & Footpaths

**a) Top Triangle, Grimley Lane:** The Lengthsman had been asked to mow this area and also weed-spray the roadside gutters.

**b) Noticeboard, Grimley:** The Lengthsman had agreed to submit a quote for repaving the area under the noticeboard and also to weed-spray the roadside gutters around the corner opposite and into Camp Lane.

**c) Footpaths on the Re-instated Areas by Tarmac/Lafarge:** Work on the was still awaited.

**123/15 Sinton Green**

**a) Mowing 2011 – 2013:** There had been no response to the letter sent to the contractor by registered post. The matter to be left in abeyance until he contacts the Parish Council.

**b) Ditches:** The current contractor sought clarification of how the ditches should be treated/maintained during the mowing season. It was **agreed** that he should trim the sides and headwalls of all ditches as soon as possible.

**c) Parking on Sinton Green:** The clerk referred to previous discussions, advice from CALC and e-mails on this matter. Following discussions, it was **agreed** that notices should be placed on windscreens of any vehicle parked on the Green and the matter reviewed once the solicitor had confirmed the actual registration of the land.

**124/15 Finance**

**a) Works for the Lengthsman:** No new matters were advised. The clerk reported on a site meeting with the Lengthsman at which he had highlighted the lack of drainage pipes from the gulleys in Grimley Village. The clerk to advise the Highways Department.

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

**c) To Receive and Accept the Bank Reconciliation:** Members noted and **accepted** the previously circulated bank reconciliation without comment.

**d) To Receive and Accept the Quarterly Report to 30 June:** Members noted and **accepted** the previously circulated quarterly report without comment.

**e) To Receive the Report of the Internal Auditor & Re-Appointment:** Members noted the comments of the Internal Auditor with particular reference to the bank statements. It was proposed, seconded and **agreed** to re-appoint the Internal Auditor for a further two years to co-incide with the current government audit regime.

**f) To Consider Costs in relation to Lighting Provision in the Peace Hall and the Provision of New External Fire Doors:** Following careful consideration of the reports and quotes on both required lighting and new external doors, it was proposed, seconded and **agreed** to award the contract for new doors and to leave the provision of new lighting with the Peace Hall Management Committee.

**g) To Consider Recommendations for New Banking Arrangements:** In the absence of any written detail, the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

**125/15 Reports from Representatives**

**a) Peace Hall Management Committee:** Matters had been covered in Minute 124f above.

**b) Lafarge/Tarmac Liaison Committee:** There had been no meeting since the previous meeting of the Parish Council.

**c) Grimley Smaller Charities:** There had been no progress on the land transfer.

**126/15 Correspondence**

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

- b) MHDC Parish & Town Council Conference:** Members noted that the conference would be held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October from 6 – 9pm in The Council Chamber, Malvern. The chairman advised that she might attend the event.
- c) Nora Parsons Day Centre:** Members noted that the AGM was to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> August. As no members was able to attend, apologies to be submitted.

**127/15 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only**

**a) 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations, HM Queen Elizabeth II:** Following discussions on the date (to be confirmed by Cllr Jennings at the next meeting) and the need to ensure that there was no loss of funding for the Peace Hall Management Committee for the fete, members **agreed** to defer discussions until the August meeting.

**b) Fly-tipping in Dark Lane:** The clerk to report fly-tipping of full black rubbish bags in Dark Lane to MHDC for action. Members sought clarification with regard to the removal or otherwise of mattresses in the adjacent field.

**128/15 To Receive & Accept the Reports of the Staffing Committee**

No written reports were available from the Staffing Committee but Cllr Jennings read an agreed statement advising on the recommendation for the appointment of Mrs Lisa Stephens as the new clerk to the Parish Council.

Whilst **unanimously endorsing** the appointment, members expressed concerns over matters of procedure that evening which they had found to be discourteous to all parties.

No budget considerations were discussed.

Chairman .....  
(10<sup>th</sup> August 2015)