

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 19th January 2015
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

Due to the number of apologies, the meeting was inquorate and deferred until the next opportunity for a quorum to attend.

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 2nd February 2015
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: Mrs P Ayers Mrs A Davies S R Haslewood B Jones D Lewis
G Rowberry

In Attendance: WCCllr P Grove Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

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

Election of Chairman for the Meeting: In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, it was proposed, seconded and unanimously **agreed** to elect Cllr Haslewood as chairman for the meeting.

05/15 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: There were none.

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: Cllrs Ayers & Lewis declared an interest as home owners adjacent to the SSSI on Monkwood Green.

d) To declare any changes to Register of Gifts & Hospitality: There were none.

06/15 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): There were none.

07/15 To Receive a Report from the Local Policing Team
There was no report available.

08/15 Report from the Local Police Officer
There was no report available.

09/15 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th November and 12th January, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

10/15 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 4 parishioners present but none wished to make any comment.

11/15 Report of the MH District Councillor
Cllr Clarke had tendered his apologies for the meeting. He had advised that the planning application for The New Inn, probably with a recommendation for approval, would be determined by the Northern Area Planning Committee.

12/15 Planning: a) To Consider any Planning Applications for Comment to MHDC received between the publication of this agenda and the Meeting: There were none.

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

c) Tree Preservation Order:

552 (2014) Moseley Bank, Moseley Road. MHDC had confirmed the Order.

d) Solar farm – Pre-application Consultation Update: Members noted that the summary of the meeting held on 12th January from Aardvark had been circulated through Newsletter No 5 to all residents on Monkwood Green and members. No further comments had been received from any party.

In response to various requests from residents, the clerk had circulated details of various solar farms currently under construction or in recent use in neighbouring counties.

e) Possible Enforcement Action, Ockeridge Lane: Following discussion, members **agreed** to request that the MHDC Enforcement Officer investigate the siting of a mobile home in a field in Ockeridge Lane.

13/15 Monkwood Green

a) SSSI – Joint Meeting: To Consider Matters Arising and Actions

Required: Members noted that representatives of local parishioners had met for a second time with the officer from Natural England to discuss the work proposals. Members unanimously **agreed** to support the work of the residents later in the year through the hire of the Rytex machine and contractor/driver from Worcester Wildlife.

b) To Consider Works on the non-SSSI: Members noted and appreciated that a local resident had cleared brambles and scrub from the area near to the pond. A works order had been placed for clearance and reshaping of the pond.

c) To Consider Works on the SSSI:

i) Near to the Large Pond: Following a site visit and consideration of past Minutes, members **agreed** to seek costs for the lowering of the drainage pipe from the large pond and purchase of posts for siting adjacent to the highway near to Monks Hollow. These works were subject to agreement by Natural England.

ii) Willow Tree adj to Willow Tree Cottage: Following discussions, members **agreed** to seek quotations for the pollarding and removal of all debris from site.

d) Damage Caused to Track by MHDC Refuse Lorry: Members noted that local residents had again raised concerns over the large pothole on the junction of the through road and main highway. The clerk to seek approval from Natural England for the use of alternate stone to allow the works to proceed on a cost-effective basis.

With the agreement of members, the order of the agenda was changed at this point in the meeting.

14/15 To Receive a Short presentation and Consider Costs in relation to Replacement Lighting in the Main Hall of The Peace Hall

The chairman welcomed the chairman of The Peace Hall Management Committee to the meeting and invited her to address members with regard to the lighting in The Main Hall.

Concerns had been raised over the effectiveness (brightness) of the lighting in the main hall and the loss of user groups/income. Mrs Oliver had undertaken some research and demonstrated the use of LED panels.

Following careful consideration of the effectiveness and running costs, members **agreed** to seek quotes for the removal and safe disposal of the current strip lighting and installation of 16 LED panels with the option for an additional 4 LED panels to replace existing emergency lighting units.

The chairman thanked Mrs Oliver for her presentation and she took the opportunity to leave the meeting at this point.

15/15 Highways & Footpaths

a) Drainage adj Pound Farm: Members noted that repair work had been scheduled by the Highways Authority but not yet completed.

b) Gritbin, Top Triangle Grimley Lane: A Highways officer had advised that the provision of a gritbin on site had failed the assessment several years ago. There was no provision for a re-assessment and a copy of the document would not be made available to the Council.

In view of the number of accidents in the immediate area members agreed to defer any further discussions until the arrival of the County Councillor at the meeting.

c) Work on the Footway adj to Grimley Crossroads: Members noted that this work had been completed: additional similar works as far as the bus shelter would be appreciated. Thanks were expressed to the County Councillor for funding the work from his Divisional funds.

16/15 Sinton Green

a) Mowing 2011 – 2013: The clerk had on several occasions requested correct details from the contractor. There had been no response to date.

b) To Consider Registration of The New Inn as a Community Asset: Following carefully considered discussions, members **agreed** to submit a request to MHDC for registration of The New Inn as a Community Asset.

17/15 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: Members requested that two Christmas trees were removed from a ditch in Ockeridge Lane.

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

c) To Note & Consider required changes to Financial Regulations: Members agreed to amend the Regulations at a subsequent meeting of the Parish Council.

d) To Receive and Accept the Bank Reconciliation: Members noted and accepted the detail.

e) To Receive and Accept the Quarterly Report to 31st December: Members noted and accepted the detail.

- g) To Consider a Request from Hallow Scout & Guide Group for funding:** Following careful consideration of the detail and the number of local youngsters attending the Group, members **agreed** to award a grant of £100.
- h) To Consider the budget for 2015/16 and Agree the Precept:** The chairman spoke to the previously circulated draft budget and discussions earlier in the meeting in regard to The Peace Hall lighting and proposed works on Monkwood Green. Following careful consideration, it was **agreed** to raise the precept by £500 to £15k.

WCCllr Grove arrived at this point in the meeting.

18/15 Report of the County Councillor

Cllr Phil Grove advised that:

- WCC had sufficient grit/salt in current storage to meet needs during the forecast inclement weather;
- A recommendation to main Council for a 1.94% in the annual precept;
- The need to find £25million saving pa;
- Additional costs in relation to The Care Act 2014 (protection of vulnerable people including those in prison) to only be partially met by Government funding.

Members highlighted parishioners concerns the possible sale and future usage of the Lafarge offices and extraction site. Cllr Grove had been advised that the site would be sold at the completion of works in a private transaction.

The chairman referred Cllr Grove to previous discussions in regard to the provision of a grit bin and continuation of the kerbing adjacent to Grimley crossroads. Cllr Grove offered to fund the provision of a grit bin and 6 refills from his current divisional funds and review the provision of additional kerbing during the next financial year.

WCCllr Grove took the opportunity to leave the meeting at this point.

19/15 Reports from Representatives

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Cllr Mrs Davies reported on a recent film show, a scheduled film evening for March and fete in June.

b) Lafarge/Tarmac Liaison Committee: Concerns were expressed over the existing site and the proposed re-instatement. It was noted that a meeting of the Liaison Group had been scheduled for later in the month.

Members noted that land parallel to Camp Lane was to be sold and that water levels had risen on site but the 'sump' appeared not to have been triggered. Cllr Rowberry agreed to raise these matters at the next meeting of the Liaison Group.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: There was no report available.

20/15 Correspondence

a) Any Matters Arising from the CALC Circulars: Members noted the possible changes to the delivery of nomination forms and the relevant timetable for the Parish Council elections in May 2015. Details to be posted on the parish noticeboards.

21/15 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only

There were no additional matters raised.

22/15 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting: 16th March 2015

Chairman
(16th March 2015)