

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on
21st January 2019
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm
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Present: E A Taft (Chair), A Atkinson, P Ayers, G James, D Stanley, G Sweeney, R Weaver.
In Attendance: District Cllr Dean Clarke, County Cllr Phil Grove
Mrs L Stevens (Clerk & RFO), 12 Members of the public.
Apologies: D Lewis, R Woodhouse.

001/19 Declarations of Interest

a.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - G. James – declaration of interest ref Thorngrove Poultry Farm, plus request for dispensation to speak and vote. <i>Accepted & Granted.</i> - A Taft – declaration of interest ref Thorngrove Poultry Farm. <i>Accepted.</i> No request for dispensation to speak and vote. - All Cllr declaration of interest ref New Inn Sinton Green and topic of community assets. Dispensation to speak and vote. <i>Accepted & Granted.</i>
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Clerk

002/19 Minutes of the previous meeting

a.	3 rd December 2018 Monthly Meeting of Grimley Parish Council. Duly approved.
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003/19 Public question time

a.	<p><i>Cllr Taft suspended standing orders.</i></p> <p>i. Member of Peace Hall Management Committee asked for clarification relating to the minutes of the previous meeting. The Clerk accepted a suggested amendment with thanks.</p> <p>ii. Residents supported the list of questions due to be posed to the Planning Enforcement Conference 31st Jan 2019. In particular question 3 which seeks explanation for why the system is allowed to cause significant distress to surrounding communities.</p> <p>Members of the Public requested that the agenda be reorganised so that they could address the Council on matters relating to the Thorngrove Poultry Farm application. Cllr Taft temporarily stepped down (declaration of interest) and Cllr Stanley took the Chair for this section.</p> <p>iii. EPR/WP3239EK Application to vary environmental permit application. Thorngrove Poultry Farm.</p> <p>Residents of properties in close proximity to Thorngrove addressed the Parish Council to ask in the strongest terms that this permit application be rejected by all who have a say. Reasons reported by residents in brief: Planning permission may have already expired; consultation timescale too short and insufficient, neighbouring properties have not been consulted; previous appeals granted on basis of misleading information; odious smell reaching more properties than previously supposed by EA; soil contamination; noise pollution with inadequate attempts to mitigate; 'clean out days' cover a large percentage of the year than previously understood by EA; distress, physical effects; mental impact to local residents; inappropriate location for this facility.</p> <p>Members accepted that a strong objection is required. Clerk to meet with residents in order to put together a response before 7th Feb. http://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish/Consultations.aspx?ParishID=79&PostCode=WR26NW&Prop=88589&partner=mhc&MarriedTo=0 <i>Standing orders reinstated and Cllr Taft re-took the Chair.</i></p>
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004/19 To Receive the Report of the County Councillor – Phil Grove

a.	<p>Cllr Grove spoke of planned improvements to The Shambles in Worcester; gave reassurance that there are no news plans for mineral extraction in Grimley Parish; confirmed that 2nd May election purdah begins March 22nd 2019; divisional funds remain available for bidding up to £800 before 1st March.</p> <p>In his absence, Cllr Woodhouse had submitted two enquires:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Possible funding for brown tourism signs for the Camp House Inn. Cllr Grove responded that there was a lengthy application process to follow, which probably would not allow for divisional funds to be used this year at least. ii. An update on progress with the A4440 to Whittington to Powick roundabouts. Cllr Grove agreed to provide further information at the next meeting. Possibility of inviting A Amos and J Fraser to future meeting. <p>Members queried whether planned trees for The Shambles was the best use of funds, given that shops are struggling to retain customers and whether free parking on certain days would not be a better option. Cllr Grove responded that the reality is that car parking fees do fund essential services.</p>
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005/19 To Receive the Report of the District Councillor – Dean Clarke

a.	<p>DCllr Clarke gave overarching and background planning advice only relating to Thorngrove; confirmed that the 900 homes approved for building at Dines Green were approved without his support and his concerns as to the likely increase in traffic surrounding areas remain; footpaths surrounding the lakes at Grimley are in poor state and often not existent, particularly on tenant land owned by WCC at Tinkers Coppice Farm. Councillor Stanley agreed to raise with farmers who have interest in the area.</p> <p>Litter problems in the parish can be reported to DCllr Clarke who will arrange a team to sort out if necessary.</p>
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Cllr Stanley

006/19 Planning - to consider, comment and resolve to respond to the following applications.

a.	<p>18/01759/HP Stable End, Grimley, Worcester, WR2 6LU. Two storey and single storey extensions to dwelling and alterations to the elevations. Consultation extension granted until 31st January 2019. Officer: Karen Wightman.</p> <p><i>Members had no objections.</i></p>
b.	<p>Conference - Planning Enforcement Summit for Parish and Town Councils – Thursday 31st January 2019 – Cllr Woodhouse to attend. Review of questions submitted to panel. See Appendix 2. Cllr Taft can no longer attend. R Woodhouse to attend.</p> <p><i>This event was subsequently rescheduled to March 2019.</i></p>

