

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 5th September 2011
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: B R Woodhouse (Chairman) Mrs A Davies S Haslewood B Jones
D G Lewis G Rowberry Mrs M Weston Mrs S Hughes (Clerk)

Apologies: D Arr Mrs P Ayers WCllr A E Davies DCllr D Clarke

112/11 a) Declarations of Interest for a) the Meeting: Cllr G Rowberry declared a prejudicial interest in item 120c) (see below) **& b) Any Changes to be Notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality:** There were none.

113/11 To Receive a Report from the Local Policing Officer
Members requested that an officer be specifically invited to the next meeting as no report had been received for approx. 4 months.

114/11 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 1st August, having been previously circulated, were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

115/11 Matters Arising from the Minutes: a) Min 100/11: 'Give way' Sign, Grimley Lane: WCC have advised that there is no prescribed highway sign to encourage slower speeds for vehicles entering a side road.
b) Min 108/11: Donation to Hallow Scout Group – Letter of thanks received.

Closure of the meeting to allow the public present to speak on any matters relating to Grimley Parish. There were no parishioners present.

116/11 Report from Worcestershire County Councillor
CCllr Davies had tendered his apologies for this meeting.

117/11 Report from Malvern Hills District Councillor
DCllr Dean Clarke was not present at the meeting.

118/11 Planning: a) To Note & Confirm Responses sent to MHDC between Meetings under the previously agreed terms of reference:

11/00886/FUL Erection of single storey building for B1 Light industrial/office. Elgar Business Centre, Moseley Road

Members raised objections to this application on a rural site: as there are a number of vacant units within the existing site, the 'need' seems unproven.

This building would mean the loss of off-road parking spaces for the existing units (not just the one space as detailed), considerable additional traffic on a very narrow lane without a footway (there is **no** suitable public transport to the area) and an unnecessary intrusion into the rural landscape.

b) To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment:

11/01066/HEX Extension of time limit to commence development on application 08/00974/FUL proposed conversion of outbuilding (garage/stable) to dependent relative accommodation. The New House, Sinton Green

Members noted this application for an extension of the time limit to commence development but re-iterated their previous strong objections to development on this site: ie

“Members raised strong objections to this application, whilst noting the current planning approval within the domestic curtilage:

the proposals were out-of-keeping with the area on the **edge** of the settlement;

the proposed access is off a highly unsuitable track and unclassified road – the existing domestic access is off the classified highway;

the loss of a stable block – where would the existing horses be housed, what proposals are there for the huge open loft?

This application typifies the very essence of why the Parish Council constantly objects to stable blocks being built in open countryside – the requests to convert to a domestic property.”

c) Details of Decision Notices Received from MHDC:

11/00711/PEX Extension of time limit to commence development on application 08/00463/FUL change of use from field to graveyard. St Bartholomews Church, Grimley
Granted 15th August 2011

d) Update on Possible Enforcement Actions i) Monkwood Green: The Planning Enforcement Officer had advised that no planning application had yet been received for the polytunnels and that further evidence was required with regard to the alleged burning on-site.

ii) Grimley Raceway: Following the monitoring and recording of ‘excessive’ noise from the site on practise and race days and additional use of the site, Worcs Regulatory Services were undertaking a review of all licences applicable to the site and would consult further with MHDC legal team on the matter.

iii) Food Van, Layby opposite Grimley Raceway: MHDC had served a noise abatement order on the owner of the food van in relation to the generator.

e) MHDC Training Sessions: Members noted this previously circulated document.

119/11 Highways & Footpaths

a) Additional funding for the Lengthsman Scheme: Members noted with appreciation that Cllr A Davies has chosen to divide equally the ‘locally determined highways project fund’ for his division between all 10 parishes and thus the Lengthsman budget for this financial year had been increased by £575.

b) Winter Service for season 2011/12: WCC wished to identify covered sites for the local storage of grit & salt during winter months and also add to their list of contractors/local farmers who may be willing to assist with highway clearance. Cllr Lewis offered to contact a local farmer who may be interested.

c) Purchase additional gritbins: WCC had offered each the opportunity for parish councils to purchase additional gritbins for their area. Members queried as to why the ‘free’ gritbins had not been available in Worlds End and the top triangle in Grimley Lane.

d) Temporary Closure Order Footpaths 603 & 539, Grimley: Members had been advised of this closure 'to ensure the safety of the public during mineral extraction operations'. Various parishioners had questioned the proposed diversion route that had originally been agreed to be inside the Sacred Field. The chairman agreed to seek relevant information from Tarmac Ltd and advise the parishioners through the clerk.

