

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 14th January 2013
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 Mrs M Weston

In Attendance: WCCllr A E Davies* Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) D Lewis G Rowberry DCllr D Clarke West Mercia Police

01/13 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 item 07e.

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: There were none.

02/13 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

There were none.

03/13 Report from the Local Police Officer

There was no report available.

04/13 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd December 2012, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

05/13 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda

There were none

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

There were no parishioners present

06/13 Report from Malvern Hills District Council

DCllr Clarke had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

07/13 Planning: a) To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment:

12/01601/LBC Replacement of 3 external doors with oak doors.
Alteration to colour of external woodwork. Replace existing softwood cladding on upper section of cart entrance. Salways Barn, Moseley Road

Members raised no objections to this application

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:

12/00327/FUL Proposed new dwelling following demolition of outbuildings
Land adj to Yew Cottage, Sinton Green
Amendments **Approved 3rd December 2012**

12/01353/HOU

Side & rear two storey extension New Cottage, Grimley
Approved 20th December 2012

d) Thorngrove Poultry Houses: Members noted that Counsel had advised MHDC that although the Planning Inspector may have followed an incorrect methodology (due to incorrect information provided) in determining the application, the decision was not invalid and would be very difficult to challenge through the civil courts.

* Cllr Alwyn Davies arrived during the following discussions, having attended an earlier meeting in a neighbouring parish.

e) Planning Condition, Retreat Farm, Grimley: Members noted that the water levels had continued to rise during the past month with only the top bar of the seven-bar gate in the recently planted hedgerow, visible. There were no warning signs on site of the particularly deep water and no life-belts.

Tarmac Ltd had advised that they had stopped pumping water during the Christmas/New Year period (2 weeks) but had subsequently resumed.

Various parishioners had expressed concerns over the water levels in the area already worked on Church Farm South and how these rising levels would be controlled within the enclosed area.

Cllr Davies advised that Tarmac were only part of the way through the aftercare on the site and ought to be given the opportunity to show that their methods were working. He suggested that any questions relating to the levels and aftercare would be better directed to the Tarmac Liaison Committee through the various representatives.

Members requested a copy of the most recent planning conditions in relation to the re-instatement of the site and that the various officers visited the site no more than 48 hours prior to the Liaison meeting.

08/13 Report from Worcestershire County Councillor

Cllr Davies advised that:

the County Council would not be increasing their precept for 2013/14 when compared to the current year;

Government funding was 5.8% less than current budget;

the Government had provided a £3.2m grant towards the provision and repair of highways and footpaths over a two year period.

Cllr Davies requested as a matter of urgency, that copy estimates be provided for the proposed work on the well on Monkwood Green.

Members highlighted the highway problems and damage caused by the recent **diversion of traffic along Dark Lane/Sinton Green/Worlds End** due to the closure of the Moseley Road by Severn Trent. Cllr Davies was aware of the problems and advised that any further diversions would probably initiate a one-way system involving Dark Lane and Walton Lane.

It was **agreed** to request additional funds from the Highways Department to allow the Lengthsman to clear the mud from the highways and re-cut the grips.

Members highlighted the recent accidents caused by excess water lying on the **A413 just north of the Hallow/Grimley boundary**. It was understood that two vehicles had gone through adjacent hedges and others had skidded in the area.

Cllr Davies left at this point in the meeting.

09/13 Highways & Footpaths

a) Worlds End: Members noted that the blockage in front of 'Ashgrove' had yet to be cleared by Highways.

10/13 Monkwood Green

a) Future Management of the SSSI: The clerk was meeting with officers from Natural England the following day.

Following consideration of past licences and the current budget, members **agreed** to seek:

the equivalent of one-day hand clearance of the scrub;
the agreement of Natural England to top the area formerly grazed as soon as the ground is in reasonable condition.

b) Flooding at & near Whitehouse Farm: The clerk advised that flooding from the pond in addition to an alleged blockage in the farm pond had caused problems on site. The clerk had met with the landowner and the South Worcs Land Drainage officer on site. It had been agreed that although the initial solutions lay with the Farm owners, it may be possible to seek longer term solutions once the pond levels had dropped considerably.

The clerk to seek a site meeting with the various agencies later in the year.

11/13 Sinton Green

a) Clearance of the ditches: Members noted that the Lengthsman had yet to complete the work in the ditches on The Green and Gumburn Lane.

b) Parking on Sinton Green: A parishioner had highlighted problems caused by persons parking vehicles on Sinton Green when they had access to parking areas near or within their own property.

It was **agreed** that the clerk should write to all concerned, including one Company, asking that they desist from the practise.

12/13 Update Reports (if appropriate) from Representatives:

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Members advised that the Christmas fundraising event had been very successful as had the New Years Eve party organised by an individual. It was understood that there would be an event held around 'Sticks in the Flicks' during February.

b) Tarmac Liaison Committee: There had been no meeting during the past month.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: Cllr Woodhouse advised that the rental due to the Smaller Charities would be paid from the end of the month.

d) Joint Parishes Transport Group: There was no further update.

13/13 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: Clearance of the surface and new grips to be dug in Ockeridge Lane from Birchall Green to Ockeridge.

b) To Consider & Approve the payment of outstanding accounts:

Members **approved** the payments of accounts as in the presented schedule (attached).

c) To Consider & Agree a budget for 2013/14: Members carefully considered the previously circulated draft budget and following discussions **agreed** changes to reflect aspirations during the following year.

d) To Agree a Precept for 2013/2014: The chairman referred members to the agreed budget: it was proposed seconded and unanimously **agreed** to set a precept of £14,000 for the year 2013/2014, an increase of £350 on the current year.

14/13 Correspondence

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

b) Natural England: Dieback of Ash: Information and advice from Natural England relating to the SSSI – also available at www.forestry.gov.uk/england-chalara

c) WCC Budget Meeting: Members tendered their apologies for the meeting on 21st January at 6.30pm at County Hall.

15/13 Items of Parochial Interest

There were no matters raised.

16/13 Date of Future Meetings: 11th February & 18th March

Chairman
(11th February 2013)