

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 20th April 2015
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.00pm**

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

In Attendance: DCllr D Clarke Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted)

Members took a few moments of contemplative thought on the very recent death following a short illness of Gwyn Rowberry. Gwyn had been a valued member of the Parish Council since October 2008, his second period on the Council.

41/15 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: Cllr Ayers declared an interest as a home owner adjacent to the SSSI on Monkwood Green: Cllr Weston declared an interest as a landowner affected by inconsistent water levels from the sand and gravel extraction on Retreat Farm. Cllrs Davies, Jones & Weston declared an interest in that they were aware of various electricians who had quoted for electrical work in the Peace Hall.

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

42/15 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): There were none.

43/15 To Receive a Report from the Local Policing Team

There was no report available but an officer would attend a later Meeting.

44/15 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th March, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

45/15 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 no parishioners present

46/15 Planning: a) To Consider the following planning application for comment to MHDC:

15/00379/FUL Creation of new access to permitted barn conversion and erection of a garage/log store in revised location
Elm Hill Farm Barn, Sinton Green

Members raised objections to this application and questioned the need to create a new access through open countryside when there was one already in existence.

b) To Consider any Planning Applications for Comment to MHDC received between the publication of this agenda and the Meeting:

There were none.

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

d) Possible Enforcement Action, Ockeridge Lane: Further details had been provided for the MHDC Enforcement officer.

e) Grimley (Oval) Raceway – Update: Following numerous comments at the meeting concerning excessive noise levels on both Monkwood Green and Sinton Green, it was **agreed** to notify both Worcestershire Regulatory Services and MHDC of those concerns.

47/15 Monkwood Green

a) Management of the SSSI: scrub clearance: The clerk reported on a meeting with a local resident and a subsequent conversation with the officer from Natural England concerning future scrub clearance with the Rytec machine. The officer had agreed that in order to maintain the area of the orchards and wild flowers plus free-flow of the ditch, the Rytec machine should be used around the area of The Croft in late summer.

b) Works on the non-SSSI – update: The contractor had completed the drainage work but the pond has yet to be 'reshaped'.

c) Proposed works on the large pond adjacent to Green Farm House – update: A licence was still awaited from Natural England.

d) Damage caused to the common by a neighbouring landowner undertaking fencing works with a large tractor on wet, heavy ground: Due to weather conditions, the ground had yet to be rolled.

e) Protection of Grass Verges: A licence for the work was still awaited from Natural England.

f) Proposed Solar Farm: No update had been received.

g) Direction/Name Signs for delivery vehicle drivers to locate properties: Following considerable discussion on the practicalities and lawfulness of the size of the required signs, members unanimously **agreed** not to pursue the matter.

h) Damage caused to the Green by MHDC Refuse Collection Vehicles: Further photographs had been forwarded to MHDC of the lorries and damage on and immediately adjacent to the private road near to the telephone box. A meeting with a relevant officer had been arranged.

48/15 Highways & Footpaths

a) Highway Potholes: Members noted that the Highway Contractors had been around the parish filling potholes.

b) Highway/Verge Erosion, Old Road, Grimley: Concerns were expressed over the erosion of the verge/highway on the northern junction of the top triangle in Grimley Lane.

49/15 Sinton Green

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

50/15 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: Members highlighted concerns in relation to the drains in Grimley Village and near to The Old Vicarage. The clerk to obtain 'dog fouling' notices for the area.

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

c) To Receive & Accept the Final Quarterly Report of 2014/15:

Following discussions, members noted and accepted the detail of the previously circulated end of year report.

d) To Receive and Accept the Bank Reconciliation: Members noted and accepted the detail of the previously circulated bank reconciliation.

e) To Consider Costs in relation to Lighting Provision in the Peace Hall:

Cllr Mrs Davies reported on a recent meeting of four members of the Management Committee with an electrician to discuss other possible solutions to the provision of suitable lighting in the main hall. Following discussions, it was **agreed** to await a written report prior to making an electrician.

f) To Consider a Donation:

towards the Upkeep of Grimley Churchyard: Following consideration of the detail provided by the Parochial Parish Council, members unanimously **agreed** to donate £200 towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

St Richards Hospice: It was unanimously **agreed** to make a donation to the Hospice in memory of the late Gwyn Rowberry.

g) To Receive & Accept the Final Accounts for 2014/2015: Following discussions on the previously circulated detail, members **accepted** the accounts and statements for audit.

h) To Receive & Accept the Audit Return for 2014/2015: Members noted and accepted the amended payments section and completed Section 2 prior to signature by the chairman and clerk.

51/15 Reports from Representatives

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Cllr Mrs Davies reported that: the Hall Committee had received a generous donation of £500 through the kindness of the new residents at Ivy Cottage, Sinton Green in thanks for the use of the carpark; a further Rural Wheels evening had been arranged; estimates would be obtained for replacement/repair of the rear emergency doors.

b) Lafarge/Tarmac Liaison Committee: Members had been advised that the tunnel under Grimley Lane would be sealed within the coming weeks.

In a report as a village representative, Cllr Woodhouse advised that he had been informed of a pending planning application for a land reclamation facility on site.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: The Trustee advised that the level of re-instatement of the ground was unacceptable and therefore the 'handback' to the Charity had been delayed pending further work.

52/15 Correspondence

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

53/15 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only

There were no additional matters raised.

Chairman
(18th May 2015)