

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Grimley Parish Council

Monday 25th September 2023, 7.30pm
Peace Hall, Sinton Green

Present: Parish Cllrs A Collett (Chair), RB Woodhouse (Deputy Chair), P Ayers, G Moore, S Wilson.
Attending: Parish Clerk Lisa Stevens, 23 parishioners & 15 visitors to the parish
Apologies: Parish Cllrs J.Izamis, G.Probert, A.Sinclair. 8 apologies from public.
Meeting commenced at 7.35pm

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Welcome and information provided at the beginning of each council meeting.

Points of order (Cllr Woodhouse requested that the Clerk and Councillors double check all quotations before a contract is awarded, to ensure that all aspects of parish council requirements/project specifications are to be met. Cllrs unanimously voiced or indicated full agreement with this), **adjustments to facilitate public participation** (nil requested), **apologies for absence** (as above) **and declarations of interest** (Cllr Woodhouse in respect of The Open Ditch, which is owned by a family member. Cllrs resolution on this matter can be found in the minutes of 17th July 2023).

Prior to meeting commencement, the parish councillors held a confidential zoom meeting with a contractor in relation to the solar appeal statement of case. No decisions were made that required the public to be present. Finance was not discussed and no new motions were resolved upon.

Public Open Forum. Please refer to 'information provided at beginning of meeting' for further guidance. Standard orders relaxed.

Introduction from the Chair. Discussion lead by J.Moffit (resident). 1 hour discussion.

- Goal has always been to focus on the appeal. Audience has always been the planning inspector.
- Note that the 'applicant' is now the 'appellant'.
- Initial application was refused in January 2023 and a request for a full inquiry was lodged by the applicant in June 2023. This was refused by the planning inspector, who instead headed MHDC request for an informal hearing.
- Since the original application, the applicant has also submitted additional noise assessments and biodiversity net gain assessments.
- Anyone can speak at the hearing and a large crowd is encouraged with lots of enthusiasm. Inspector will ask if anyone wants to speak and we want lots of people to request to do so.
- The inspector in this case has never decided on a solar appeal before. T.B. is a Master of Science and specialises in spatial planning. Appears to take a very academic viewpoint with regards to planning. Out of 17 appeals he has only allowed 29%. Appeals that have been granted seem to have done so because of demonstrated national need.
- Letter to the inspector need to be received by him by 6th October 2023.
- At the hearing residents should address only the Inspector and no one else.
- The inspector will conduct a site visit – residents must not approach him or address him during this visit.
- Discussion on content of letters, list of topics that could be covered.
- Discussion on site route map to provide to Inspector. **Action:** Clerk to liaise with action group.

Standard orders reinstated.

89/23	<p>Minutes of previous meetings – Motion to approve previous minutes.</p> <p>a. 17th July 2023 monthly meeting. Prps: GM. Scnd: AC. Duly carried.</p> <p>b. 4th September 2023 extraordinary meeting. Prps: SW. Scnd: AC. Duly carried. Point of order as noted above.</p>	
90/23	<p>To receive the report of the County Councillor – Scott Richardson Brown Not present. All items to be carried over to next meeting.</p>	
91/23	<p>To receive the report of the District Councillor – Dean Clarke. (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting)</p> <p>Bonfires and enforcement matters in Monkwood Green. Residents are assisting. No current enforcement on site. Action: Clerk to alert Regulatory Services.</p>	
92/23	<p>Planning - to consider, comment and resolve to respond to the following applications.</p> <p>Birchall Green Farm, Sinton Green, WR2 6NT. Original application number: 21/01846/FUL. Planning Inspectorate Ref:- APP/J1860/W/23/3325112.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion: Parish Council confirmation of appointment of consultants CT (£65 per hour) and CB (£65 per hour) for creation of Statement of Case and attendance at appeal hearing. Prps: RW. Scnd: GM. Carried. Unanimous. - Discussion as to plans for attendance on the day. Move to next meeting. - Motion for visual aids and ariel photographs. No action. No vote. 	
93/23	<p>Commons and Village Greens - Updates and Motions not requiring written notice.</p> <p>Monkwood Green Common and SSSI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on ditch clearance quotations, new sign installation, mowing and petty whin clearance, and purchase of new strimmer blades. Check on current status of visibility splays at MWGreen. Cllr Wilson continues to chase quotation. Visibility splays have been cleared by residents and Cllrs – thanks given. Strimmer blades are on order. - Update on progress with Severn Trent pipe installation to Green Farm and new trough. Cllr Collett to clarify and report at next meeting. <p>Sinton Green village green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on ditch and pond clearance quotations, new sign installation and mowing. Clerk has installed the signs and ordered bolts missing from the packs from Signomatic. Cllr Collett waiting for contractor to return and will update at next meeting. S.Skeys continues to mow regularly and has conducted a strim of the ditches to ensure visibility. 	<p>Cllr Wilson</p> <p>Cllr Collett</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Collett</p>
94/23	<p>Finance and Administration - Updates and Motions not requiring written notice.</p> <p>To nominate a new parish council rep to the Peace Hall Management Committee. Cllr Ayers and Cllr Woodhouse proposed (GM& SW) Carried.</p> <p>To consider and motion to approve the payment of outstanding accounts. Prps: GM. Scnd: SW. Approved. Invoices inspected & signed.</p> <p>To consider and retrospectively approve payment of urgent accounts, as per emergency Clerk procedures (Delegation to Clerk policy). Prps: AC. Scnd: GM. Duly approved.</p> <p>To receive and motion to accept latest Bank Reconciliation 2023. Prps: SW. Scnd: PA. Approved.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

