

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on
8th April 2019
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm
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Present: E A Taft (Chair), P Ayers, G James, D Lewis, G Sweeney, R Woodhouse.
In Attendance: Mrs L Stevens (Clerk & RFO), 0 Members of the public.
Apologies: A Atkinson, D Stanley, R Weaver, District Cllr Dean Clarke, County Cllr Phil Grove.

041/19 Declarations of interest.

a.	None.
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042/19 Public question time

a.	<p>Issue of children paddling and exercising ponies in the pond at Sinton Green. Cllrs expressed grave concern for public safety and for the ongoing function of the pond. Horses hooves can puncture the clay lining of the pond and render it useless for flood water management. The Clerk was instructed to order appropriate signage warning of the dangers. The signs must be suitable for the understanding of children. The Clerk was instructed to place warnings on social media.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that Cllr Weaver was in talks with Commoners about exercising their rights on the Monkwood Common. No further details were available.</p> <p>In answer to a question, Cllr Woodhouse confirmed that the gate to the Smaller Charities land has been moved at the request of those renting the land. Also the hedges in that location have been topped, tarmac delivered and a telegraph pole removed.</p>
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Clerk

043/19 General Finance and Administration - To receive and discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	To consider and motion to approve the payment of outstanding accounts. All duly inspected and approved.
b.	To receive and motion to accept the Bank Reconciliation February and beginning March 2019. The Clerk reported that bank statements have not yet been received.
c.	To complete paperwork 'election expenses return'. Cllr agreed to read and complete the paperwork and bring to the next meeting. All candidates (non-contested election) must complete and return paperwork to MHDC by 30 th May 2019.
d.	Essential documents and policies list to Councillors To note that all 7 candidates (non-contested election) have received this information but may not yet have had time to review it. The information provided includes the NOLAN principles and the Parish Council Code of Conduct, and references the need for Cllr training and due regard to objective and ethical standards in decision making. Cllrs discussed the need to ensure that current and future councillors fully represent the entire parish, regardless of where they live within the parish.

Clerk

All Cllrs

044/19

a	<p>Cllr Taft spoke to thank Cllr Lewis and Cllr Sweeney who have come to the end of their terms as Parish Councillors for Grimley. Both have contributed a great deal to the Parish Council, the local community and to the lives of local residents. Their absence will leave the Parish Council with a gap, particularly in terms of the knowledge that they brought to debate. Both Cllr Lewis and Sweeney expressed sadness that their personal duties mean that they must reluctantly withdraw.</p> <p>Cllr Taft spoke to welcome Cllr James. Cllr James of Sinton Green is an important representative for the Peace Hall on the Parish Council as well.</p>
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a	<p>Dates for diary, any other business, items for future agenda -</p> <p>Dates to note: Parish Fete 23rd June 2019, venue: Sinton Green Peace Hall.</p> <p>Date of next parish council meeting: 13th May, 7.30pm, Peace Hall, Sinton Green. All welcome.</p>
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Appendix 1: Items for payment.

Simon Skeys	Lengthsman Feb (£299) & Mar 2019 (£465.75).	£764.75	VAT nil
Simon Skeys	Sinton Mowing March 2019.	£75.00	VAT nil
Lisa Stevens	Clerk wages [March 2019] As per contract of <u>12 hours</u> per week, £12.01 per hour.	£576.48	VAT nil
Lisa Stevens	<p>Overtime associated with Elections and Nomination process. Including assistance with pack checking, delivery of replacement packs and, submission to MHDC. Fruition of 7 Parish Cllrs successfully nominated and elected uncontested.</p> <p>Criteria for overtime is specified in section 14.1 of Clerk contract.</p> <p>The uncontested nature of this election whilst resulting in a parish council saving of £875 in election costs, nonetheless means that 2 vacancies remain for co-option. For further information, please approach the Clerk: 07950256363.</p> <p>The election, the nomination process and information regarding 'what it takes to be a Parish Cllr' were advertised a total of 7 times in the parish since December 2018, including: monthly parish magazines; noticeboards; two individual leaflets/newsletters through household letterboxes; Parish Council consultation open day on 3rd March 2019; and Facebook.</p> <p>As of 25/03/19 three potential candidates came forward asking for further information and subsequently declined further involvement once their questions had been answered.</p>	£186.16	VAT nil
Lisa Stevens	Expenses. GPC201703. Includes travel expenses. <i>Typo amended - Previously advertised as £275.50.</i>	£215.50	VAT under calculation

Chair (13th May 2019)