

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 20th January 2014
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

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

In Attendance: DCllr D Clarke Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted)

01/14 Declarations of Interest

a) Register of Interests: There were none.

b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: All members present highlighted Dispensations previously agreed in respect of discussions relating to the precept for 2014/15.

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

02/14 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): There were none.

03/14 Report from the Local Police Officer
There was no local report.

04/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th December 2013, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

05/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda

a) Visit to Fire & Rescue Headquarters: It was agreed that the clerk should recirculate to all members details of the various dates available.

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

06/14 Report of the County Councillor

Cllr Grove was not present at the meeting.

07/14 Report of the MH District Councillor

Cllr Clarke advised that the level of Parish Council grants and Council Tax had yet to be agreed.

08/14 Planning: a) To confirm the actions of the clerk and members in responding to applications received between meetings: Following careful consideration, the following comments were **agreed:**

13/01376/FUL	Siting of gate into a hedge onto the Moseley Road to allow access to field. Whistlewood, Sinton Green Amended Application
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Members continued to raise strong **objections** to this application as unnecessary and out-of-keeping with the area:

the traditional field in question has always been served by access though the adjacent field where the road is straight with good clear visibility. Indeed the fields were sold together on the break-up of the original farm for that very

reason. The current owners/applicants used that existing access for the provision of all building materials and machinery for the building of barns/storage areas currently on site (11/01423);

the proposed entrance is on a bend leading into the village with very poor sight lines, no lighting and very close to a bridge over Paddlebrook.

the proposed gate is not at all similar to the traditional agricultural 5-bar single gates found within the parish. Posts should only be the same height as the gate with native hedging to abut the gate posts not fencing and no hardstanding areas.

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:

13/01251/HOU 13/01252/LBC	Single storey ground floor extension The Dovecote, Sinton Green Granted 11th December 2013
13/01319/HOU	Conservatory extension to rear elevation Hazeldene, Worlds End Granted 6th December 2013
13/01397/FUL	Proposed two detached dwellings Land adj Cornerways, Main Road, Hallow Refused 18th December 2013

09/14 To Consider the Possibility of Conducting a Housing Needs Survey
As a number of members were not present, it was unanimously **agreed** to defer this matter until the February meeting when a decision was made regardless of how many members were present.

10/14 Highways & Footpaths

a) Sewerage on Footpaths: Officers from the Environment Agency were investigating the various reports.

b) Flooding on highways during recent heavy storms: Various highway problems related to localised flooding had been reported to Worcestershire County Council.

c) Footway Grimley Crossroads to the Bus Shelter: The Lengthsman had reported various concerns relating to this area. Members recalled that Cllr A E Davies had requested the re-instatement of this length of footway approximately 12 months ago. The clerk to seek an update from Worcestershire County Council.

d) Flooded Ditch, Moseley Road: The Lengthsman had reported problems in the area as the ditch was above the height of the highway.

e) Fly-tipping, Walton Lane: Members reported fly-tipping in a gateway near to the junction of Walton Lane with Dark Lane. DCllr Clarke offered to contact MHDC regarding the removal of the debris.

11/14 Monkwood Green

a) Ponds and Flooding: Members noted that each of the three main ponds on Monkwood Green required maintenance to prevent additional flooding to the

area. It was unanimously **agreed** to allocate funding in the budget for the work and clearance of some ditches on the land.

12/14 **Sinton Green**

a) Marker Posts on the Verges: Members noted the posts on the verge and assumed that they had been placed to allow the ground to recover following the prolonged period of wet weather. In keeping with a previous policy it was **agreed** that the clerk should contact the owners of the relevant property seeking confirmation that there was an intention to the remove posts as and when appropriate.

13/14 **Finance**

a) Works for the Lengthsman: All grips plus an overhanging bush adjacent to Sinton Court.

b) To Receive, Consider and Approve the Bank Reconciliation: Members noted and **approved** the previously circulated Bank Reconciliation.

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

d) To Receive & Approve the Quarterly Statement: Members noted and **approved** the previously circulated Report.

e) To Consider the draft budget and agree any additions/amendments: Following careful consideration of the draft budget, members **agreed** to increase the allowance for works to the ponds and ditches on Monkwood Green. It was further **agreed** to set up a funding reserve for future works by adding £500 each year and maintaining a balance of £2k.

f) To Agree & Set a Precept for 2014/15: In view of the decisions detailed above and careful consideration of the effects of any budget increase in line with guidance from CALC, it was **agreed** to raise the precept to £14,500 for 2014/15.

14/13 **Reports from Representatives**

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Members noted and appreciated the fact that one outside light had been repaired. Cllr Davies advised that there would be a showing of 'Flicks in the Sticks' on 23rd January and a Barn Dance on 14th February.

b) Tarmac Liaison Committee: Members noted that the pump was working most days, the footpaths over the causeways required restructuring and that a site visit was planned for May.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: Cllr Woodhouse advised that a one-off payment, sufficient to clear the outstanding loan, had been granted to the Peace Hall. He advised that all further monies would be invested in bonds.

15/14 **Correspondence**

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

b) WCC Budget Consultation, 22nd January: Members noted the date and time.

16/14 **Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman
(10th February 2014)