

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 12th November 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

In Attendance: WCCllr A E Davies* DCllr D Clarke
Ben Greenaway, Enforcement Officer MHDC Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted)

144/12 Declarations of Interest

a) Register of Interests: There were no changes notified

b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: Cllr Mrs Weston declared a DPI in planning application No 12/01353/HOU: Cllr Jones declared a DPI in item 155b.

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: Cllrs Jones & Mrs Ayers declared an ODI in various payments (Min 157c). All councillors declared an ODI in the improvements to the Peace Hall as beneficiaries of the improved heating system.

145/12 Possible Enforcement Actions

The chairman welcomed Ben Greenaway from MHDC to the meeting. Members highlighted various concerns within the parish and sought advice on how the council could prevent these 'temporary' situations from becoming permanent ie protection of the surrounding countryside. Ben advised any matters of material difference from the original use and development of the site should be reported to the LPA and if possible a photographic record maintained.

Ben advised that the LPA would investigate and log particular situations on an annual basis to prevent substantial rights being accrued. Members were far from happy with the perceived lack of action by or direction from the Local Planning Authority.

146/12 To Receive a Report from the Local Policing Officer

There was no report for this meeting.

147/12 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st October 2012, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

148/12 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda

Closure of the meeting to allow the public present to speak on any matters relating to Grimley Parish.

With the agreement of members, the order of the agenda was changed at this point

149/12 Report from Malvern Hills District Council

DCllr Clarke reported on the various planning decisions during the month with particular reference to the Planning Appeal recently allowed at Thorngrove. Local parishioners had expressed strong concerns but as very few incidents had been reported in the past, the Inspector had given little value to the representations.

He also highlighted the MHDC Extra-ordinary Meeting scheduled for the next evening to discuss alternative proposals for the South Worcestershire

Development Plan and the Overview & Scrutiny meeting held locally the previous week.

DCllr Clarke left the meeting at this point to attend a parish council meeting elsewhere.

150/12 Planning: a) To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment: There were none.

b) To Consider Under the Scheme of Delegation any Planning Applications received between publication of this agenda and the Meeting:

12/00301/FUL Erection of single storey building for B1 Business of Use Classes Order 2010 Amended description
Further additional details

Members noted the minor changes but continued their objections to the proposals and lighting on site.

12/01353/HOU Side and rear two storey extension New Cottage, Grimley

Members noted that the neighbours had raised no objections to the proposals.

c) Details of Decision Notices Received from MHDC:

12/00912/S73 Removal of condition 12 from Planning Permission
11/01514/FUL reference to the timber cladding on the
north east elevation of the building.
Elm Hill, Sinton Green **Approved 15th October 2012**

12/00827/FUL Replace existing unit with portacabin modular building
(Retrospective) Grimley Raceway
Approved 4th October 2012

12/01125/FUL Proposed riding arena and indoor stabling (amended
scheme) Elm Hill, Sinton Green **Approved 15 October**

11/01409/FUL Erection of live/work dwelling
Land adj New Inn, Sinton Green Refused 16 January 2012
Appeal Notification **Refused 24th October 2012**

12/00854/HOU Single storey side extension & formation of new vehicular
access. Yew Cottage, Sinton Green
Approved 8th November 2012

12/00014/HOU Extensions to Garden Cottage to provide a ground floor
& 12/00015/LBC bedroom and small kitchen
Garden Cottage, The Whitehouse, Monkwood Green
Refused 28th February 2012
Appeal Notification **Appeals dismissed 29th October 2012**

MH10/00820/FUL Construction of two new poultry units to house broilers
(expansion of existing poultry enterprise). The two new
units would be 96.515 x 24.58m (including fan canopy and
dust baffle area). Five feed bins and a mixer shed
proposed to be located between the units.
Thorngrove, Sinton Green Refused 18th November 11
Appeal Notification **Appeal Allowed 7th November 2012**

* Cllr A Davies arrived at this point in the meeting having attended an earlier meeting elsewhere

d) Minerals Plan Review: Members noted the previously circulated review, without further comment. It was noted that the local photographs of Retreat Farm were considerably out-of-date.

151/12 Report from Worcestershire County Councillor

Cllr Davies advised that:

footway improvements at Grimley crossroads had been scheduled for the next financial year;
there had been a very poor response from some local parishes with regard future broadband requirements. He urged all members to encourage parishioners to complete the questionnaire;
WCC had funded a 'Futures Fund' to provide small grants to some charities, start-up groups etc. He distributed leaflets giving more details including staff contacts;
highway drainage repairs had commenced in Dark Lane.

Finally, Cllr Davies advised that he was retiring from local politics with effect from May 2013. He had enjoyed the past twenty years working with the local communities. Members wished him well in his retirement.

152/12 Update Reports (if appropriate) from Representatives

a) Tarmac Liaison Committee: i) Swans: Members advised that a tenth dead swan had been found over the weekend. The Swan Centre was investigating the causes and would report back on any suspicious deaths. Members also noted the reports of a film of 'oil' over two of the pools.

ii) Flooding Alleviation: Both Worcestershire County Council and Tarmac Limited had advised that a scheme had been devised (copy previously circulated & tabled) following a hydrologist report to affect a 'short-term release' of approximately ½ metre depth of water from the site and retain those reduced levels. Members questioned the detail but were sceptical over the efficiency of the proposals to reduce the levels throughout the restored land at Retreat Farm particularly as the southern causeway appeared to be under at least 2' of water.

