

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 14th April 2014
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.05pm**

Present: Mrs M Weston (In the Chair) Mrs P Ayers Mrs A Davies B Jones
D Lewis G Rowberry

In Attendance: Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) B R Woodhouse WCCllr P Grove DCllr D Clarke

50/14 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: There were none.
d) To Consider & Agree that the Parish Council would maintain a Register of Gifts & Hospitality: Following discussion, it was proposed, seconded and **agreed** that such a Register should be formally maintained.

In his prior note of apology for non-attendance at the meeting, Cllr Woodhouse had indicated his intention to declare a gift from the Peace Hall Management Committee in relation to his post as Trustee of Grimley Smaller Charities. He also wished to record that he had returned the gift in entirety.

51/14 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): There were none.

52/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th March 2014, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

53/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda

a) Min 22a: Visit to Fire & Rescue Headquarters: Members had enjoyed a very informative visit to the Headquarters but were disappointed to note that their original fears had been confirmed in that properties in Worlds End, Sinton Green and Monkwood Green areas could not be identified by postcode on the emergency system. Emergency vehicles were either directed to Hallow or Grimley Village. Staff at the Headquarters had requested that parishioners were made aware of the fact as soon as possible and asked to report precise and full location details rather than postcode when reporting an emergency. An item to be placed in the Newsletter and on local noticeboards.

Closure of the meeting to allow the public present to speak on any matters relating to Grimley Parish. There was one parishioner present who did not wish to raise any matters at this time

54/14 Planning: a) To consider the following planning application for comment to the Local Planning Authority: Following careful consideration, the following comments were **agreed**:

14/00409 Detached double garage with study over
Retreat Farm, Camp Lane, Grimley

Members raised objections to this application for a large additional development in the grounds of a previously developed building.

b) To Consider Under the Scheme of Delegation any Planning Applications received between publication of this agenda and the Meeting:

14/00384 Removal of existing modular classroom unit and erection of detached flat roofed timber framed 78.3sqm modular building to provide pre-school wraparound care on school grounds Grimley & Holt C Of E Primary School

Members raised no objections to the application to improve facilities at the local school

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

55/14 Highways & Footpaths

a) Sewerage on Footpaths: Members noted that officers from both the Environment Agency and WCC PROW had passed the investigation to Worcestershire Regulatory Services for action. A report was awaited.

b) Surface on approx. 20 metres of footway, Grimley Crossroads back towards the bus shelter: Cllr Mrs Weston and the clerk had met with an officer from County Highways who had acknowledged the severity of the problem for regular users and had agreed to speak to Cllr Phil Grove about funding for an improvement scheme.

Cllr Weston had also highlighted local concerns over the very deep potholes in Moseley Road and the inherent dangers for cyclists during the hours of darkness. The officer agreed to inspect the area on his way back to the office.

56/14 Monkwood Green

a) Ponds: Item deferred until next meeting.

b) Drains and Ditches: It had not proved possible to clear the ditches with minor maintenance, it was therefore **agreed** that the clerk should meet with a local contractor to explore alternative measures.

c) Soil Sampling on the SSSI: A reputable scientist had sought permission to undertake very limited soil sampling on The Green. Members **agreed** that as Natural England had raised no concerns on the matter and waived the requirement for a licence, the project could go ahead.

57/14 Sinton Green

a) Silting of Local Ditches: Members noted that the Lengthsman had raised concerns over the ditches around The Green and **agreed** to reconsider the matter once the highway drains had been cleared.

The clerk highlighted recent advice received on legislation relating to drainage and flooding.

58/14 Finance

a) Lengthsman Contract for 2014/15: Following careful consideration, members **agreed** to offer the annual contract to Simon Skeys at a previously agreed rate. The chairman signed two copies of the contract for the contractor and files.

b) Works for the Lengthsman: Members highlighted continuing concerns over the drainage near to The Hunters Inn and the need to keep the footway in Grimley Village clear for easy access to the Primary School.

c) To Receive, Consider and Approve the Bank Reconciliation: Members noted and **approved** the previously circulated Bank Reconciliation.

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

e) To Consider the Report of the Staffing Committee: The meeting had been deferred.

f) To Consider the Formal Registration of the Parish Council Deeds with Land Registry: The clerk highlighted advice given in various CALC & NALC publications that all property should be formally registered with Land Registry. Following brief discussion, it was **agreed** that this should be completed through the solicitors.

59/13 Reports from Representatives

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Cllr Mrs Davies advised that the recent showing of 'Flicks in the Sticks' had made a significant profit, further films were anticipated. The Fete would be held on Sunday, 15th June: the Committee would appreciate both the use of Sinton Green and also a scheduled cut during the week previous. Members readily **agreed** to the use of The Green; the clerk to request the appropriate mowing by the contractor. Members **agreed** to consider estimates for replacement lighting in the main hall at their next meeting.

b) Tarmac Liaison Committee: Cllr Rowberry advised that it was likely that work would conclude in June/July and all main operatives would leave the site. He also advised that the Company were 5 years into the restoration period although members queried this timescale.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: There was no report available.

60/14 Correspondence

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

b) Parish Conference: Members noted the meeting scheduled for 30th April.

61/14 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only

Cllrs Jones & Rowberry offered to repair the noticeboard on Sinton Green.

62/14 a) Date of Annual Meeting of the Parish Council: 19th May 2014
b) Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: 19th May

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Chairman
 (19th May 2014)