e) Highway, Grimley Village: Members noted that the highway repairs within Grimley Village were still to be completed. Additional problems had been caused by the 'poor' re-instatement by e-on following localised electrical works. The clerk to advise WCC Highways.

f) VAS, Monkwood Green: The Lengthsman had advised of the following readings when changing the VAS batteries:
No. of cars movements exceeding 30mph:

w/e	9 th August	397	w/e	16 th August	582
w/e	23 rd August	493	w/e	30 th August	371

120/11 Sinton Green

a) Electrical Substation: Members noted that there had been no further correspondence on the matter.

b) Mowing: Members noted that 3 cuts had been missed during July & August.

Having declared a prejudicial interest in the matter, Cllr Rowberry left the room.

c) Parking, Layby and Access off Gumburn Lane: Members noted the concerns allegedly caused by the parking in the layby and **agreed** to further investigate the history of the site.

Cllr Rowberry returned to the meeting.

d) Layby/Passing Bay, adj to Whistlewood: Members noted that WCC were investigating further the provision of this layby and also questioned the ownership of the land.

121/11 Monkwood Green

a) New Water Supply, Severn Trent: Severn Trent Water had completed all of their work in the area and no on-going problems had been reported.

b) Cattle: Members noted that for personal reasons, two potential purchasers of the cattle had withdrawn although a third had expressed an interest. Following discussions, it was **unanimously agreed** that the cattle should be TB tested once again and then immediately sold at market.

c) General Maintenance: Members noted that the work on the trees had not yet commenced. The clerk to contact the contractor once again.

d) Mowing: Members noted that the mowing contract had been completed and the area cleared.

It was **agreed** that the future maintenance of the area previous used by the cattle should be discussed at the next meeting.

122/11 Election of PC Representative to the Parochial Church Council

The vacancy to be left until a future meeting.

123/11 Report from Representatives on

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Cllr Jones advised that the evening event organised by Cllrs Woodhouse & Arr had been particularly successful and had raised over £1100 for the Peace Hall.

The Committee had applied for grant funding towards the dry-lining of the hall and sought a financial contribution towards the work from the Parish Council. Members noted the sum available within the budget but questioned whether the work on the dry-lining should be undertaken before the windows had been replaced. Cllr Jones **agreed** to report back to the next meeting.

b) Ball Mill Liaison Committee

The scheduled meeting of the Committee had been delayed until 8th November. Various parishioners had raised concerns over:

the proposed temporary diversion of footpaths down Grimley Lane;
the lack of removal of the rotting wooden post and rails on the previously diverted footpath route on Retreat Farm;
they welcomed the replacement of some gates with stiles but noted that in each case the initial access from the lanes was over stiles;
hedging that had been planted inside post and rail fencing leading to Tinkers Coppice Farm had already been trodden down by the cattle but if the hedging plants had been allowed to grow they would have covered the width of the footpath for their entire length;
re-instatement of the hedge at the top of Grimley Lane.

In the absence of Cllr Arr, the chairman agreed to contact the site manager over the concerns and advise local parishioners of the outcome.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: The chairman advised that the legal document for the land use had been delayed. The final document should ensure the return of the fully re-instated land to the Smaller Charities for future use.

124/11 Finance: a) To Receive the Bank Reconciliation to-date: Members noted and accepted the previously circulated document.

b) Works for the Lengthsman: Various works on and around Sinton Green and weed spraying on the footway in Grimley Village and Lane were identified.

c) Payment of Accounts: Members **approved** the payments of accounts as in the presented schedule (attached).

125/11 Correspondence

a) Any Matters Arising from the CALC Circulars: Two members expressed interest in a future series of training sessions.

b) To consider/evaluate the current circulation of e-mails from MHDC Planning Dept: Following discussions, members **agreed** that only planning matters relevant to the parish should be circulated between meetings.

c) Tenbury Valley Central: Members tendered apologies for the Policing Matters Meeting at Abberley Village Hall at 7.30pm on 19th October.

d) MHDC Car Park Consultations: Members noted the previously circulated documents.

e) MHDC Village Facilities Study: Members **agreed** that the clerk should complete the survey: Cllrs Haslewood, Lewis and Weston **agreed** to advise the clerk of the internet broadband 'upload speeds' for the area in which they lived.

126/11 Date of Next Meeting

In view of the uncertainties over the availability of the Peace Hall, it was **agreed** that the clerk should advise members of the date of the next meeting at the earliest opportunity.

Chairman
(24th October 2011)