

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 30th April 2012
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.00pm**

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

Apologies: B Jones WCCllr A Davies DCllr D Clarke

45/12 a) Declarations of Interest for a) the Meeting: Cllr Mrs A Davies declared a personal interest in item 48d as a neighbour to the site **& b) Any Changes to be Notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality:** There were none.

46/12 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26th March 2012, having been previously circulated, were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

47/12 Matters Arising from the Minutes not detailed elsewhere
There were none

Closure of the meeting to allow the public present to speak on any matters relating to Grimley Parish. Parishioners were present to make comment upon and listen to discussions on a planning application

48/12 Planning: a) To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment:

11/01514/FUL Proposed riding arena and indoor stabling
Elm Hill, Sinton Green *Amendments*

Further Amendments – proposed changes to the siting of the building

Members noted the proposed site plan amendments, representations from local parishioners and **agreed** to re-iterate previous comments ie;

Members raised objections to this commercial application in open countryside where there is already an outdoor menage and stabling.

The proposed development would by reason of height, massing and position form a visually intrusive feature, particularly when viewed from neighbouring properties and footpaths. Accordingly, the development would be contrary to Policies DS3, EP8 of the MH Local Plan & Policies SD2, CTC1 and CTC2 of the Worcestershire County Structure Plan.

The initial amendment to the ridge height simply increased volume/mass at the extremities of the building (from details on the amended plans).

By reason of the cumulative scale of development and intensification of the use, entailing additional HG vehicle movements on unclassified roads, cause unacceptable harm to the living conditions of neighbouring residents and users of rights of way in the vicinity.

49/12 Highways & Footpaths

a) Worlds End: Members noted that the repair of the various drains and gulleys within the area had yet to be completed.

50/12 Sinton Green

a) Bulrushes in the Pond: The clerk to ascertain the likely amount of bulrushes to be removed and seek a quote for a skip for the disposal of the bulrushes as 'contaminated material'.

51/12 Monkwood Green

a) Cattle: A further TB test was required prior to the cattle being sold: a second farmer had shown interest in buying the cattle.

b) Refurbishment of the Well: Refurbishment of the Well – CCllr Davies had advised that the Divisional Fund of £10k was available within the financial year 2012/13 and the bid for funding would be considered with all others from any of the parishes within his Division.

c) Ponds: Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the clerk should seek permission from Natural England to reform the ponds.

52/12 Finance: a) Lengthsman Works: Visibility splay by the New Inn, pond/verge opposite the Peace Hall, ditch on Sinton Green.

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

c) Review of Contract of Clerk to the Parish Council: Following the review of the increased workload, members unanimously agreed to increase the hours to 8 per week with effect from 1st May.

53/12 Correspondence

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

b) Localism in Worcestershire – Consultation on WCC's approach to Localism: The clerk had circulated the details and highlighted MHDC Workshop the following evening.

54/12 Items of Parochial Interest

a) Camping at Gumburn Farm: In response to an enquiry, members advised that there had been camping at Gumburn Farm for some while.

55/12 Date of Next Scheduled Meetings

21st May: Parish Council Annual Meeting at 7.30pm

Chairman
(21st May 2012)