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Cllr Woodhouse

007/19 Grimley village – To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	<p>Accident 22nd December 2018, Grimley top triangle, to discuss</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Circumstances and future mitigation. ii. Progress with Highways replacing passing places sign. <p>A map and photo has been sent to the section who deal with damaged sign posts.</p>
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	<p>iii. Progress with Parish Council insurance claim for replacing green salt bin. Clerk reported that she had applied for and received £102.00 from Aviva insurance claim for the damaged salt bin. This amount results from deduction of excess. Order for replacement green bin has been made: £247.00 from WCC inclusive of salt.</p> <p>iv. Damage to kerb stones Has been reported separately to Highways: 633680. Repaired Feb19</p>	Clerk
b.	<p>i. Speeding (to include discussion of speeding parish wide) Including, resident request to re-examine speed limit on Grimley approach road and Camp lane. The Clerk reported that she has emailed all local businesses asking for their cooperation in respect of deliveries vehicles, customers and staff vehicles. Residents have requested that Grimley approach road be made 30mph all the way down and that Camp lane be 40mph. Cllrs instructed the Clerk to request the County Hall investigate a speed reduction at these locations. PCSO Ness Snape is aware of the ongoing issues and has requested additional patrols.</p> <p>ii. 'Mini police officers' (previously known as Billy and Belinda Bollards) – loan scheme from Police Crime Commissioner. Consideration for placement outside school. https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/new-recruits-dedicated-to-road-safety/ The Clerk has applied for the parish to join this scheme.</p>	Clerk Clerk

008/19 Sinton Green facilities – To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	<p>Asset of community value – progress. The Worcester Arms (formerly the Sebright Arms), Red Hill, Worcester is now being run as a community pub and was reportedly saved via the Community Asset Scheme. Members considered that previous resident consultations asking whether the New Inn Sinton Green should be designated a Community Asset were inconclusive and did not express sufficient support for the idea. Residents reported that they could not commit the time required to dedicate to this project. Members agreed to drop consideration of this project.</p>
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009/19 Monkwood Green - To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	<p>Service roads – update. Cllr Weaver reported that the road repair (phone booth to Blackberry Cottage) has been completed by JHF Contracting in slight excess of £2500. Residents had reported that the work looks more than adequate considering previous estimates of cost and considering that they are not to be asked to contribute. The road is guaranteed for 6 months. The remaining roads on the Common will be repaired in due course in 2019. Cllrs informally voted confidence in the contractor for future repairs. Speed signs for Monkwood Green service road (slow, 5mph etc) are in hand and will be made shortly by Mr A.</p>	Clerk
b.	<p>Well opposite Woodcote – update. Parish Council solicitor has indicated that his land registry checks will not be completed until the fourth week in February.</p>	Clerk

c.	<p>Commoners Association – update.</p> <p>The Clerk is yet to put out a reminder leaflet – hoping to combine with road update. Only three Commoners responded to the previous communication.</p>	Clerk
d.	<p>Grazing of petty whin site in 2019 – initial discussion of options, including suggestion for purchase of four sheep.</p> <p>Cllrs debated and rejected the option of purchasing sheep on the basis that the site is not sufficient alone to maintain sheep and that the numbers of sheep required (20 minimum) would be outside the Parish Council finances to purchase and maintain. Cllr Weaver to approach 2017 contractor regarding options for sheep on site.</p>	Cllr Weaver
e.	<p>Phone booth(s) maintenance update.</p> <p>Remaining paint is with Mr J and will be retrieved. Shelves for Monkwood Green booth are in hand with Mr A.</p>	Cllr James Cllr Ayers

010/19 Parish wide facilities - To receive and discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice

a.	<p>Sunday 3rd March Grimley Community Open Day, 10.30 til 3pm, which will include stalls and representatives from the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “We don’t buy crime” smart-water project conclusion. West Mercia Police constables will be present and Smart Water kits will be handed out at this event. 12 signs are to be provided by Michael Simpson, Project Manager, We Don't Buy Crime. The Parish Council may wish to order the Named signs to place at the entrances to the three main villages. - Play equipment consultation. Working Party will be on hand to discuss options and ask for public input. - Peace Hall publicity stall – Management Committee members will be on hand. - Options for inviting Worcester Wildlife, School, Church, Grimley Smaller Charities, fund raising for defibrillator et al. - Volunteers to hall maintenance, including bramble clearance. (PHMC would support this). <p>Cllrs approved proceeding, publicity leafleting as an option and instructed the Clerk to proceed with making arrangements.</p>	Clerk Clerk
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011/19 Reports from Representatives - To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	<p>Peace Hall Management Committee.</p> <p>The Management Committee had obtained quotations in the region of £10,000 for roof repairs and is seeking assistance from all quarters in order to raise this amount. The Clerk was instructed to add this to the next parish council agenda.</p>	Clerk
b.	<p>Tarmac Quarry Liaison Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley reported that Tarmac’s Nick Atkins is no longer involved on the site. Colin Stratford will take over for one meeting a year. Strone picking will be undertaken, as will replanting.</p>	

