

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on
11th February 2019
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm
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Present: E A Taft (Chair), A Atkinson, P Ayers, G James, D Lewis, G Sweeney, R Weaver, R Woodhouse.
In Attendance: District Cllr Dean Clarke, County Cllr Phil Grove. Mrs L Stevens (Clerk & RFO), 2 Members of the public.
Apologies: G James, D Stanley.

015/19 Declarations of Interest

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| a. | - None. |
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016/19 Minutes of the previous meeting

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| a. | 21 st January 2019 Monthly Meeting of Grimley Parish Council. Duly approved . |
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017/19 Public question time

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| a. | <i>None</i> |
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018/19 To welcome Cllr Dr Ken Pollock, Tenbury Division, Cabinet Member Responsible for Economy and Infrastructure, Worcestershire County Council.

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| a. | Cllrs were pleased to receive an update on progress with the dualling of the A4440 Southern Link Road, across the Carrington Bridge down to the Powick Roundabout. |
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The meeting was rearranged at this point, due to the delayed attendance of CCllr Grove, due to his attendance at another parish council meeting.

019/19 To Receive the Report of the District Councillor – Dean Clarke

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| a. | Cllrs were pleased to receive an update from DCllr Clarke, including an update on the likely electoral calendar in the run up to 2 nd May 2019. |
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020/19 Planning - to consider, comment and resolve to respond to the following applications.

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| a. | Royal Mail proposal to move the Holt Heath (182247) Post Office branch to Holt Fleet Convenience Store. To debate/formulate a consultation response. Consultation ends 7th March. Cllrs debated & by a majority resolved not to object to the proposal. |
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021/19 To Receive the Report of the County Councillor – Phil Grove

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| a. | CCllr Grove gave an update on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forthcoming city centre improvement programme to The Shambles and Church Street. - Improvement works to increase footfall in Kidderminster and boost economic development. - Continuing improvements to children’s social care. - Briefing on ‘Extra Care’, which is a housing option, enabling people to have their own front door and live independently whilst always having someone on hand. A video is available which explains more about this: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_7GhGq2ZyU |
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022/19 Grimley village – To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

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| a. | <p>Speeding (to include discussion of public suggestion that the size of the Top Triangle, be reduced, to allow vehicles to pass safely travelling to/from Holt direction). Cllrs debated and declined to pursue the option of petitioning for a reduction in the size of the top triangle. Cllrs instructed the Clerk to inquire whether a speed trap could be set up occasionally down Grimley approach road.</p> | Clerk |
| b. | <p>Grit bin repairs update. The Clerk was instructed to chase up delivery of the replacement bin from County Hall.</p> | Clerk |
| c. | <p>Mini police officer bollards' (previously known as Billy and Belinda Bollards) – loan scheme from Police Crime Commissioner – update. The Clerk confirmed that she had received confirmation that Grimley and Holt Primary School are now included on the rota for the mini Police Officer signs and that the school will be updated with regard to their expected time of arrival.</p> | |
| d. | <p>Correspondence from the Camp House Inn relating to small business tax. The Clerk had received the following information:</p> <p>Financial years 2010-2017 Small business rate relief worked as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Properties with rateable value (RV) of >6,000 received 100% relief. - Properties between 9,000 and 12,000 received relief on a % sliding scale ie. RV 9,000 got 50%. RV between 12,000 and 18,000 were entitled automatically to the smaller multiplier for that year. - Between 01/04/10 and 01/04/17 the rateable value was 17,000 which automatically entitled businesses to the smaller multiplier for each of those years. This relief started being automatically applied in 2012 with the relief from 01/10/10 being applied as credit. <p>Financial years 2017 onwards The rules changed slightly to allow businesses to benefit, as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - properties with a RV of 12,000 and below receive 100% relief, - properties between 12,000 - 15,000 receive relief on sliding scale - properties between 15,000 and 51,000 are automatically entitled to the smaller multiplier. From 01/04/17 the rateable value is 17,775. | |
| e. | <p>Camp House Inn brown tourism sign update on application with WCC. The Clerk had made enquires and received a list of the outstanding criteria required to be completed by the landlord/publican. This information had been passed on appropriately.</p> | |
| f. | <p>Condition of river banks in vicinity of Grimley. DCllr Clarke had previously obtained the following information: "The landowner is usually responsible for work to reduce bank erosion. Risk management authorities usually only get involved where natural erosion threatens a flood defence. The local risk management authority will probably need to agree to any bank protection work. They will encourage you to use soft engineering techniques, where possible. This means using natural materials such as woven willow spiling or planting to limit erosion, rather than blockstone or steel sheet piles." https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/media/8360/riparian-ownership.pdf</p> | |

