

Update from your Grimley Parish 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 <i>(MonkWGreen)</i>	P. Ayers <i>(MonkWGreen)</i>	S. Wilson <i>(MonkWGreen)</i>	S. Russell <i>(Grimley village)</i>	R. Woodhouse <i>(Grimley village)</i>
A. Sinclair <i>(MonkWGreen)</i>	G. Moore <i>(Grimley village)</i>	G. Probert <i>(Wider parish)</i>	M. Boyle <i>(Worlds End, Moseley & wider parish)</i>	

Parish Councillors held an extra-ordinary meeting this month in order to cope with the usual summer holiday flurry of planning applications. The next extra-ordinary meeting can be expected at Christmas – also as usual. 😊

We had such a wonderful dry summer and are careful not to complain – and we will replace the dried out Christmas tree at Sinton Green. One of the Queen's Oaks also suffered from the heat and attempts are being made to nurse it back to health. Elsewhere though the weather has really suited the butterflies at Monkwood Green – numbers are up remarkably on previous years. It is a bumper year for conkers and acorns! Thank you to everyone that helped to mow to keep long grass away from homes and reduce the fire risk.

Five further steps to help the parish council to look after where we live:

- Pick up your dog waste, particularly in fields growing crops for human consumption.
- Look after your rights of way. Tell us if you come across broken stiles and gates as you walk our wonderful parish. Stick to the correct routes and respect livestock.
- Don't assume that someone else has reported a pothole – tell the parish clerk – even just a text message is appreciated – Lisa Stevens 07950256363
- If you see a job that is an easy fix by the Lenghtsman (drains, gullies, weeds, branches) - let us know on the number above – don't try to instruct Simon yourselves. There are many reasons for this and you can probably guess most of them. We remain grateful to the County Council for part funding this service.
- Have a look at the what3words website and app. Use the three word location codes if you can when reporting an issue to the parish council.

In return parish councillors continue to:

- Press hard for repairs to road-side ditches parish wide – with the help of land-owners we really are making a difference in this respect, for the first time in decades. If the Land Drainage Partnership writes to you as a land-owner it is because they are following due process. What they are often asking you to do doesn't imply a criticism – it will simply be a request for you to help maintain the parish by making a change or repair on your land in a letter using formal language – any such letters have to be defensible in court and are never meant as an insult or designed to be aggressive.
- Challenge the County Council and Police definition of a road traffic collision and continue to press for re-evaluation of speed limits, particularly at Moseley sharp corner

- Listen to residents when you tell us that you don't want something – we recently planned a new bin for Monkwood Green, but residents asked for the location to be reconsidered for many good reasons and we listened.
- Work with local businesses to make sure that we are supportive as we can be within the law, within the need to protect parish council assets and keep ourselves within our insurance limitations.

You may have seen that the ditches at Sinton Green have been restored to their original depth and width and are once again functioning correctly – just in time for the past few really wet days. Thank you to one resident in particular for conducting this work. The pond is a SUD (sustainable urban drainage) feature and is designed to store water to prevent flooding of nearby properties. Please ensure that children, families, pets and horses take care around the ditches and do not enter the pond. The base is lined with clay and will not withstand horses' hooves for example.

You may see tree works at Sinton Green over the coming six months as we take care of the more important jobs listed in a recent tree survey of parish council land.

Thank you to the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust for installing a new standpipe and water supply on Monkwood Green Common. This will make one section of the Common easier to graze in the future.

We have the usual £50 donation per village/hamlet towards any Christmas events/trees/decorations. The money is set aside so please just contact the parish clerk if your community group wants to claim.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 27th October 7.30pm, Grimley Peace Hall, Sinton Green.

All residents very welcome.

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