

**At the Meeting of Grimley Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green commencing at 7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance:** WCCllr P Grove Mrs S Hughes - Clerk

**Apologies:** D Arr (accepted) S R Haslewood B R Woodhouse DCllr D Clarke

**154/14 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:** Cllrs Ayers & Lewis declared an interest as home owners adjacent to the SSSI on Monkwood Green (Min 161/14).

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

**155/14 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011):** There were none.

**156/14 To Receive a Report from the Local Policing Team**

Members noted the written report detailing:

- theft of lawn mower, theft of quad bike, theft of 2 x CCTV cameras;
- theft of plants from local business;
- 1 incident of speeding reported and 1 car seized for lack of insurance.

Members noted that there was no mention of theft of lock & tools, a catalytic converter, set of wheels or persons causing a nuisance on Monkwood Green.

**157/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

**158/14 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

**159/14 Report of the County Councillor**

Cllr Phil Grove advised that:

- WCC had received a £3.3m grant to fill potholes (he urged members to advise either himself or the clerk of any local potholes asap);
- the Highways Teams were on standby to deal with the effects of the strong winds and heavy storms forecast for the next few days;
- WCC Parish Conference to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

In response to questions, Cllr Grove agreed to try to ascertain when the

footway near to Grimley Crossroads would be re-instated and also pursue repairs to damage caused on Monkwood Green by Highways contractors.

The clerk highlighted concerns over the overgrown hedge adjacent to The New Inn. WCC Highways had advised in writing that they found the hedge acceptable (NB hidden highways informative posts) and that no action was required by the landowner. Members expressed surprise over the content of the written report and incredibility that the visibility was acceptable.

WCCllr Grove took the opportunity to leave the meeting at this point.

#### **160/14 Report of the MH District Councillor**

Cllr Clarke had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

#### **161/14 Monkwood Green**

##### ***a) SSSI – Joint Meeting: To Consider Matters Arising and Actions***

**Required:** Members noted that although the meeting had been well attended by local residents, there were no residents present at this meeting.

The clerk advised that following that meeting, the local residents had re-formed a Residents Group through which they would submit ideas and plans for future management of the SSSI. Natural England officers had proposed a joint site meeting between themselves, 2/3 residents and 2/3 councillors at the end of October: Cllrs Jones, Rowberry and Weston volunteered to attend.

**b) To Consider Works on the non-SSSI:** Following consideration of the need to open up drainage channels (gullies and ditches) and for pond clearance on the non-SSSI, members agreed to seek advice and quotations for the work on the area. NB The area of the SSSI had been defined in a document from Natural England and therefore by default the remainder was classified as non-SSSI.

**c) Highway Contractors Damage:** Members noted the damage caused to an area adjacent to The Moorlands by heavy machinery used by Highways contractors. It was agreed that the clerk should pursue suitable repairs/re-instatement.

**d) Tarmac Drive on the Common (Non-SSSI):** Members noted that the Highways contractors had laid spare tarmac (approx. 24m) on a drive on the common without consulting the owner of the adjacent property although he was quite keen to retain the new surface. As this was a drive on the area of non-SSSI land, following careful consideration, it was agreed not to seek removal of the tarmac.

**e) Car Crossing the SSSI:** Concerns had been expressed over a car regularly been driven across the common causing damage to the SSSI. Cllr Lewis offered to speak to the person concerned and ask him to use the local highways and drives.

#### **162/14 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:**

13/01397/FUL Proposed two detached dwellings  
Land adj Cornerways, Main Road  
Refused 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013  
**Appeal Dismissed 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

13/00844/FUL Change of use of land to residential curtilage and erection  
of outbuilding to include stables, store and garages.  
Moseley Bank, Moseley Road Refused 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013  
**Appeal Dismissed 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

- c) **Grimley Raceway:** There was no update on the anticipated legal action in relation to Noise Abatement.
- d) **SW Joint Development Plan:** Members noted that the consultation would close on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **163/14 Highways & Footpaths**

- a) **Drainage adj Pound Farm:** Members noted that repair work had been scheduled by the Highways Authority.
- b) **Hedge adj to The New Inn:** See Min 159/14
- c) **Gritbin, Top Triangle Grimley Lane:** A response was awaited from Highways.
- d) **Vehicle-Activated Sign:** Members noted that new batteries had been purchased with grant monies from Cllr Grove.

#### **164/14 Sinton Green**

- a) **Mowing 2011 – 2013:** Members noted that the previous contractor had submitted invoices for 2011/12 & 2012/13. Although the detail was incorrect, members agreed to pay the invoice for 2011/12 but to seek an amended invoice for 2012/13.
- b) **Parking on The Green:** Legal advice was still awaited on required actions.
- c) **Light in the Telephone Kiosk:** The clerk to report that the light was not working in the telephone kiosk.

Cllr Lewis left the meeting during the following discussions.

#### **165/14 Finance**

- a) **Works for the Lengthsman:** Members to advise the clerk of any areas around the parish requiring attention.
- b) **To Consider & Approve the payment of outstanding accounts:** Members **approved** the payments of accounts as in the presented schedule (attached).
- c) **To Note & Consider required changes to Financial Regulations:** Members agreed to to amend the Regulations at a subsequent meeting of the Parish Council.
- d) **To Note and Accept the Bank Reconciliation:** Members noted and accepted the previously circulated report.
- e) **To Note, Consider & Accept to Quarterly Report to 30<sup>th</sup> September:** Following careful consideration, members noted and accepted the previously circulated report.
- f) **To Consider the Purchase of Ceramic Poppies for the Parish in commemoration of those who dies in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War:** Following discussions on where to safely house and display the poppies, it was agreed to purchase two at a cost of £25 each from the official website.

**166/14 Reports from Representatives**

**a) *Peace Hall Management Committee:*** Cllr Mrs Davies advised that the Peace Hall MC that work on the replacement fuse board had commenced and quotations sought for the provision of new fire doors. Further quotations would be sought for the mowing of the grounds during 2015.

Income from Film Evenings had dropped as the Management Committee were now required to pay a license fee of £99 per film.

**b) *Lafrage/Tarmac Liaison Committee:*** Cllr Rowberry advised that work on the outfall/pump had been completed and the area reseeded: the efficiency of the scheme would not be tested until water levels in the area rose by about 1m. All hedging and fencing in the area had been completed.

**c) *Grimley Smaller Charities:*** Final payments and land re-instatement were progressing.

**167/14 Correspondence**

**a) *Any Matters Arising from the CALC Circulars:*** Members noted the possible changes to the delivery of nomination forms for the Parish Council elections in May 2015.

**b) *MHDC Parish Conference – 23<sup>rd</sup> October:*** Members noted the date.

**c) *Annual Survey, Police & Crime Commissioners:*** Members noted the previously circulated documents.

**d) *MH Area Committee - 22<sup>nd</sup> October:*** Members noted the date.

**168/14 Items of Parochial Interest for Information Only**

There were no matters raised.

**169/14 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting:** December 2014

Chairman .....  
(17<sup>th</sup> November 2014)