

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 Allan Bretherton (Sinton Green)	Deputy 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)

**Firstly a warm welcome to our new parish councillors – Adam, Andy and Robin. Robin returns to us after a few years break. Glutton for punishment or maybe we are doing something right (or wrong) ?!
The parish is very busy at the moment...**

- Our county councillor continues to chase options for allotment provision in the parish. If you have a plot of land that could be rented by the PC for this purpose please do get in touch.
- Our district councillor continues to keep an eye on planning enforcement matters for us and we are lucky that both our district and county councillors attend every parish council meeting, as their advice is invaluable (and they don't appear to mind if we ignore said advice!).
- The option for yellow lines in Grimley village (lower triangle) has been confirmed by Highways. This will be critical in ensuring that our bus service is preserved (as much as it can be in the current cuts!) and was a condition requested by the bus companies in order to tackle inconsiderate and dangerous driving. Thank you to all residents that supported this initiative – yellow lines may be unsightly but in this case they will hopefully do some good.
- The Monkwood Green five-year maintenance plan is drafted and we continue to await feedback from Natural England. This plan has been put in place as a better way of caring for the Common and SSSI in the absence of grazing. A regular rolling pattern of care will hopefully work out cheaper as contractors and volunteers become familiar with what is legally required. Sometimes it may seem that a large proportion of parish council efforts are focused on Monkwood Green and to some extent this is true but please look deeper at what we are achieving on this site - experts now travel from across the UK to admire our butterflies, miniature gorse, orchids and, to train students on site in a range of courses including ecology, botany and land management. Remember it is parish council policy not to subdivide our wonderful parish by allocating out budgets for each hamlet/village, as in the past this has resulted in more discontent than otherwise. Monkwood Green Common is an asset for all to enjoy and the endangered species that we protect on site are something that everyone can be proud of supporting. If other areas do have projects that they would like the parish council to investigate then please write in and ask.
- Memorial benches will be installed in Monkwood Green and Grimley, after generous donations from residents and our County Councillor. Residents, Parish Councillors and our District Councillor have also offered to personally fund the various plaques. We await final permission from one landowner and thank you to Brian T for educating us and assisting – sorry to add to your workload.
- The parish council has been approached with questions about how it can assist with maintenance in Grimley churchyard and the shared car park (fences, trees and broken gateposts). The answer is that to some extent we are not permitted by law to assist a religious organisation, but we are working to assist other third parties instead and ensure that this essential service and important wildlife refuge is kept up to spec. All above board and using the correct legal Powers but also suitably creative and with a commitment to help where we can.

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- Worcestershire Wildlife Trust has purchased land from Green Farm at Monkwood in order to plant orchards and conduct mixed grazing management. The water supply for this site will be connected to the existing supply on parish council owned land at Monkwood Green Common - so some highway disruption may occur (once all legal easements have been approved). During these works, the parish council is taking the opportunity to plan for any possible return of grazing to the Common and install an additional trough point.
- Councillors continue to receive reports of light pollution from the direction of Moseley. If residents and businesses there could please consider their security lighting and double check that it is not left on needlessly. The parish council is working with residents to locate the worst offenders and write to politely explain the situation.
- Thank you to the resident that regularly cleans the bus shelter on Grimley approach road. It is much appreciated.
- The County Council has confirmed to residents that the silver birches on Oakhall Green Triangle are not eligible to be removed on the basis of their species alone. (A historical quirk or case of misidentification meant that eager volunteers planted birches rather than oaks on Oakhall green) but will inspect regularly and attend if the overhead powerlines are hindered.
- The clerk has inspected the parish bee and bug hotels and found that they are for the most part fully booked. More might be needed but research is required first (an annual clean out appears to be standard advice).

Potholes

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NEXT MEETING: Monday 25th September, 7.30pm, Peace Hall, Sinton Green.

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