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

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.

12/00370/S73 Removal of condition 5 on planning permission

08/01619/FUL to allow UPVC windows

Grimley Peace Hall

Members noted the application and raised no concerns or objections to these proposals. The UPVC windows were simply similar to a hall in a neighbouring parish within a Conservation Area and last month agreed by the LPA for a Listed Building.

b) To Consider Under the Scheme of Delegation any Planning Applications received between publication of this agenda and the Meeting: There were none

c) Details of Decision Notices Received from MHDC:

11/01370/HOU Porch to rear of Whitehouse Farm, conversion of first floor of Chaff House to office including no 1 roof light & 11/01371/LBC and external timber staircase. & Whitehouse Farm, Monkwood Green **Granted 26th March 2012** Amendments 12/00141/CLE Application for certificate of lawful use of land for the siting of one caravan adjoining the Raceway. Grimley Raceway Approved 13th April 2012 12/00377/HOU Side & rear extension. 2 Walton Lane, Grimley Withdrawn 13th April 2012

d) Details of Planning Appeals Lodged, as notified by MHDC:

11/01409/FUL Erection of live/work dwelling

Members raised no further additions or amendments to the comments previously submitted to the LPA.

e) Grimley Raceway: Members noted that little progress had been made by relevant authorities during the past month; activities continued on site, additional meetings were advertised and MHDC had proved unwilling to take Enforcement actions.

Following discussions, members readily agreed to attend a meeting of all interested parties: the District Councillor to be asked to organise at a time convenient to most.

f) MHDC Planning Training Events: *Induction training on planning:* four members expressed a wish to attend subject to date and time.

Annual Schedule of Training Events: Members to advise the clerk of any sessions which they wished to attend.

g) Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document: Members noted the consultation (5th April – 21st May 2012): the chairman urged members to read the relevant documents at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs & comment on, if appropriate, the proposed changes.

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 equiry, members advised that there had been camping at Gumburn Farm for some while.

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21st May: Parish Council Annual Meeting at 7.30pm

Chairman	
	(21 st May 2012)