

# Update from your local councillors



**Grimley Parish Council serves (in no particular order) the communities of Grimley Village, Monkwood Green, Sinton Green, Oakall Green, Birchall Green, Moseley, Worlds End, Dark Lane, Walton Lane, Camp Lane and all inbetween!**

Chair Adam Collett (MonkWGreen)	P. Ayers (MonkWGreen)	G. Moore (Grimley village)	G. Probert (Wider parish)
A. Sinclair (MonkWGreen)	J. Izamis (MonkWGreen)	S. Wilson (MonkWGreen)	R Woodhouse (Grimley village)

*1 vacancy at present available for cooption – please contact the Clerk for details.*

**Salt/grit routes and water leaks:** Thank you to all residents that have got in touch regarding dangerous road conditions during recent icy weather. Parish Councillors will look as requested at the existing salt route organised by the county council and apply for additional routes to be included. Councillors note the comments that some icy conditions are contributed/caused by water leaks. One in particular, at Bells Bank/Dark Lane, has been actively investigated by the parish council, with a site visit with the county council conducted in November. We are now chasing action up via the Land Drainage partnership. Severn Trent has the following to say about water leaks:

If you spot water coming out of the road or pavement, don't assume that someone else has reported it - call our Leakline on **0800 783 4444**. You can even FaceTime an engineer to show us exactly where the leak is and how bad it is. Report the leak using our on-line form at [stwater.co.uk/reportaleak](http://stwater.co.uk/reportaleak) Visit our website to look at our 'Check Your Area' section on the homepage which shows leaks that have already been reported.

**Dog fouling.** Your Parish Clerk notes – “I have seen the recent online concerns about dog mess and bins I will add this to the next agenda so that the parish councillors can debate the matter. I can speak from experience that each time the parish council proposes more bins to tackle the problem, we receive an equal number of objections from those that do not want them. We receive support in all our efforts from the majority of dog owners. Please write to the parish council if you want to have input – it helps you councillors come to a more informed decision.

Bins must be located at places where the refuse collection lorry can safely pull in adjacent to them or where the refuse operatives have given agreement that they will walk a distance to them. Many 'at first glance sensible' locations are therefore often turned down. The other guideline from the district council is that the content of the bin should not be more than 50% dog waste – parish councillors avoid therefore placing bins where the only likely regular use is for dog waste. Where this is the case, Parish Councils are required to take out private contracts for the red dog bins.

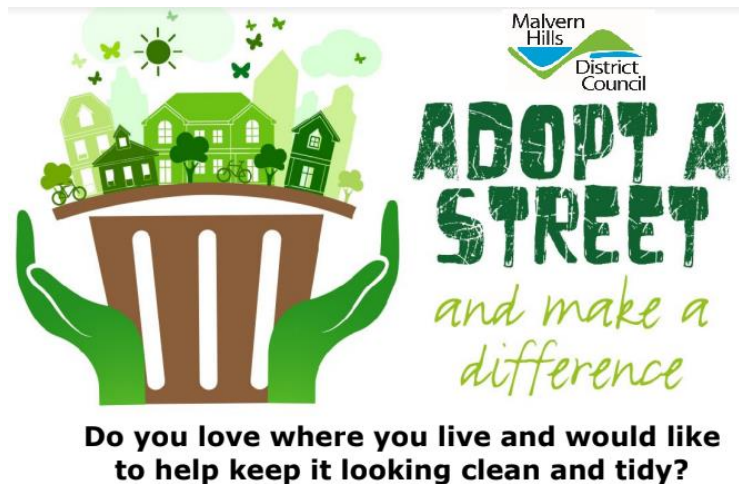
Regarding the existing bin by the bus shelter at Sinton Green, that bin is occasionally observed to be used for fly tipping - in that it is often filled by one person in a vehicle in a single trip. My enquiry of the district council when reporting this was that an additional or larger bin would not be encouraged by them, as it would simply expand opportunity for abuse of services. All information has been passed to the higher authorities for their investigation with regard the flytipping. The district council are also looking at more regular emptying as an option.

Additional signage is an option, but the parish council is reluctant to place yet more signs in our beautiful parish. None of the above will stop the parish councillors giving this matter their proper attention, but at least it may help residents understand the issues involved. Dog fouling can be reported online at [www.malvern hills.gov.uk/dog-fouling](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/dog-fouling). Incidents should be reported as regularly as they occur, so that the district council can initiate and enforce a public space protection order.

**Litter** – On a similar note, the parish council reminds residents about the Malvern Hills District Council scheme for litter picking. Residents can receive free litter picking equipment in return for a pledge to litter pick an area a limited number of times each year. Recent weather has brought about a lot of litter caught in ditches and hedges. Report a problem area to the parish council and we can pass this on to the relevant authorities for them to address.

**Light pollution** - The parish council continues to receive reports of light pollution, sometimes from garden lights and sometimes from business security or flood lights. Please check your own light systems and make sure that they are not shining onto neighbours. If you do wish to report a problem of this nature please provide a photo, times/dates, and the postal address of the property.

**Hedges** – thank you to everyone that has tended to their field hedges before the commencement of bird nesting season. Land owners have often asked for understanding in what has proved to be a very wet year and with contractors being delayed in their appointments due to the weather and the poor accessibility conditions of many site surfaces. One suggestion was that the parish council hire a contractor, tidy the road facing sides of hedges and invoice the owners. Long term overgrown hedges can be dealt with in this way but only once the county council has issued legal notice. One hedge in the parish will be subject to this level of county council involvement after decades of not being cut and the width of the road being affected and the parish council pushing for action. Land owners along Camp Lane have reassured the parish council that urgent action will be taken soon to tackle those outstanding hedges.



Then join the Malvern Hills District Adopt a Street scheme and make a difference to your community.

All you have to do is sign the online pledge which includes:

- Telling us which area of land you would like to adopt (public land only unless you have permission from the landowner)
- A promise from you to litter pick your chosen site at least 4 times a year on dates of your choosing and at your convenience

The area you choose to litter pick can be as small or as large as you like.

In return for your commitment we will provide you with:

- Free litter picking equipment and bags
- Guidance on health and safety

Sign up on our website [www.malvern hills.gov.uk](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk)  
search for Adopt a Street

Contact the parish clerk if you would like to receive agendas or minutes by email.

**MINUTES:** Scan the code below to find minutes of the previous meeting on our website.

**NEXT MEETING:** 26th February 2024, 7.30pm, Peace Hall.

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**Parish Council Website:** <http://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish>



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