

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 (MonkWGreen)	P. Ayers (MonkWGreen)	S. Wilson (MonkWGreen)	S. Russell (Grimley village)	R. Woodhouse (Grimley village)
A. Sinclair (MonkWGreen)	G. Moore (Grimley village)	G. Probert (Wider parish)	M. Boyle (Worlds End, Moseley & wider parish)	

Worcestershire County Council has been in touch to respond to enquiries about the issues affecting rights of way across the parish. The Rights of Way team is very small and so concentrate on issues affecting health and safety, for example routes that use bridges and flights of steps. Consequently, the resources for affecting change to all other issues is very limited. Many issues cannot be migrated to the care of the parish council Lengthsman (such repair of stiles and sign posting), because of legislative restrictions. The Parish Council will continue to ask the team to focus on our existing right of way issues (encouraging repairs by landowners, improved waymarking, clearance of vegetation and enforcement against blockades and encroachment) as a priority. Residents can help by letting the parish council know if a route is blocked or if for example a stile is missing.

A particular issue that residents and visitors continue to raise is the condition of the Severn Way along the entire stretch of the parish and beyond into Hallow. As residents are all too aware, in many cases the riverside path and the riverbank is unstable and unusable or has eroded away entirely. Where this has happened at The Camp Inn, the publican has kindly provided an alternative route across the car park. In other places there is no option but to revert to walking along the roadsides into Hallow. Parish Councillors continue to press for more funding and urge the County Council to improve signage, paths and cycle routes along the main roads if repairs to the riverside routes are not feasible.

In other news, the Parish Clerk has slowly compiled a list of Grimley Parish Councillors going back to the 1960s – some 67 councillors in total. A significant number of residents past and present have remained as councillors for many decades, with one lady councillor likely to have served for up to 50 years. Sometimes, with the advent of data protection and privacy rules (however necessary they are), we can forget to celebrate individuals and their dedication to public life. In May councillors quietly celebrated 130 years since the original creation of this Parish Council. That anniversary and this latest list of councillors are opportunities to reflect on the people who have served their residents over the last century.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 24th November 7.30pm, Grimley Peace Hall, Sinton Green. We will be setting next year's budget at this November meeting. Projects to fund will include noticeboard and bus shelter repairs across the parish and willow pollarding at our beautiful Monkwood Green. Discussions can also consider whether electronic speed signs are needed for the parish, Please come along and have your say. All residents very welcome.

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