The County Council officer had advised the clerk that they would require formal plans from the company before work could commence on site.

iii) Soil Stripping, Church Farm South: At the recent Liaison Committee meeting, Tarmac Limited had highlighted their preferred option to conclude the soil stripping on Church Farm South prior to completion of the restoration works on Church Farm West. The County Council had advised that the scheduled of operations had frequently to be changed on such sites dependent upon weather conditions and aggregate usage.

Cllr Davies advised that the latest advice from the County Council was that they required amended plans prior to the commencement of this work and no further discussion took place.

It was **agreed** that the clerk should:

ask Tarmac Limited to contact WCC once again concerning the stripping of top soil;

write to WCC, copy to Tarmac Limited highlighting the Parish Council concerns over the flood alleviation proposals and lack of signage; seek comments from the WCC Property Services Manager on the effects of the flooding on the WCC field and crops.

Cllr Davies left the meeting at this point in the meeting.

153/12 Highways & Footpaths

a) Drainage, Dark Lane: Members noted the temporary road closure whilst the drainage work near to the pumping station was completed. It was hoped that a local landowner would take the opportunity of very limited traffic, to clear her land ditches.

b) Hole in the Footway, Grimley Village: Members noted that the work had been completed.

154/12 Monkwood Green

a) Repair of Driveway on The Common: Members noted that the work on site had been completed.

b) The Well: Members noted the final quote for the capping and rebuilding of the well in stone. The quote was unanimously accepted. Quotations for the replacement railings were on file.

c) Water on the Highway Opposite The Moorlands: Members noted that the drainage system had been cleared and the water had drained from the common. Further work was required at a later date to complete the drainage work.

d) Willow Tree adj Willow Tree Cottage: Members appreciated the offer from local residents to pollard the tree and **agreed** to ask a local contractor to remove the arisings from site.

155/12 Sinton Green

a) Clearance of the ditches: Members noted that the Lengthsman had cleared all of the headwalls exposing various ditches. Following discussion, it was **agreed** to request that the ditches on The Green and in Gumburn Lane be sprayed to kill remaining weeds.

b) Bus Shelter Repairs: Cllr Jones had costed the repair works at £67.00. Following discussion on the whereabouts of the damaged boards, members **agreed** to accept the quotation.

c) Pond Clearance: The contractor had advised that the water table was still too high for him to undertake the clearance work.

d) Drainage & Localised Flooding: The land drainage officer had advised on four possible schemes for the area, each of which was dependent upon co-operation from the local landowner. As the latter was currently not in agreement with the proposals, further action had been delayed.

Members noted that a new tenant was to work the adjacent land during the next year.

156/12 Update Reports (if appropriate) from Representatives:

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: All members commented positively on the improvements to the main hall. The heating had been installed in the hall and Committee Room but it was very early days in setting a correct room temperature.

b) Grimley Smaller Charities: Two Trustees had signed the Agreement relating to the land, the third signatory was awaited prior to payments.

c) Joint Parishes Transport Group: Cllr Mesdames Ayers & Davies had attended the joint meeting and clearly had the impression that there was very

little enthusiasm within the parishes for the proposed scheme. Nevertheless, WCC were to run a pilot probably commencing in the spring.

157/12 Finance

- a) Works for the Lengthsman:** Headwalls in Gumburn Lane.
- b) To Note & Accept the Bank Reconciliation:** Members noted and **approved** the previously circulated report.
- c) To Consider & Approve the payment of outstanding accounts:** Members **approved** the payments of accounts as in the presented schedule (attached).
- d) Heating in the Peace Hall Committee Room:** Members confirmed the actions of the clerk in consultation with all members by e-mail in placing the order for the heating in the Committee Room.
- e) Precept 2013/14:** The clerk reported the receipt of a letter from MHDC requesting details of the precept by 31st December. As this was not possible under current legislation, it was **agreed** to defer the decision until the meeting in January.

The clerk highlighted the recent advice from CALC in that all members living in the parish were required to seek a dispensation to participate in discussions and vote on the precept. All members present **agreed** to do so.

158/12 Correspondence

- a) Any Matters Arising from the CALC Circulars:** Members noted the recent advice on Councillor dispensations and the publication of the Register of Interest forms.
- b) MHDC Circular:** Details of the LPG & Oil syndicates were noted.
- c) Circulation Envelope:** The following items were circulated: CPRE Countryside Voice Winter; Came & Company Parish Matters; Worcestershire CC Minerals Local Plan – consultation; Festival Housing Annual Report 2011-12.

159/12 Items of Parochial Interest

- a) Hedges in Grimley Lane:** Members noted parishioner concerns over the height of the hedges. The chairman volunteered to contact the appropriate farmer to request action.

160/12 Date of Future Meetings: 3rd December & 14th January

Chairman
(3rd December 2012)