

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 18th March 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 D Lewis Mrs M Weston

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

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) G Rowberry DCllr D Clarke

33/13 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 items 34a and 40/13.

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

34/13 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

a) Rose Cottage, Grimley: Cllrs Ayers, Davies, Haslewood, Jones, Lewis, Rowberry & Woodhouse had each requested a Dispensation to be allowed to both speak & vote on planning applications relation to Rose Cottage, Grimley as fellow members on the Parish Council: the applicants being Mr & Mrs Weston.

35/13 Report from the Local Police Officer

There was no report available.

36/13 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th February 2013, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

37/13 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

38/13 Report from Worcestershire County Councillor

Cllr Davies advised that:

there was no increase in the County Council precept for 2013/14; £2m had been set aside for funding locally determined projects over the next two years and approximately £35k for local highway projects; WCC had received a Local Transport grant of £14.2m towards work on Foregate Street and Malvern Link railway stations, dual carriageway between the Whittington and 'Ketch' roundabouts with major improvements at the 'Ketch' roundabout.

Cllr Davies advised that he had confirmed a grant of £900 towards the refurbishment of the well and metal fencing on Monkwood Green. Members were delighted with this award and confirmed that the work would commence as soon as the weather was suitable.

39/13 Report from Malvern Hills District Council

DCllr Clarke had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

40/13 Planning: a) To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment:

Cllr Mrs Weston left the room.

13/00198/OEX Extension of time limit to commence development on application 09/01030/OUT. Erection of replacement dwelling Rose Cottage, Grimley

Members noted this application and raised no objections to the extension of the time limit but requested that all of the planning conditions from the original application be repeated.

It was noted that with the change in ownership of land the original plan lacks a 'blue line' and that the restoration to-date of the surrounding area has changed the layout.

Cllr Mrs Weston returned to the room and meeting.

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

c) To Confirm the Actions of the Clerk in Consultation with all members in submitting the following comments to MHDC:

13/00162/HOU Two storey extension comprising carport with bedroom over. Little Horscroft, Sinton Green

Members noted the application without further comment.

d) Details of Decision Notices Received from MHDC: There were none.

e) Grimley Raceway: Members noted that no update had yet been received from either MHDC or Worcestershire Regulatory Services with regard to the 'licence' for the area. Local neighbours had complained to MHDC over the lack of progress and had requested support in the form a letter of facts from the Parish Council. Members **agreed** to this request.

41/13 Highways & Footpaths

a) Worlds End: Cllr Jones advised that the pipe under the highway near to 'Pebbles' was blocked and water was spilling over the carriageway. The clerk to report to Highways once again.

b) 'Bells Bank', Dark Lane: The Lengthsman had cleared much of the mud from the highway surface although the drainage had still to be cleared by WCC.

c) Highway Surface, A43 Hallow/Grimley Parish Boundary: A report was awaited from a recent Highways Inspection.

d) Kerbing, Sinton Green: The clerk to report the collapsed kerbing opposite the telephone box on Sinton Green.

e) Flooding of the highway & local drainage Whitehouse Farm/ Monks Hollow: The clerk advised that the local drains had been cleared near to the main pond but the work had resulted in an exposed 'low' drain - reported to Worcestershire WCC.

The release of water from the pond had highlighted a blocked ditch on neighbouring land; the flow from the pond had been inappropriately blocked leading to flooding elsewhere. Members unanimously **agreed** that the original landowner be asked to clear the blockage.

f) Consultation on the proposed diversion of footpath

GM-509 (part), formerly footpath 4: Members raised no objections to the proposed diversion but requested that the access remained accessible to all users.

42/13 Monkwood Green

a) House Indicator Names to aid delivery vehicles: Following careful consideration, members did not agree to this request but **agreed** to contact the major supermarkets requesting more care from their delivery vehicle drivers.

b) Surface water on road near to 'Langdale': Severn Trent Water had confirmed that this was not a mains leak but simply high ground water levels.

c) Refurbishment of The Well: Members confirmed the actions and decisions of Minute 38/13 and expressed appreciation of the award of a grant.

d) Motorbikes on the Green: The chairman **agreed** to speak to a parishioner with regard to the use of motorcycles on The Green.

e) Acrid Smoke from Local Bonfires: The clerk to ascertain 'out-of-office' hours contacts for persons wishing to make complaints.

43/13 Sinton Green

a) Clearance of the ditches: The work had been completed by the Lengthsman but clearance of the drainage under the highway by Worcs Highways was outstanding.

b) Parking on Sinton Green: It was noted that the vehicles were still in situ: the clerk was asked to send second letters and ascertain to cost of bollards for areas on The Green.

44/13 Update Reports (if appropriate) from Representatives:

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: The Committee had had to cancel a planned fund-raising evening due to a clash of dates with the local elections.

b) Tarmac Liaison Committee: The chairman reported on the recent meeting and advised that:

water levels had dropped following pumping into the River Severn;
planting along the line of the causeways would be reviewed and dead hedging replaced;
the southern causeway was still under water.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: Cllr Woodhouse advised that the final documents had been signed and accounts submitted for audit.

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

45/13 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: Clearance of the surface and verge, footway A443.

b) Donation to Hallow Scouts Group: Members noted that the Group had chosen to receive a gift of chairs from the Parish Council.

c) To Consider & Approve the payment of outstanding accounts: Members **approved** the payments of accounts as in the presented schedule (attached).

d) Mowing Contracts 2013/14: Following careful consideration of the quotations, it was **agreed**:

to award the contract for the mowing and baling of Monkwood Green to Simon Skeys;

to accept the quotation for two cuts of Sinton Green and surrounding areas from Simon Skeys. This contract to be reviewed in late April.

46/13 Correspondence

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

b) MHDC Neighbourhood Planning: following clarification of the required contents of a Plan, members agreed not to attend the seminar.

47/13 Items of Parochial Interest

a) Litter, Layby A443: The clerk to seek signage advising against flytipping in the area.

b) Collapsing Riverbanks: Members noted that on the far side, the sandstone bank of the Severn, complete with trees and bushes was collapsing into the river.

48/13 Date of Future Meetings: 15th April & 20th May

Chairman
(15th April 2013)