

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 21st October 2013
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: B R Woodhouse (Chairman) Mrs P Ayers Mrs A Davies S Haslewood
D Lewis G Rowberry

In Attendance: WCCllr P Grove Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) B Jones Mrs M Weston DCllr D Clarke

153/13 Declarations of Interest

a) Register of Interests: There were no changes notified although Cllr Haslewood advised that he would shortly be moving home.

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

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

154/13 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): There were none.

155/13 Report from the Local Police Officer

There was no report.

156/13 Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 9th September & 7th October 2013, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

157/13 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda

a) Min 137: Visit to Fire Brigade Headquarters: The clerk confirmed that a visit during the month of November had been requested.

b) Wichenford History Group: The Peace Hall Management Committee had agreed to host a local history talk: the Parish Council had previously **agreed** to meet the costs of the History Group.

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

158/13 Report of the County Councillor

Cllr Grove advised that he served on the relevant Fire Service Committee and was pleased that members had accepted the invitation to visit the station and reported on possible station closures to meet the reduced funding over the next decade.

Cllr Grove:

advised that he sent notice of all local road closures to the clerk for distribution to councillors;

spoke about the "Early Help" programme, a project to improve the lives of some families in Worcestershire;

gave early warning of the need for WCC to save at least £100 million over the next 4 – 5 years (suggestions included reduction in subsidised bus routes costing over £7 per passenger, increase in Council Tax);

the current position with regard to Hartlebury Incinerator.

Members took the opportunity to highlight various matters relating to Worcestershire County Council. These matters are reported in 'usual' order denoted by*: Cllr Grove agreed to follow up these concerns with relevant officers.

159/13 Report of the MH District Councillor

Cllr Dean Clarke had submitted his apologies for the meeting but had advised that:

the management of Grimley Raceway had decided not to Appeal against the 'noise restriction notice' served on the area;
MHDC were pursuing budget cuts for 2014/15 but no positive decision had yet been taken.

160/13 Planning: a) *To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment:* Under the new notification system from MHDC, the clerk had been notified of the three following applications but none were yet available on site. It was proposed and **agreed** that members should on this occasion, advise the clerk of any comments which she would amalgamate and circulate to all a copy of the suggested response to MHDC.

13/01251/HOU Single storey ground floor extension
13/01252/LBC The Dovecote, Sinton Green

13/01319/HOU Conservatory extension to rear elevation
Hazeldene, Worlds End

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:*

13/00693/HOU External wall insulation 3 Bungalow, Sinton Green
Application not required (permitted development)
5th July 2013

11/01317/FUL Provision of 9 fishing lodges
Amended Plans Land at (OS 8262 6085), Grimley
Granted 15th October 2013

d) Grimley Raceway: See Minute 159/13 above

161/13 Highways & Footpaths

a) Min 140: Sewerage on the Footpath adj Windyridge*: WCC Inspectors had visited the area; notification of their decisions was awaited.

b) Overgrown Footpaths*: Members noted that several paths within Grimley Village were impassable due to overgrown vegetation. The clerk to advise the appropriate officer at WCC.

c) To Review the use of the one-way system in Dark Lane & Walton Lane during roadworks*: Both Cllr Groves and the Parish Council had received mixed reviews over the effectiveness of the one-way system during the recent closure of Moseley Road. Unfortunately many local people had ignored the system and caused confusion whilst others thought the original

closure totally unnecessary in a rural area. Following discussions it was **unanimously agreed** that the status quo with regard to all local lanes was preferable to a one-way system.

d) Informal Access to field off A443- Southern Boundary of Parish*:

The County Council had not yet ensured that the 'hole in the hedge' was closed: Cllr Grove agreed to pursue the matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

162/13 Monkwood Green

a) Drainage of the Large Pond and Local Ditches: Cllr Mrs Ayres advised that several local parishioners had expressed concerns over the amount of bushes and weeds in the large pond. Members **agreed** to review the matter in the Spring.

b) Visibility Splays & Verges: Members noted that the general mowing had been completed with the exception of verges toward Hallow.

163/13 Sinton Green

a) Drainage & Gullies: Members advised that the completed Highways adjacent to The Old Post Office had been effective during the recent heavy storms.

b) Noticeboard: As Cllr Haslewood was moving shortly, Cllr Rowberry **agreed** to hold the key to the noticeboard and post local notices and agendas.

164/13 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: All grips and drainage channels.

b) To Receive, Consider and Approve the Bank Reconciliation:

Members noted and **approved** the previously circulated Bank Reconciliation.

c) To Receive, Consider and Approve the Quarterly Report to

30th September: Members noted and **approved** the previously circulated Report.

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

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

e) To Re-consider the Purchase of a copy of 'Local Councils Explained':

The clerk advised that the cost of the book was £50 rather than £5 as previously reported. Following discussions, members **agreed** to rescind their previous decision and not go ahead with the purchase.

f) To Receive an Update on the Possible Purchase of a Laptop

Computer: Cllr Haslewood **agreed** to investigate the matter further.

g) MHParish Conference: The clerk had attended the conference that had highlighted the reduction in Government grants, the need for MHDC to cut services and seek help from Parish Councils on the completion of various functions. MHDC had strongly advised all parish and town councils not to set a precept for their area until the 'Band D' equivalent had been calculated and the Government had advised whether or not local councils would be subject to capping for 2014/15.

165/13 Reports from Representatives

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: The chairman of the Committee had advised that the loan repayment was due early in the New Year. Cllr Woodhouse advised that the Smaller Charities may be able to help and that he would contact the Committee when appropriate.

Members noted that there was also a leak in the felt roof.

b) Tarmac Liaison Committee: In response to localised flooding following

pumping of excess water from the southern area of the site, Tarmac had advised that the causeway would be built-up and a new trench and pipe inserted, probably before the end of the month.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: Cllr Woodhouse advised that the final documents had been signed and final account settlements awaited.

166/13 Correspondence

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

b) CALC MHAC: Members sent apologies for the meeting to be held on 22nd October.

167/13 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only

a) Highway Drainage, Grimley Village: Members noted that the surface water following heavy storms was draining very slowly from the highway. It was agreed to seek photographs of the problems and ask the Lengthsman to clear all surface debris.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman
(11th November 2013)