

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 15th June 2015
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.50pm**

Present: M Weston (Chairman) D Jennings B Jones D Stanley E A Taft
B R Woodhouse

In Attendance: Mrs S Hughes - Clerk 5 parishioners

Apologies: P Ayers A Davies D Lewis DCllr D Clarke

96/15 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 Weston declared an interest as a landowner affected by inconsistent water levels from the sand and gravel extraction on Retreat Farm. Cllr Woodhouse declared an interest in the re-instatement of land in Grimley Village as a Village representative on the Liaison Group

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

97/15 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): The following dispensations were requested and agreed:

Councillor	Reason	To Speak	To Vote	Period of Dispensation
Bryan Jones	Matters relating to Grimley Smaller Charities as PC representative on the Trustees	Yes	Yes	Until the next Parish Council elections – scheduled May 2019
	Matters relating to the Peace Hall Management C'ttee as PC representative	Yes	Yes	As above
Dave Stanley	Participate in general discussion on Church farm East & South	Yes	Yes	Until the next Parish Council elections – scheduled May 2019

98/15 Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 18th May, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

99/15 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda

a) Min 76: Election of Representative on the PCC: A parishioner who

had researched the matter advised that in his opinion, the Parish Council had no lawful authority to appoint a member to the PCC. Following discussions, it was **agreed** that subject to no opposing advice, members should not elect a representative and to remove the matter from future Annual Meetings.

100/15 To Receive a Report from the Local Policing Team

Vanessa Snape, Police Community Support Officer presented the Annual Report for 2014 – 2015. Although local crime was very low, concerns were expressed over recent thefts of garden machinery from garages & sheds.

At the conclusion of the Annual Report, the chairman invited PCSO Snape to report on the recent site meeting on problems within the village caused by alleged inconsiderate parking of persons collecting children from the local primary school and speeding. PCSO Snape had met with the chairman of School Governors and Cllrs Weston & Jennings one afternoon without notice to the parents to consider parking in the Village. This was not the first occasion on which the police had reviewed the area but to-date no obstructive parking had been noted.

Representatives had agreed that at the start of the school year in September:

the headteacher would send out a leaflet to all parents reminding them to park considerately in the village and to use the carpark at the Wagon Wheel where possible;

the Parish Council would request a speed check via Worcs Highways, ask for the hedge in Grimley Lane to be cut back further for greater visibility of 30mph signs and look at bus usage for the school – would a second vehicle be viable;

the police would review any photographs of obstructive parking and send letters to the owners if thought appropriate and visit the area to undertake speed checks.

Members **confirmed** the proposed action plan and PCSO Snape took the opportunity to leave the meeting at this point.

101/15 To Receive the Report of the County Councillor

No report available

102/15 To Receive the Report of the District Councillor

Cllr Clarke had tendered his apologies for the meeting but had nothing to report.

Closure of the meeting to allow the public present to speak on any matters relating to Grimley Parish.

There were no matters raised at this time

103/15 Planning: a) To Consider planning applications for comment to WCC:

15/000016CM Proposed Materials Recycling Facility, Workshop Building & Ecological Restoration & Enhancement Areas
Church Farm Quarry, Grimley

Following considerable discussion including public participation on various

aspects of the application, including traffic, noise, dust, land re-instatement, use of 3 stone-crushers, non-limited period of time for use of the operations, employment of a Planning Consultant, lack of public notification of the application, members **agreed** that:

In view of the complexity of the above named application, the Parish Council would:

- seek an extension to the consultation period from WCC;
- question the lawfulness of the non-re-instatement of the land by Tarmac/Lafarge;
- invite representatives from Hallow, Holt & Ombersley Parish Councils to a joint meeting to discuss the various concerns for all;
- assess the application prior to consideration of the employment of a Planning Consultant.

It was further **agreed** that members would formulate a plan of action prior to consultation with the wider community through a Parish Meeting (leaflet to all households/businesses, school within Grimley Village and the surrounding areas of Dark Lane, Walton Lane, the Old Road & A443).

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

00724/FUL Proposal for a small portal framed open sided barn for the storage of chipped timber for use with the existing biomass boilers which are used to heat the existing chicken coops. Thorngrove, Sinton Green

Notification of the planning application had been received on the day of the meeting; detailed drawings were not yet available on MHDC website.

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

d) Possible Enforcement Action, Ockeridge Lane: The Enforcement Officer had written to the owner of the site requesting a meeting and business details.

e) Grimley (Oval) Raceway – Update: None available.

104/15 Monkwood Green

As no members from Monkwood Green were able to be present, the following items were deferred:

a) Management of the SSSI: Proposed works on the large pond adjacent to Green Farm House – update

b) Works on the non-SSSI – update:

c) Damaged ground, just off centre road on the SSSI caused by Highways Verge Cutting Contractors.

d) Damaged ground on the non-SSSI adj to The Moorlands – rolling required

105/15 Highways & Footpaths

a) Highway/Verge Erosion, Old Road, Grimley: The clerk had supplied further details to WCC for consideration. Members noted that this area was in urgent need of mowing.

b) Triangle by the Noticeboard, Grimley: Cllr Woodhouse volunteered to either mow or arrange for the area to be mown regularly.

c) Footpaths on the Re-instated Areas by Tarmac/Lafarge: Members **agreed** to:

- seek repairs to the kissing gate at the eastern end of the southern causeway;
- seek provision of a kissing gate to replace the broken stile in Camp Lane near to the old barn. NB This was the only stile currently on site;
- seek fencing on both sides of the new causeway on Church Farm South.

106/15 Sinton Green

a) Mowing 2011 – 2013: The clerk had on eight occasions requested correct details from the contractor. As there had been no response to-date, members **agreed** that a letter should be sent by registered post as absolute proof that the Parish Council had made every effort to contact the contractor.

107/15 To Receive & Accept the Reports of the Staffing Committee

Cllr Jennings spoke to the previously circulated Report of the meeting held on 27th May and gave a verbal Report of the meeting held earlier that evening. Members had been pleased with the response to the advertisement, four candidates to be invited to interview.

108/15 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: Mowing/strimming the top triangle in Grimley Village, weed-killer in drains on the northern corner of Camp Lane and siting of at least two flag-stones near to the noticeboard.

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

c) To Consider Costs in relation to Lighting Provision in the Peace Hall: No further update was available.

d) To Agree & Amend the Bank Signatory Details: The clerk had visited both branches of Lloyds Bank on both 3rd & 15th June but no forms were available either in branch or on-line. She had written to the headquarters on 5th June requesting a blank mandate for signature – no response. Following brief discussions, it was **agreed** that Cllr Jennings would research suitable accounts at other main banks.

109/15 Reports from Representatives

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Cllr Davies had tendered her apologies for the meeting but had previously advised that the organisation of the fete was progressing well and that the Committee would be seeking estimates for the provision of new rear, fire doors.

b) Lafarge/Tarmac Liaison Committee: There had been no meeting since the previous meeting of the Parish Council.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: Matters were progressing on the hand-back of the land to the Smaller Charities.

110/15 Correspondence

a) Any Matters Arising from the CALC Circulars: Further Training course details had been circulated to all members.

b) CPRE AGM: No member was able to attend the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Saturday, 4th July.

c) Armed Forces Day – Fly the Flag: A letter from the Ministry of Defence had been circulated through the District Council & CALC to all parishes requesting a visual show of support for the Services by the flying of the Armed Forces flag on Saturday, 27th June.

111/15 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only

There were none

Chairman
(20th July 2015)