

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on
3rd December 2018
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: E A Taft (Chair), A Atkinson, G James, G Sweeney,
R Weaver, R Woodhouse.
In Attendance: Mrs L Stevens (Clerk & RFO), 0 Members of the public.
Apologies: P Ayers, D Lewis, D Stanley
District Cllr Dean Clarke, County Cllr Phil Grove

156/18 Declarations of Interest

a.	G.James in reference to Holywards Farm. Relative lives in proximity. Duly noted. No request for dispensation for this meeting.
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157/18 Minutes of the previous meeting

a.	21 st November 2018 Monthly Meeting of Grimley Parish Council. Duly approved .
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158/18 Public question time

a.	No questions were received and the Chair reinstated standing orders.
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159/18 To Receive the Report of the County Councillor – Phil Grove

a.	Cllr Grove had previously passed apologies.
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160/18 To Receive the Report of the District Councillor – Dean Clarke

a.	DCllr Clarke had previously passed apologies.
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161/18 Planning - to consider, comment and resolve to respond to the following applications.

a.	Footpath diversion consultation Holywards Farm. Cllrs had no objections but requested that care be taken to ensure that styles are built.
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Clerk

162/18 Reports from Representatives - To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	<p>Monkwood Green Road repairs update Cllr Weaver had previously reported on his work to obtain a quotation £2500 plus VAT with aggregate included in price. Roads covered: phone box to Blackberry Cottage only. GPC201833.</p> <p>As previously agreed in November, Cllrs voted and agreed to proceed with the second quotation asap, with a view to filling potholes on the road leading to The Croft in spring 2019. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Weaver and Cllr Weaver to inform residents once start dates are known.</p> <p>In response to a Cllr question, the Clerk confirmed that the delay with the Croft Road repairs is a consequence of not asking for resident contributions at this time. The quality of the repairs to the road along by Blackberry will be assessed once completed and then further work will be commissioned if Cllrs and residents are satisfied. This enables the second tranche of repairs to be conducted within the budget for next financial year. Residents contributions can thus be 'reserved' and requested at a future date, if additional work is required beyond this.</p>
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Cllr Weaver

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	<p>Work to the road at the corner of the highway opp Whitehouse farm could be considered in the future, once clarification of ownership is obtained from WCC Highways. The roads leading to Green Farm, The Fox and The Woodlands are currently maintained voluntarily and without agenda by the residents and are not in urgent need of repair. The Parish Council assert ownership of these tracks and will consider repairs as they become necessary. No contact has been received from or assessment made of the condition of the tracks leading to properties in the vicinity of Goodwins Farm, the rear of Simberton Manor or the 'uncertified' track leading to the paddock to the rear of the Fox Inn. There is currently no intention to repair these last three.</p>	
b.	<p>Play Equipment Working Party The Working party meet with member of the Peace Hall Committee on 29th November. The Parish Council and Working Party are extremely grateful that reps from the Peace Hall Gave their time to this. A summary of issues raised is attached in Appendix 2</p>	Working Party Actions Clerk
c.	<p>Rural Crime – discussion based on West Mercia Police report Agenda item to be discussed in January. Cllrs reported on recent car thefts in Grimley and that a landrover was stolen this very day. PCSOs to be reminded of parish council meeting dates and an invitation again extended. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Police Crime Commissioner expressing the strength of concern at these latest events.</p>	Clerk
d.	<p>Peace Hall Management Committee. The Management Committee continue to investigate sources of funding and grants in order to keep up the renovations and in the hope of fixing the guttering over the coming year. Members of the Management Committee are involved with the Play Equipment Working Party in order to provide support and information where they can. <i>Minutes of one such meeting attached to this document.</i></p>	
e.	<p>Tarmac Quarry Liaison Committee. No new update.</p>	
f.	<p>Grimley Smaller Charities. No new update.</p>	
g.	<p>Lengthsman - Motion to receive and approve future items of work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-position finger post opposite The Pleck. - Clear ivy from church graveyard wall near to the School House. 	Clerk
h.	<p>Footpath warden It was noted that the volunteer has not yet liaised with County Hall in order to book his own training. No further action by the Clerk until this has happened.</p>	Volunteer

163/18 General Finance and Administration - To receive and discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

a.	To consider and motion to approve the payment of outstanding accounts. All duly inspected and approved.
b.	To receive and motion to accept the Bank Reconciliation November. Duly approved.