c.	<p>Grimley Smaller Charities. The paddock has been rented out to West Midlands Bird club for use as private parking, in order to reduce the numbers parking on the surrounding roads and verges. £800 pa for three years. The money will be reinvested in the local community. Amendments may be necessary to the entranceway to accommodate cars pulling in to unlock the gate.</p>	
d.	<p>Play Equipment Working Party The Working party meet with member of the Peace Hall Committee on 29th November. The Parish Council and Working Party are extremely grateful that reps from the Peace Hall Gave their time to this.</p>	
e.	<p>Lengthsman - Motion to receive and approve future items of work. No new work. The Clerk was instructed to redouble efforts to obtain worksheets on a regular basis.</p>	Clerk
f.	<p>Suggestion to create a 'Defibrillator Fund Raising Working Party' – resident based. Cllrs instructed the Clerk to try to get a speaker at the 3rd March open day, to try to inspire more local support for fund raising for this equipment. Currently, the resident requests for the equipment are many, but the support in fundraising is almost entirely absent. The Parish Council cannot fund this equipment alone.</p>	Clerk

012/19 General Finance and Administration - To receive and discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	<p>To consider cancelled cheque (uncashed by recipient). Cllrs instructed the clerk to reissue a cheque.</p>	Clerk
b.	<p>Request by Clerk to purchase up to four concertina display boards. Each for use by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playarea Working Party; - Peace Hall Management Committee publicity display; - Smart Water Display; - Defibrillator Working Party - <i>all on 3rd March Open Day, 10.30 til 3pm. Boards would be available for use at Parish Council annual meetings, Parish Annual Meetings and by others upon request. Ownership would remain with Parish Council. Ideally stored at Peace Hall with their consent (not yet approached).</i> <p><i>Cllr approved purchase of one board up to £160.00</i></p>	Clerk
c.	<p>To consider and motion to approve the payment of outstanding accounts. All duly inspected and approved.</p>	
d.	<p>To receive and motion to accept the Bank Reconciliation December. Duly approved.</p>	
e.	<p>To note that the request to MHDC for 2019/20 precept has been submitted. Duly noted.</p>	

013/19

a	<p>Dates for diary, any other business, items for future agenda - Cllrs may use this opportunity to report minor matters of info not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise future items.</p> <p>1. Meeting attendee required - Worcestershire Wildlife 'Natural Networks Programme' on 31st January. Venue:</p>	
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	<p>Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, Lower Smite Farm, Hindlip, WR3 8SZ, 6pm- 8pm.</p> <p>2. Broadband newsletter. Concerns about lack of 'superfast' coverage, inspite of claims of newsletter. Facebook response to informal survey is mixed. Clerk was instructed to write expressing concern about the difference between the reported figures and the experience in actuality.</p> <p>3. To note our new local Bobby - PCSO Lea, who has replaced Mark Broughton. PCSO Ness Snape remains in post. An invite to PCSO Lea has been extended for future meetings.</p>
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**014/19 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting – 11th February 2019
7.30pm, Peace Hall, Sinton Green.**

The press and public are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Appendix 1: Items for payment.

Simon Skeys	Lengthsman invoice November and December 2018. Awaiting confirmation of invoice details. Nothing received as of 4pm 20/01/19.	£480 max	VAT nil
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Annual Membership renewal 2019/20. The amount payable is voluntary. This is the amount paid annually since 2015. GPC201807.	£36.00	VAT nil
Mr Philip Moore	Previous cheque xxxx11 £5.00 has been cancelled, as not cashed for 6 months. This is a replacement cheque for annual audit services up to 18 th June 2018. GPC201814.	£5.00	VAT nil
SmartWater Technology Limited	Police sponsored home security packs. GPC201830. <i>Packs available for collection by residents from Clerk by appointment or, on 3rd March from Peace Hall 10.30am til 3pm. (£8.99 cheque required per household/per pack, payable to Grimley Parish Council).</i>	£1324.32	£220.72 VAT
Lisa Stevens	Clerk wages [Dec 2018] As per contract of <u>12 hours</u> per week, £12.01 per hour. Less PAYE £7.44 paid in November 2018.	£569.04	VAT nil
Lisa Stevens	Expenses. GPC201703. Includes new lockable cabinet for storage of register of electors.	£286.19	£9.39 VAT

Chair

(11th February 2019)