

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on
22nd October 2018
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm
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Present: E A Taft (Chair), A Atkinson, G James, D Lewis,
D Stanley, R Weaver, R Woodhouse.

In Attendance: Mrs L Stevens (Clerk & RFO), District Cllr Dean Clarke,
County Cllr Phil Grove, 5 Members of the public.

Apologies: P Ayers, G Sweeney.

130/18 Declarations of Interest

a.	None.
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131/18 Minutes of the previous meeting

a.	17 th September 2018 Monthly Meeting of Grimley Parish Council. Duly approved . There being no minutes for August 2018.
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132/18 Public question time

a.	<p>Ann Stark briefed the Parish Council on progress with the Armistice Day (100 years since WW1) celebrations. On behalf of those organising the days events and on behalf of parishioners from the three parishes, she gave thanks to Grimley Parish Councillors for their support. Local volunteers will host a cream tea and live music celebration at the Peace Hall at 3pm, with crafts for children. Residents of the parish are keen to make this a regular event. 953 poppies have been made by residents from across Grimley, Hallow and Holt. Clerk to liaise concerning curtains for the plaque. Cllrs approved wording on plaque and instructed the Clerk to continue with purchase.</p> <p>No other questions were received and the Chair reinstated standing orders.</p>
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133/18 To Receive the Report of the County Councillor – Phil Grove

a.	<p>Cllr Grove reported on likely voluntary redundancies at County Hall. Norton Parkway (new railway station) is on course for completion. Parents are reminded to make school applications asap: 31st October for High School starters; January 2019 for Primary and Middle School applications. Parish Cllrs stressed their concern on the ever apparent lack of Police funding, which impacts on their ability to respond and forces them to classify crimes as being of lesser priority.</p>
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134/18 To Receive the Report of the District Councillor – Dean Clarke

a.	<p>DCllr Clarke reported on the ongoing bus consultation and confirmed that it is unlikely that local parish services will be cut back. Also: low cost homes are now available in Hallow, ref the advert already placed on the Community Facebook page; District Councillor Walk-About was cancelled last week; proposed Moseley footpath diversion route will likely be on the same side as the garden of the new property in the barn and not alongside existing properties; forthcoming photographic competition will be advertised shortly; Ref higher environmental standards for new builds, DCllr Clarke will pose this question at the next full council meeting. DCllr Clarke gave his advance apologies for the November meeting.</p>
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The order of the meeting was rearranged at this point for the convenience of members of the public.

135/18 Sinton Green facilities – To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	<p>Play equipment for Sinton Green. <i>Standing orders were suspended to allow the public to contribute.</i> Clerk gave an update on consultation responses and concluded that the Parish Council suggestions so far had not received majority approval from residents, though half of responses were in favour of equipment of some sort. Residents present at the meeting spoke in support of equipment. Cllrs approved the setting up of a Play Area Working Party and instructed the Clerk to draft terms of reference for the group. Residents at the meeting volunteered to be members of the Working Party. The scope of the group is to better liaise with residents of Sinton Green and explore all options. It will have no decision making powers and will present options to the Council. <i>Standing orders were re-instated at this point.</i></p>
b.	<p>Pond clearance – to discuss planting options. Cllrs agreed that the pond will mature naturally and that budget limitations make it inadvisable to spend money on plants this financial year.</p>

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136/18 Grimley village – To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	<p>Grimley approach road – update in reference to dangerous parking in passing places and speeding. County Hall has confirmed that yellow lines will not be placed at this location. Passing places signs are not appropriate due to lack of verge space. Passing place sign at entrance to road is now in place. Cllrs reported that this sign needs readjusting so that it is more visible when approaching from Holt. With reference to speeding in the area generally, Cllr discussed the Bill and Belinda Bollards. These street furniture options in the shape of children are designed to deter speeding. The Clerk confirmed that the overall cost of purchase and installation of one such bollard is over £700 and therefore out of the reach of the budget for 2019/20. Cllr agreed to reconsider in future years, once the school and residents of the village have been consulted.</p>
b.	<p>Dangerous driving and 'drifting' of vehicles around bends in vicinity of Camp lane. Cllrs considered reports of poor standards of driving in the vicinity of units used to repair drag and drift racers. No action to be taken, pending further evidence. Residents are advised to report dangerous driving to the police via 101 and then keep Councillors informed.</p>
c.	<p>Litter bin – first discussion of proposal for installation in 'layby' near to Smaller Charities land. The Lengthsman has quoted £30 to install. Cllrs agreed that litter is an ongoing problem, though it is always difficult to determine whether bird watchers, or dog walkers are to blame or whether litter is simply being thrown from passing cars. The Clerk was instructed to approach the District Council to confirm that they would empty at bin at this location. Upon District Council approval, purchase would be further explored in 2019/20 financial year.</p>

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d.	<p>Tree maintenance proposed to be undertaken adjacent to The Manse in order to clear visibility. Cllrs confirmed that this lane is known as Pie Crust Lane and had no objections to the work. Indeed this work will allow the way marker to be properly reinstalled.</p>	
e.	<p>Retreat farm and causeway footpaths – state of. The Clerk was instructed to report this to CCllr Phil Grove, as public footpaths already reported as being blocked or needing attention /repairs are never attended to.</p>	Clerk
f.	<p>Flower display Grimley village. Cllrs agreed that the displays enhance the area. No discussion was had on the Parish Council financing this facility, which is currently provided and funded by volunteers.</p>	