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| | The river bank in question runs alongside properties adjacent to the Camp Inn but is the only access to the pub via the Severn Way and so it is reported that there is a potential risk to those using that access point. The publicans are aware and making enquiries as to ownership. | |
| g. | Brown bin (for flower waste) for church - funding. Cllrs debated and resolved to include annual payment for provision of a brown bin to the Church. The Clerk was instructed to arrange first payment in April 2019. | Clerk |

023/19 Monkwood Green - To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

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| a. | Well opposite Woodcote – update. The Clerk was instructed to chase up initial judgement from SME. | Clerk |
| b. | Grazing of petty whin site in 2019 update. Cllr Weaver agreed to pursue approaching a local farmer in reference to placing sheep on the site section of the Common. | Cllr Weaver |
| c. | Motion to accept a quotation to tidy and pollard the fallen willow opp Fox Inn. £180.00 inclusive of VAT Cllr Weaver suggested rejecting this quotation on the basis that he could undertake this work for free. Cllrs accepted this recommendation. It was noted that the wood from this project has no commercial value. | Cllr Weaver |

024/19 Parish wide facilities - To receive and discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice

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| a. | <p>Grimley Parish Community Open Day, Sunday 3rd March, 10.30 til 3pm, Peace Hall, Sinton Green – progress.</p> <p>The Clerk gave an update on arrangements so far, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tea and cake stall – residents have offered to bake. Clerk to make arrangements for tea/coffee/milk/sweets etc. Donations will be collected towards the Peace Hall roof repairs. - Play area consultation – The Working Party are assisting. A method of collection opinion to be organised. - Litter pick – A Cllr is needed to run this stall and ensure that risk distribution assessments and equipment is distributed and reward medals provided to children. Equipment loaned from MHDC. - Peace Hall Management stall – display stand to be provided. - SmartWater distribution. Although payment by cheque has been advertised and requested, a small amount float is to be organised by the Clerk. Mick Simpson Project Manager for We Don't Buy Crime, West Mercia Police, to be in attendance to assist with on-the-spot registration of the packs. - PCSO West Mercia Police stall – A number of PCSOs are to be in attendance. Clerk to liaise with appropriate posters and leafleting. - Self-run toy stall. All proceeds to be kept by stall holders and appropriate signage in place to indicate this. - Defibrillator demonstrations by The Community Heartbeat Trust, Mr Martin Fagan, National Secretary. This charity is a partner to BT and so could closely assist in provision and installation of defib equipment in the existing phone boxes. The following online presentations had been provided for further information. <p>Project guide - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hcHW3Ni_L06ZNn6AWuPnd8LRnDKkXheJ/view?usp=sharing SCA "voice of doubt" video - https://vimeo.com/289928559</p> | <p>Clerk Cllr Ayers</p> <p>Cllr Stanley</p> <p>Cllr Atkinson Cllr Taft Cllr Lewis</p> |
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| b. | Phone booths maintenance update Remaining paint is with Mr J and will be returned shortly. |
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025/19 Reports from Representatives - To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