c.	<p>To confirm budget and precept raise of 2.5% for 2019/2020 financial year.</p> <p><i>Standing orders will be suspended to allow the public to speak at this item – no public present. Cllrs approved the budget and precept rise of 2.5% unanimously. This equates to the precept for 2019/20 being £17,374.71. The Clerk was instructed to inform MHDC before the deadline of 21st January 2019.</i></p>
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Clerk

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a	<p>Dates for diary, any other business, items for future agenda -</p> <p>Cllrs may use this opportunity to report minor matters of info not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise future items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phone box paint to be located and retrieved from volunteer. Liaise with R Weaver.
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Cllr Weaver

<p>165/18 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting – 21st January 2019 7.30pm, Peace Hall, Sinton Green.</p> <p>The press and public are cordially invited to attend this meeting.</p>
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Appendix 1: Items for payment.

Sinton Tree & Landscapes	Emergency call out oak tree Worlds End. Invoice: 590. GPC201875. Invoice dated 20/09/18. Invoice received 25/11/18.	£90	VAT £15.00
LexisNexis	Office manual: ARNOLD BAKER LOCAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION 11 th Edition. Invoice: I0397838X. GPC201829.	£110.99	Vat nil
SmartWater	SmartWater kits. Police Crime Commissioner will contribute an additional 41 kits. This project has enabled these purchases to be made at £8.90 per pack plus VAT. Rather than the usual £25.00 per pack. Residents that have signed up to this scheme will received information through the post shortly. GPC201830.	£1324.32	VAT £220.72
	Invoice not received in time		
Lisa Stevens	Clerk wages [November 2018] As per new contract of <u>12 hours</u> per week, rate of £12.01 per hour.	£576.48	VAT nil
Lisa Stevens	Expenses. GPC201703. Includes mileage and ink cartridges black and colour.	£67.84	VAT under calculation

Chair (21st January 2019)

Appendix 2 – **DRAFT and unapproved** Notes of the Play Equipment Working Party, 29th November 2018.

Members of the Play Equipment Working Party were grateful for the attendance of Members of the Peace Hall Management Committee. Parish Clerk in attendance to take notes.

Members of the Peace Hall usefully clarified a number of points including, in no particular order:

- Introduction by Clerk, including description of previous two consultation. The first consultation was parish wide and drew a response from 34 homes. Results are illustrated below:

Sinton Green play area survey responses	(includes responses on Facebook and via email)	
Sinton Green Resident		
In favour	Against*	No comment
14	5	0
Resident of wider parish		
In favour	Against*	No comment
7	1	7
Comments	Number of times comments received	Reasons
Place at Peace Hall		Safety of children, parking, large portion is taken up by overgrown fence (this could be chopped back to reveal more space), visually unobtrusive, doesn't interfere with fetes,
Place in one of the corners of the main green	4	
Place on the triangle adjacent to Sinton Bungalows	9	in sight of possible vandals
A rural look could be achieved using wooden/natural equipment.	4	
Not concerned where it is located as long as it is safe for children	1	
Play equipment away from water, traffic and risk	3	
Speeding traffic could endanger children - this would need to be managed	1	
Aim equipment at infants/young children	1	
Ask New Inn if they could consider being the location	1	
Risk of vandalism and insurance claims should not be overstated or exaggerated.	1	
Equipment suggested	Number of times comments received	
Swings	2	
Benches	2	
Forest school type activities, sand pit, rocks for jumping from/to.	1	
Natural play area	4	
Traditional see-saw like Hallow	1	
Get an old tractor, make it safe and use it as a climbing frame	2	
Swing off one of the trees	1	
bike rack	2	
litter bin	1	
* Reasons against	Number of times comments received	
No stated reason why not in favour	1	
Speeding	3	
Lull parents into false sense of security and hence danger to children.	2	
Noisy for adjacent properties	3	
Nowhere to park	3	

- The second consultation was for residents of Sinton Green only and drew a response of 17 properties. The detail of the majority of responses will remain in confidence as the details usually allow a good guess at who has responded. No clear mandate was obtained, though the suggest for the bus shelter site was mostly rejected by all, as was the idea of a tractor for climbing on. The results would not be sufficient justification for proceeding with play equipment. Some properties indicated that they were not consulted and so a better system of volunteer deliverers is required. Volunteers will be sought.

