

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!

Parish Council Elections

4th May 2023

Please put the date in your diary, ready to vote. Photo ID is required at polling stations. Deadline for nominations to stand as a candidate in these elections is 4th April 4pm at MHDC offices with completed paperwork. If seats for parish councillor remain vacant after 4th May 2023, the parish council can co-opt volunteers (who meet age and residency criteria) with little fuss and without the need to re-advertise the vacancy – ask the Clerk for more information and to get on the standby list just in case of a vacancy.

Whilst our parish councillors are in purdah, awaiting the parish council elections, your Parish Clerk has a chance to answer an oft asked question.....

What does a Parish Lengthsman do?

The Lengthsman Scheme is an arrangement between the county council and the parish council by which the parish council is permitted to appoint (hire on a self-employed basis) a lengthsman – our lengthsman for Grimley parish is also employed by a number of other Parish Councils, bringing benefits of shared equipment and local knowledge. Lengthsman carry out minor local highway jobs identified by the parish council. The parish council can claim money back from the county council for tasks that are 'approved'. That means that while your parish councillors have control over the work schedule of the Lengthsman, they can set only set tasks that the on the County Council's list. Residents cannot instruct the lengthsman directly, but can contact the parish council to ask or suggest that a job needs doing and that maybe the lengthsman could get involved (remember to include a photo if you can). It is best that the below list is checked first to see if the work might be possible:

Drainage: Clear gullies, headwalls, and outfalls; Advise landowners/frontagers when their ditches need cleaning (Nb. lengthsman are often not permitted to work with flood debris due to risk of contamination);

Vegetation Clearance: Remove vegetation obstructing signs and at junction visibility splays; Removal of basal tree growth from highway trees; Side out footways to normal width and spread arisings on verge where possible; Negotiate with frontagers for them to cut back overhanging vegetation.

Miscellaneous: Rotation and charging of mobile Vehicular Activated Signs (VAS); Clean dirty signs, reposition signs which have been knocked out of place; Snow clearance and gritting / salting by hand; Removal of illegal fly posting.

This list is not exhaustive but gives a good indication of the invaluable work that our lengthsman does for our parish. **In**

short, the Parish Lengthsman scheme is all about doing the little things that matter to communities and gives parish councils the ability to prioritise according to local knowledge and resident requests. If you spot any work that might fit within the lengthsman remit, please report it to the Parish Clerk (clerkgrimleypc@gmail.com / 07950256363) and we will gladly investigate.

Contact the parish clerk if you would like to receive agendas or minutes by email.
Dates of next meetings: Monday 27th March, 7.30pm & Monday 24th April, 7.30pm, both at the Peace Hall, Sinton Green.

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