137/18 Monkwood Green - To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	<p>Service roads – outcome of newsletter offering ‘self-help repairs’. Updated 22/10/2018 – discussion of latest quotation for road repairs Cllr Lewis reported on a quotation for repair of the service roads. £2500 plus VAT. Cllrs agreed that this quotation removes the need for residents to fill the pot holes via the previously proposed self-help scheme. <i>Standing orders were suspended to allow the public to contribute.</i> GG resident of Monkwood Green spoke and confirmed that stone placed in pot holes by residents does not usually last long. They had also spoken to the contractor and were in a position to approach them with any queries the Parish Council might have. Resident also advised putting sleeping policemen in place, in order to address concerns that speeding by delivery lorries may damage a newly repaired road. Resident agreed to approach contractor and ask if he is able to install these. Cllr Weaver agreed to obtain an additional quotation (road repairs) for comparison and also to obtain a quote for rubber sleeping policemen. <i>Standing orders were re-instated at this point.</i></p>	Clerk
b.	<p>Well maintenance – update. Cllrs gave thanks to GG for his voluntary clearance of the brambles surrounding the well on Monkwood Green Common.</p>	Cllr Weaver

138/18 Parish wide facilities - To receive and discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice

a.	<p>“We don’t buy crime” smart-water project. The Clerk reported that the application has been submitted and is being consider by Mick Simpson, who is the project manager. The submission has been for 142 smart water kits – this is the minimum that the scheme would consider in the end. Previously we had hopes to aim for 100 kits only. 124 kits will be paid for by the parish council initially (£1324) and then residents can submit cheques for £8.90 upon collection. 41 kits will be paid for by the Police Crime Commissioners. We currently have 98 households who have committed to purchase. VAT can be claimed back, estimated at £220. It is likely that kits will be available to residents on 3rd March 2019.</p>	Clerk
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b.	<p>Phone boxes maintenance and defibrillator project update. Cllr James to establish how much paint is left. Grimley booth still yet to be painted. Cllr Ayers to explore putting shelving in the booth at Monkwood Green for use as a free-to-lend library. An application for £500 CCllr Grove donation towards a defibrillator in the Grimley village booth has been submitted.</p>
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139/18 Reports from Representatives - To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	<p>Peace Hall Management Committee. Members of the Committee expressed their thanks to Cllrs Stanley and James for practical aid and delivery of leaflets advertising Peace Hall events.</p>
b.	<p>Tarmac Quarry Liaison Committee. It was reported that MA cancelled the previous meeting for reasons unclear. 40% of trees planted on site have suffered severely in the summer heat.</p>
c.	<p>Grimley Smaller Charities. An advert has been placed seeking a new tenant.</p>

140/18 General Finance and Administration - To receive and discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	<p>To consider and motion to approve the payment of outstanding accounts. All duly inspected and approved.</p>
b.	<p>To receive and motion to accept the Bank Reconciliation September and Q2 report (final version – nb draft version was provided to Cllrs in September). Duly approved.</p>
c.	<p>To review and accept the following policy documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of dispensations. - Delegation to the clerk policy. - Code of Conduct including updates. <p>All duly approved and adopted.</p>
d.	<p>To begin considering budget and precept for 2019/2020 financial year. Cllrs instructed the Clerk on a number of minor points for redrafting.</p>

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141/18	<p>Date of Next Scheduled Meeting – 19th November 7.30pm, Peace Hall, Sinton Green. The press and public are cordially invited to attend this meeting.</p>
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Appendix 1: Items for payment.

Mr R J Poole	Mowing Monkwood Green first instalment – retrospective approval of payment made at extra ordinary Parish Council 16 th August 2018. Invoice 05/08/18.	£ 720.00	VAT 120.00
Mr R J Poole	Mowing Monkwood Green second instalment Invoice 19/08/2018.	£680.40	VAT 113.40
ICO	Data protection membership until 07/09/19 (mandatory) – reimbursement to clerk who paid via visa.	£40.00	VAT nil.
Grimley Peace Hall Foundation	Hire of Peace Hall Sept 2017 – Sept 2018	£250.00	VAT nil
Hallow Parish Magazine	Donation towards parish celebrations may be required in advance of 11 th November, up to max of £250.	£100.00	VAT nil
Mr Bryan Jones	Bus shelter repairs	£294.00	Vat nil
Simon Skeys	Lengthsman invoices July (£80.50) & August (£161) 2018	£241.50	VAT nil
Simon Skeys	Sinton Green Mowing x 2 cuts. 31/07/2018 & 31/08/2018. invoices 49 & 58.	£150.00	VAT nil
Lisa Stevens	Clerk wages [August 2018] As per new contract of <u>12 hours</u> per week, rate of £12.01 per hour.	£ 576.48	VAT nil
Lisa Stevens	Expenses. GPC201703. <i>Includes signage, electric fence tester, bollards.</i>	£458.11	VAT under calculation
Lisa Stevens	Additional work August (10 hours) outside contractual hours for Monkwood Green Management group. GPC201704.	£120.10	VAT nil

Chair (19th November 2018)