

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 16th June 2014
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: B R Woodhouse (Chairman) Mrs M Weston Mrs P Ayers Mrs A Davies
B Jones D Lewis G Rowberry

In Attendance: WCCllr P Grove DClIr D Clarke Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

Apologies: D Arr (accepted) S R Haslewood

92/14 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: Cllr Mrs Weston declared an interest in Min 100b as a neighbouring landowner.

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

93/14 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): There were none.

94/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 19th May and 2nd June, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

95/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda
There were none

Closure of the meeting to allow the public present to speak on any matters relating to Grimley Parish. There were no parishioners present

96/14 Report of the County Councillor

Cllr Phil Grove advised on:

a remaining shortfall of £5 million savings for the current financial year;

bus service passenger routes 308 & 310 had not been cut but in line with all other routes, the frequency would be reviewed later in the year;

he had approved the funding of the footway replacement/repairs from Grimley Crossroads down to the bus shelter and filling of the large pothole opposite;

Moseley Road to be 'patched' in July/August followed by resurfacing in 2015/16. Cllr Grove agreed to pursue pothole repairs in Worlds End.

Members were extremely pleased to hear of the retained bus passenger routes and also the highways works.

98/14 Report of the MH District Councillor

Cllr Clarke advised on:

Worcestershire Regulatory Services were to be 'outsourced';

all required evidence was available with regard to further actions on the Raceway.

99/14 Planning: a) *To Consider Under the Scheme of Delegation any Planning Applications received between publication of this agenda and the Meeting:* There were none.

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

c) Notice of Appeal:

00099/FUL Conversion of vacant part of existing public house with extension to form two-bedroomed dwelling with parking
New Inn, Sinton Green Refused 16th April 2014

Members noted the Appeal and continued to raise objections against the proposed alterations to Village amenities.

01397/FUL Proposed two detached dwellings
Land adj Cornerways, Main Road, Hallow
Refused 18th December 2013

In addition to previous comments in respect of the original planning application, members wished to highlight concerns in this geographical area in respect of the treatment of household effluent and sewerage. Problems were first reported to Worcestershire County Council on 30th July 2013 and Worcestershire Regulatory Services continue to investigate for the source of the leakage onto a public footpath.

d) Grimley Raceway: See Min 98/14 above.

100/14 Highways & Footpaths

a) *Sewerage on Footpaths:* Officers from Worcs Regulatory Services had confirmed that they had still not found the property at the source of the problems and would therefore give consideration to excavating the ground.

b) *Parked Vehicles in Grimley Lane:* Cllr Mrs Weston requested that the bollards were not sited in the verges until building work on site had been completed as lorries entering the site would most probably cause irreparable damage to the bollards.

c) *Drainage on Sinton Green and adj Pound Farm:* The clerk to once again report concerns over the deterioration of the headwall which was protruding into the highway.

Following discussions on the ineffectiveness of the ditches on Sinton Green, members agreed to defer a decision until a site visit at the end of the Parish Council meeting.

d) *Vehicle Activated Sign on Monkwood Green:* The clerk to ascertain when the sign would next be sited on Monkwood Green.

101/14 Monkwood Green

a) *General Maintenance:* Cllr Lewis advised that some residents had met with a representative from Natural England to discuss future maintenance on the Common. Members noted that Natural England nor the residents had contacted the Parish Council with regard to the matter.

b) Mowing: Members noted that the mowing contract could commence on 14th July: a local contractor to be asked to undertake the usual cutting of all verges, across the ditches and scrub.

102/14 Sinton Green

a) Silting of Local Ditches: See Min 100c above.

103/14 Area of Sand and Gravel Extraction

Members noted that there had been no response from officers at Worcestershire County Council to the invitation to all relevant County Councillors and officers to view the current site of extraction, the impact on the village and highways and the problems remaining with the re-instatement of land on Retreat Farm. The clerk to send further requests/invites.

104/14 Finance

a) Works for the Lengthsman: Members highlighted the water across the highway near to Holywards Farm (the clerk to report a possible water leak to Severn Trent), the verge on the southern side of Grimley Crossroads (incl clearance of the milestone) and the clearance of drains and kerbing near to The Old Vicarage.

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

c) To Consider & Approve the payment of outstanding accounts:

Members **approved** the payments of accounts as in the presented schedule (attached).

d) Review of Insurance Cover & Costs: Members confirmed and approved the actions of the clerk in consultation with Cllr Mrs Weston and the chairman in agreeing the required insurance cover with AON Insurance. Members thanked Mrs Weston for her work on the matter.

e) Request from Pre-School for Funding: Members noted the request from the local pre-school for funding towards the new unit. In view of restrictions on Parish council expenditure and past advice, members **agreed** to purchase a piece of equipment for the unit to a net value of £200.00.

105/14 Reports from Representatives

a) Peace Hall Management Committee: Cllr Mrs Davies advised that the recent fete had been well attended and had raised approximately £2k. The next film evening was scheduled for 17th July.

b) Tarmac Liaison Committee: Cllr Rowberry advised that there had been no recent meeting. Members noted that the work to repair/re-instate the causeways had not commenced, new fencing had been erected but maintenance responsibilities of the western footpath were unclear and work had been undertaken on the pools that had changed the levels of the water.

c) Grimley Smaller Charities: Cllr Woodhouse advised that the final payment was awaited.

106/14 Correspondence

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

b) Attendance at the CPRE AGM on 27th July: Members tabled apologies for this event.

107/14 a) Date of Next Scheduled Meeting: 21st July 2014

108/14 In view of the confidential nature of the business the public will be excluded pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.
(Contractual Matters for Staff) ***Annual Review/Appraisal***

As the chairman of the Staffing Committee was not present, the discussion on the report and any actions were deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Chairman
(21st July 2014)