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| a. | Peace Hall Management Committee. The Management Committee had obtained quotations in the region of £10,000 for flat roof repairs and is seeking assistance from all quarters in order to raise this amount. Cllrs resolved to donate £1,000 towards this project in April 2019. The Cllrs also gave assurances that if funding was lacking for other sources, then arrangements could be possible for loaning money needed for completion of this urgent project. The Management Committee expressed thanks and resolved to continue to source funding from all other grants before this final resort. The Committee is hoping to hold a barn dance and quiz night in order to fund raise. The Parish Fete is planned for 23 rd June 2019 and will be held in the grounds of the Peace Hall. Cllrs approved obtaining quotations for clearance of the brambles at the rear of the Hall, so as to maximise space available for this event. | Clerk |
| b. | Tarmac Quarry Liaison Committee. No report was available. No meeting had taken place. | |
| c. | Grimley Smaller Charities. It is hoped that the Parish Council topper can be utilised to tidy this land – currently in the care of BP. | Cllr Woodhouse |
| d. | Play Equipment Working Party Report already provided. | |
| e. | Lengthsman - Motion to receive and approve future items of work. Cllrs approved provision of a heavy-duty high vis jacket and trousers, marked with "Grimley Parish Council". Clerk to arrange purchase and claim back from WCC if possible. | Clerk |
| f. | Suggestion to create a 'Defibrillator Fund Raising Working Party' – resident based. Cllrs approved this resolution and instructed the Clerk to request volunteers at the forthcoming Open Day 3 rd March. Cllrs did not consider at the time the number of volunteers that might be involved but post meeting it was suggested that 5 or 6 would be appropriate. | Clerk |

026/19 General Finance and Administration - To receive and discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.

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| 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 January 2019. Duly approved . |

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| a | Dates for diary, any other business, items for future agenda - Cllrs may use this opportunity to report minor matters of info not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise future items. March agenda - Sinton Green mowing contract quotations |
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**GRIMLEY PARISH
COMMUNITY
OPEN DAY**

Presented by
Grimley Parish Council
& The Peace Hall
Management
Committee

Sunday 3rd March 2019 10:30 - 3:00PM

VENUE: PEACE HALL, SINTON GREEN, WR2 6NP

Collect resident SmartWater Packs, Playground Consultation
Meet your PCSO, Preloved toy stalls
Discover what it takes to become a Parish Councillor,
History Talk on Grimley's famous Sir Samuel Baker,
Tea and CAKE and chat, collection and drop off point for LITTER PICK
AND (hopefully!) a defibrillator demonstration.

SAVE THE DATE - TIMINGS TBC

Nora Parsons Centre, Venn Lane, Wichenford, WR6 6XY, Tel: 01886 888374. Chair: Revd David Sherwin, 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Wednesday 22nd May 2019, 7pm.

028/19 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting – 18th March 2019 7.30pm, Peace Hall, Sinton Green.

The press and public are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Appendix 1: Items for payment.

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| Simon Skeys | Lengthsman invoice January 2019. Awaiting confirmation of invoice details for Nov & Dec 2018. | £172.50 | VAT nil |
| Hallow Parish Magazine | Annual fee for publication of parish council agendas and other adverts. Including elections adverts and 3 rd March adverts. GPC201839. Invoice: 19/48 | £30.00 | Vat nil. |
| JHF Contracting | Monkwood Green Common road repair contractor. GPC201833. Invoice No: 2752. | £3120.00 | VAT £520.00 |
| Worcester Printers Ltd | 3 rd March Leaflets advertising elections, council dates, litter pick, playground consultation, smart water et al. Invoice: 2270. | £155.00 | VAT nil |
| Lisa Stevens | Clerk wages [Jan 2019] As per contract of <u>12 hours</u> per week, £12.01 per hour. | £576.48 | VAT nil |
| Lisa Stevens | Expenses. GPC201703. | £261.88 | VAT under calculation |

Chair (18th March 2019)