- A history of the hall and illustration of its current condition and the ongoing repairs required. The hall is poorly supported by residents of the parish both in terms of bookings, use and financially. Events to raise money are also poorly supported, including the film nights and the parish fete. This lack of support impacts on ability to maintain the hall and means that some requests for use of the hall cannot be supported, if they then impact on other bookings and thus reduce the ability to raise income. A playground is one example of this. One main source of income is the bookings for the ground outside (caravanning club, scouts etc). All space is required for these bookings and any reduction in space, would result in these bookings being lost.
- Other concerns the Management Committee has concerning play equipment located on Peace Hall grounds.
 - o Insurance.
 - o Rent would ideally need to be paid – by whom?
 - o Night-time closures – who would conduct this?
 - o Weekly checking - who would conduct this?
 - o Continuation plan – who maintains the equipment once the current Councillors/Working party and Management Committee members move on?
 - o Some sections of the grounds cannot support equipment for practical reasons:
 - Drain behind kitchen.
 - Septic tank location.
 - Oak tree roots, branches and falling material.
 - Location of wedding marquees.
 - Flat roofs in site have already proved a temptation for children.
 - Electric pylons on site.
 - Car park area.
 - o The potential need for CRB checks for Management Committee staff and adults using the site, if a playground is installed.
 - o Car park wear and tear of visitors simply using the play equipment.
 - o Concern over unsupervised children on site.
 - o Play ground would need to be closed if the hall is booked.
 - o Current insurance holds Management Committee members responsible for any form of negligence to property or person. Members of Committee understandably do not wish to take on additional personal risk.
 - o Comparisons with Hallow hall are unfair. The Peace Hall land is wrap around land. Hallow hall has separate and far reaching land available for play.
- The Peace Hall Management Committee stated their support for the idea of a play area within the parish, if it can be adequately proven that there is a need not already fulfilled by equipment in Hallow. It was also confirmed that all parishioners have a right or say in the use of the Hall and if a parish wide mandate is given to the Committee then that mandate will be respected. *Insertion and clarification 10/02/2019 at request of Peace Hall Committee: The Hall was gifted to the whole Parish and would need everybody's agreement in order to make a significant change to the nature and function of the Hall and it's grounds.* The Clerk has a copy of the Peace Hall Administration Title on record and for reference.
- Other areas that could be used for play equipment were discussed including:

NOTE: Consideration/discussion of an area does not indicate or imply any formal decision or attempt to take over ownership. No public consultation has taken place and no approach has been made of the land owners. This section forms what is commonly known as 'blue sky thinking', only. Residents adjacent

to areas considered would be fully involved and consulted should an idea be pursued further.

- Use of the Common at Sinton Green (the area near the bus shelter was rejected by all, as this is a site regularly experiencing speeding by passing traffic. The junctions at this location are also regularly blocked by parked cars.
 - Paddocks behind the Peace Hall (reportedly rented/owned by residents of Holmfield),
 - Paddock opposite Threeways (reportedly rented by local farmer)
 - Areas down Gumburn Lane (unknown ownership and status).
 - MonkWOOD – rejected due to threat from unsavoury persons.
 - Monkwood Green Common – SSSI status means that this cannot be considered, though this land is owned by the parish council.
 - Grimley Smaller Charities Lane – a three year rental agreement is now in place with a third party for other uses. Could be considered after this time. Rent would be £1000 pa non-negotiable.
 - Churchyard Grimley village – Grimley Smaller Charities has provided a donation to the Church for an extension to the grave yard. Could additional land also be purchased?
 - Paddock behind School car park – car park already heavily in use by school and cannot accommodate additional vehicles.
 - Land opposite Cherry Tree Cottage, Grimley village – owned by Church Commissioners. Currently under a separate rental agreement with a local farmer.
 - Unused and overgrown 'battery acid field' at junction with A443 and Dark Lane and Grimley approach road. Rejected for obvious reasons – suspected historical use not conducive to human health.
- Further consultation is clearly required with parishioners. Such a consultation could be combined with a Peace Hall publicity event and with the Parish Council Smart Water dissemination day.
- SUNDAY 3rd MARCH 10.30am til 3pm** was proposed and agreed.
- Availability of Peace Hall for this booked to be checked (later confirmed and booked ok)
 - PCSO involvement to be obtained (actioned and confirmed by Clerk 18/01/2018) (PCSO Snape and Mick Simpson, Project Manager, We Don't Buy Crime, West Mercia Police, have confirmed attendance).
 - Flyers to be distributed by Clerk advertising event.
 - Defibrillator fund raising tie in to be discussed by Parish council.
 - Other groups such as school could be invited.
 - Display boards would need to be purchased by Parish council.

Map of parish provided to Play area working party for their future reference.
£10 donation by Clerk to charity box of Crown Inn for free use of the room.

These notes are draft, form a summary of the Clerk's notations only and have not yet been approved by Members of the Working Party or the Peace Hall Committee.

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