

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

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

**Apologies:** D Arr (accepted) DCllr D Clarke WM Police

**77/12 a) Declarations of Interest for a) the Meeting:** Cllr Lewis declared a prejudicial interest in Min: 89c/12 as the landlord of the property **& b) Any Changes to be Notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality:** There were none.

**78/12 To Receive a Report from the Local Policing Officer**  
The police had tendered apologies for the meeting but had advised that vehicles had recently been broken into in both the Sinton Green & Monkwood Green areas with the loss of cash & cards: extra vigilance by all was requested.

A free Fun Day had been organised by the police on Palmers Meadow, Tenbury on 24<sup>th</sup> June with lots of activities for both young and old.

**79/12 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**  
The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012, having been previously circulated, were amended, **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record. The noted amendment being:

Min 73b: **Ball Mill Liaison Committee:** At the recent meeting of the Committee, *Tarmac* had expressed no concerns over the rising water levels.

**80/12 Matters Arising from the Minutes**  
**Min 75/12: Jubilee Celebrations:** The chairman and members congratulated the Committee on a thoroughly enjoyable community event for the entire parish. All activities had been free on the day thanks to previous very successful fundraising events. The small excess in funds would be equally divided between the Primary School and the Peace Hall.

There were no further plans to plant commemorative trees within the parish.

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

**81/12 Report from Worcestershire County Councillor**  
Cllr Davies advised that:

efficiency savings were continuing at the County Council, two senior directors had been made redundant (with agreed reduced redundancy packages);  
the Community Transport meeting had been postponed until 3<sup>rd</sup> July;  
WCC had received a £14.5m transportation grant, the majority of which had been allocated to the Southern Link roundabouts with a lesser sum to the upgrading of Foregate Street Station.

Concerns had been raised by some residents from Grimley Village over the lack of access/egress from properties during peak school access times; vehicles were parked inappropriately. It was understood that the headteacher had previously written to parents highlighting the concerns. Following discussions,

Cllr Davies agreed to consult with and seek solutions from, the Highways Dept and possibly the police.

**Possible Grant towards the Well on Monkwood Green:** Cllr Davies advised that he had received requests for more funding than was available and would therefore look at the possibility of 50:50 funding with the Parish Council. Members readily agreed to pursue further funding sources to enable the project to proceed.

**82/12 Report from Malvern Hills District Councillor**

DCllr Dean Clarke had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

**83/12 Planning: a) To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment:**

12/00377/HOU Side & rear extension and existing dwelling clad with new brickwork. 2 Walton Lane, Grimley

Members noted this application and recommended approval

**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:** There were none.

**d) Grimley Raceway:** Members noted that the clerk had continued to press for a joint meeting between parishioners, Worcestershire Regulatory Services, MHDC Planning officers and the Parish Council.

**e) MHDC Planning Training Events:** Members to advise the clerk of any events that they wished to attend.

**f) Mobile Home, Monkwood Green:** Following concerns raised by parishioners members agreed to ask the MHDC Enforcement officer to confirm that the mobile home clearly visible in an adjacent field did not require planning permission.

**84/12 Highways & Footpaths**

**a) Worlds End:** The Highways Authority had not yet commenced work in the area.

**b) Blocked Ditch:** It was noted that the ditch had not yet been cleared.

**c) Extensive potholes:** The clerk to report a series of comparatively deep potholes near to Ashgrove.

**85/12 Sinton Green**

**a) Mowing:** Following discussions, members **agreed** to remind the contractor once again of the terms of his contract and the necessity for 'regular' mowing.

**b) Ditches:** Following discussions, members **agreed** to hire a skip for the spoil removed from the ditch adjacent to Sinton Green.

**c) Parking on The Green:** As it was at extremely short notice and following on from the Jubilee celebrations, it had been **agreed** under delegated powers to allow a group of local people to park on The Green for a few hours. A policy on local parking to be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.

**86/12 Monkwood Green**

It was proposed, seconded and **agreed** "that in view of the *confidential* nature of the matters to be discussed the public and press were required to withdraw". Reason being: Consideration of a Contract.

**a) Cattle:** The chairman advised that there had been two offers to purchase seven cattle; the ownership of the oldest cow was to transfer to a local farmer. Following discussions, members **agreed** the sale, the chairman to conclude matters the following day.

**b) Water opposite The Moorlands:** The clerk to report the localised flooding to WCC Highways.

**c) Damage to shallow ponds:** Members **agreed** to advise a local horse-rider of their concerns over damage to the 'shell' of a pond on The Green, most probably caused by the horse having been ridden through the water. It was **agreed** that the matter would be raised at a site meeting with Natural England the following week.

It was further **agreed** that it might be beneficial to tape off the pond with hazard tape in the short-term to prevent any re-occurrence.

**87/12 Local Government Code of Conduct 2012**

The clerk spoke to the previously circulated documents and subsequent Area Committee meeting at Great Witley. Following discussions, it was proposed, seconded & **agreed**:

- To **adopt** the Worcestershire model code of conduct with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, and to delegate to the clerk the ability to amend the document as needed when a final version is made available.
- That members would register interests with the district council as soon as the regulations and appropriate forms were published and no later than 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**88/12 Report from Representatives on**

**a) Peace Hall Management Committee:** Cllr Bryan Jones advised that:  
the roof had been repaired where necessary;  
new windows would be installed by the end of July;  
ivy had been removed from the end walls;  
estimates would be sought for replacement double doors in the main hall.

The Peace Hall Management Committee had welcomed the opportunity to run the bar during the recent Jubilee celebrations from which they had made over £1k profit.

**b) Ball Mill Liaison Committee:** There had been no meeting since the May meeting of the Parish Council.

**c) Grimley Smaller Charities:** The exchange of land was progressing very slowly through relevant solicitors. It was noted that the land could not be excavated until the contracts had been concluded.

**89/12 Finance: a) To Receive & Accept the Bank Reconciliation:** Members noted and **accepted** the previously circulated Report.

**b) Works for the Lengthsman:** Works on and around Monkwood Green and removal of saplings near the Grimley crossroads were detailed.

Having previously declared a prejudicial interest in this item, Cllr David Lewis left the room.

**c) To consider an application for Rural Rate Relief from a local business:** Following discussions, it was unanimously **agreed** to financially support the application.

Cllr Lewis returned to the meeting.

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

**90/12 Correspondence**

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

**b) Driveway on Monkwood Green:** The matter to be detailed on the next agenda.

**91/12 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting:** 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7.30pm

Chairman *B R Woodhouse*  
(16<sup>th</sup> July 2012)

The meeting closed at 8.50pm