

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on
4th December 2017
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

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- Present:** D Stanley (Chair), B Jones, G Sweeney, R Woodhouse.
- In Attendance:** Mrs L Stevens – Clerk, District Cllr Dean Clarke, County Cllr Phil Grove, 3 Members of the public.
- Apologies:** A Atkinson, P Ayers, D Lewis, E A Taft, one vacant position.

181/17 Declarations of Interest – none.

182/17 Minutes of the previous meeting

a.	The minutes were not available with apologies from the Clerk.
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183/17 Public question time

a.	No comments were received, upon clarification that the Chair would invite general comments in the planning section.
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184/17 To Receive the Report of the County Councillor – Phil Grove

a.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worcs County Council (WCC) is supporting the White Ribbon campaign to tackle domestic violence. The campaign raises awareness of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS). - A new Worcestershire Step Down Unit opening this month will ensure that, on discharge from hospital, individuals have the support they need to regain independence/return home. - A new Minerals Local Plan for Worcestershire is being developed. It will set out the plan for mineral extraction. WCC is currently looking for landowners to submit additional sites that could be suitable for mineral working. This call is open until 26 Jan 2018. - A new Chief Executive for WCC is in the process of being appointed. It is likely that the rate of pay will be as previous.
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185/17 To Receive the Report of the District Councillor – Dean Clarke

a.	DCllr Clarke reported that the MHDC planning committee merger has been thrown out and also gave information relating to community assets. Parish Cllrs asked a question in relation to likely Martley turn alterations and traffic lights – little information is available at this time and Cllrs were advised to await details.
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186/17 Planning - to consider, comment and resolve to respond to the following planning applications

a.	<p>17/01747/HP Holywards Farm, Moseley Road, Hallow, WR2 6NL. Construction of side extension (reinstatement of collapsed barn). Officer: Haley Jones. Deadline: 12/12/17.</p> <p>Mr & Mrs Corfield were invited to join Councillors in examining planning application maps in order to clarify a number of points. Cllrs had no objections to this application. Demolition of the old barn, (nb. The cow shed previously ordered to be demolished) has begun, with one wall remaining in situ whilst electrics are in use for farming activities and caravans, and prior to safe removal of said electrics.</p>
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	<p>To note but not discuss: 17/01846/HP 1 Thorngrove Cottage, Sinton Green, WR2 6NP. Replacement garage, Mr A Clarke. Officer: Hayley Jones. Deadline: 19/12/17.</p> <p>Parish Cllrs did not wish to add for a future agenda.</p>
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187/17 To consider a community Facebook account and how this can help disseminated information and connect to residents. To include discussion on how to incorporate local charities/organisations within this service.

a.	<p>Cllrs felt that there was currently no direct means to communication with parish residents. Previous requests for volunteers to help deliver leaflets have not resulted in any responses. A Parish Council Facebook page would offer a cheap way to get parishioner consensus. Cllrs felt that pending a review of the security implications, a Facebook account would be desirable.</p>	Clerk
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188/17 Parish wide facilities - To receive and discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice

a.	<p>Feasibility Study Update (Monkwood Green). The Clerk reported that the deadline for tender was 9th December and that a parish council extraordinary meeting could be arranged. Cllrs agreed and voted to receive the submissions via email and to report on their preferences via email 5 working days after this, <u>providing</u> that the submissions were below the previously agreed and approved purchase threshold of £3000 for the parish council portion.</p>	Clerk All Parish Cllrs
b.	<p>Parking on verge A443 Grimley crossroads. It was reported that the Highways are chasing this up and that the District Council are looking into whether the signage being used is without planning permission. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter asking for the removal of homemade bollards/garden items and debris, to reiterate that the parking is blocking the visibility splay and to express concern that the verge is being damaged (hindering future mowing).</p>	Clerk
c.	<p>Drains and Guttering, Grimley village. It was reported that the littering team and road sweeper teams are to attend in Grimley. Parish Cllrs advised that once these actions have taken place, the drains are to be closely observed during the next rainfall event, to see whether additional action is required.</p>	
d.	<p>Speeding and parking outside school, Grimley village. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the school asking for cooperation in tackling this issue.</p>	Clerk

189/17 General Finance and Administration - To receive and discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	<p>To consider budget for 2018/19. Cllrs unanimously voted and approved an annual budget increase of 2.5% for 2018/2019. An increase in precept of £413.44 (2.5%) results in each individual household bill increasing by £1.69 (band D property average).</p>	Clerk
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b.	To consider and motion to approve the payment of outstanding accounts. Duly approved.
c.	To receive and motion to accept the Bank Reconciliation – Duly approved.

190/17 – Vacancy for one Parish Councillor.

a.	Vacancy for one Parish Councillor, due to resignation of Cllr Marsh. Following nil receipt of requests for the vacancy to be contested by election, the process for co-option will now begin. Application packs are available from the Clerk, deadline 5 th January 2018.
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191/17 Date of next scheduled meeting 22nd January 2018, 7.30pm, Peace Hall.

Appendix 1: Items for payment.

Simon Skeys	Lengthsman monthly timesheet Nov 2017	£115.00	VAT nil
Lisa Stevens	Clerk wages [November]	£365.44	VAT nil
Lisa Stevens	Expenses. GPC201703.	£72.28	VAT under calculation.

Chair (22 January 2018)