

At Grimley Parish Meeting held in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green on Monday, 14th April 2014 at 8pm

Present: Cllr Mrs Mel Weston (Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council) 7 parishioners
WCllr P Grove DCllr D Clarke, Mrs S Hughes (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Apologies: Paddy Harrison, Michael Rendle & Robin Woodhouse

Welcome: Cllr Mrs Mel Weston welcomed parishioners to the meeting.

- 1 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2013, having been circulated were approved and signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising: There were none

- 2 Chairman's Report:** Having tendered his apologies, the report from the chairman of the Parish Council, Robin Woodhouse was read by Cllr Mrs Weston.

He had advised that the Parish Council had:

continued with participation in the WCC Lengthsman Scheme;
continued to monitor planning applications and decisions but lack of enforcement and consistency in planning decisions by MHDC was a frustration to all eg Grimley Raceway;
monitoring re-instatement works at Retreat Farm

Robin had concluded by thanking and acknowledging the work of the Lengthsman, Simon Skeys, the Tree Warden, Paddy Harrison and his fellow parish councillors.

- 3 Report of the County Councillor, Phil Grove**

The chairman welcomed Cllr Grove to the meeting. Cllr Grove reported on the following matters:

further decreases in County Council funding from Central Government and the need to undertake further efficiency savings of up to £25m per annum over the next 4 years. Children and families remained the priority with expenditure on various related services protected;
local issues of repairing potholes and footways, SWDP & the County infrastructure proposals and local broadband provision.

Cllr Grove had attended as many meetings as possible during the past year and at other times had been effective as a conduit between the various County Departments, District and Parish Councils. He had contributed a small amount from his Divisional fund towards work on the ponds on Monkwood Green.

- 4 Report of the District Councillor**

DCllr Clarke gave an update on:

the SWDP and the need to consider where the additional required 5,000 houses might be sited;
recycling bins had been 'rolled-out' throughout the District and had been well received in the main;
Worcestershire Regulatory Services had continued with the legal process to try to contain noise and activity on Grimley Raceway.

- 5 To Receive the Report of the Local Police Officer**

No Report had been received.

6 Report from the Tree Warden

Paddy Harrison had tendered his apologies for the meeting but had submitted a comprehensive written report including:

major concerns over the effect of ash die-back throughout the country; although very limited in this county, damage caused by the Horse Chestnut Leaf Miner was immense; the health of the Black Poplar trees on Monkwood Green.

On a very positive note, Paddy reported that local trees had survived winter gales remarkably well.

7 Report from the Parish Lengthsman, Simon Skeys

Simon had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

8 To Receive an Update on the Peace Hall Management Cttee

On behalf of the Committee, Annette Davies advised that:

thanks to a grant from the Smaller Charities the outstanding loan had been paid in full;
bookings had remained steady;
the Committee had held many fund raising functions including the fete, rural wheels and a fashion show to meet costs in relation to guttering repairs and energy efficiency.

Mel Weston congratulated the Peace Hall Management Committee on all of their work in maintaining the building.

9 To Receive a Report on the Ball Mill/Tarmac Liaison Committee

Gwyn Rowberry advised that problems remained in relation to the re-instatement of the land at Retreat Farm. The water levels in the fields were clearly not under control, public footpaths were not accessible through flooding and the installation of a water pump was eagerly awaited.

10 To Receive the Accounts from Grimley Smaller Charities

In a written report Robin Woodhouse has advised that work was progressing on the Sacred Field and therefore the first payment had been made to the Charity by Lafarge/Tarmac.

11 Open Forum

Flooding of Homes adjacent to Sinton Green: A local parishioner raised concerns over flooding from surface water on adjacent fields which historically flowed into a ditch and through drains into the pond on Sinton Green. It was noted that South Worcestershire Drainage Authority were investigating the problems and possible legislation to force remedial action by the landowner.

Thanks: Cllr Mrs Mel Weston thanked the parishioners for their attendance at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman
(20th April 2015)