95/23	Correspondence, dates for diary, items for future agenda and AOB	
	<p>Cllr Woodhouse to liaise ref Peace Hall noticeboard replacement.</p> <p>To note that one position remains available for immediate co-option, having been advertised as requested by MHDC.</p> <p>Pothole on Monkwood to Sinton road – Cllr Moore and Clerk to report.</p> <p>Risk assessments: Prps: SW. Scnd: AC. Carried</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerk to order new stickers for the pond buoys. - Cllr Woodhouse to order replacement bollards for the ditches at Sinton Green x 4 and 1 x for Monkwood Green, as part of regular risk and health and safety review. 	<p>Cllr Woodhouse</p> <p>Cllr Moore Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
96/23	<p>Dates of next scheduled meeting. Peace Hall booked. The press and public are cordially invited to attend these meetings and should note Standing Orders in advance please.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday 23rd October, 7.30pm - Monday 27th November, 7.30pm 	

Appendix 1 – Payments to be approved 25th Sept 2023.

Dates BACS/cheques issued		Payee	Details	Total (Inc VAT)	VAT
21/07/2023	26	PCC of Grimley	Church room hire donation.	50.00	n/a
21/07/2023	27	Mr Philip Moore	Internal Audit fee for 2022/2023 financial year.	5.00	n/a
21/07/2023	28	Mr Simon Skeys	Lengthsman worksheet June 2023	208.80	n/a
21/07/2023	29	Mr Simon Skeys	Sinton Green Mowing June 2023.	85.00	n/a
27/06/2023	30	Mrs Lisa Stevens	Monthly Expenses July	41.36	0.00
21/07/2023	31	Chairman training AB	WCALC	36.00	6.00
n/a	32	WaterPlus	Water meter for Trough middle of Monkwood Green Common. A proper meter reading has been taken by Waterplus and this account is now in credit by 35.04	0.00	no payment required as account is in credit
21/07/2023	33	Mr J. Izamis	Reimbursement of strimmers x 2	616.01	102.67
21/07/2023	34	Mrs Lisa Stevens	Monthly Expenses July	15.00	0.00
04/08/2023	35	Printmonster Redditch Limited	Tree survey publication	378.00	0.00
20/07/2023	36	Nest Pensions	July payment for July wage.	40.35	0.00
21/07/2023	37	Mrs Lisa Stevens	July payment for June monthly wage 2023.	553.42	n/a
07/09/2023	38	Information Commissioners	Annual subscription.	35.00	n/a
21/07/2023	39	Parochial church council	Release of divisional funds	215.00	n/a
21/07/2023	40	Allan Bretherton	DS memorial bench plaque	31.9	unknown
17/08/2023	41	Simon Skeys	Mowing invoice 31/07/23	85.00	n/a
17/08/2023	42	Simon Skeys	Lengthsman July worksheet.	174.00	n/a
17/08/2023	43	Mrs Lisa Stevens	Monthly Expenses Aug 2023	31.90	
21/08/2023	44	Nest Pensions	Aug payment for Aug wage.	40.35	n/a

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17/08/2023	45	Mrs Lisa Stevens	Aug payment for July wage	553.42	n/a
12/09/2023	46	Castle Farm Designs Ltd	Benches x 3	£1,242.00	207.00
n/a	47	WaterPlus	Trough Monkwood Green	0.00	0.00
12/09/2023	48	Simon Skeys	Lengthsman August.	182.70	n/a
12/09/2023	49	Simon Skeys	Mowing August 2023	85.00	n/a
12/09/2023	50	Mrs Lisa Stevens	Zoom meeting membership ref Birchall Green solar farm	15.59	n/a
11/09/2023	51	Mrs Lisa Stevens	Stinky Inks cartridges	158.79	26.46
11/09/2023	52	Mrs Lisa Stevens	Arnold Baker legal update publication. Copy for office	163.00	TBC
20/09/2023	53	Mrs Lisa Stevens	Monthly Expenses Sept 2023	45.88	5.75
Not yet paid	54	Nest Pensions	Sept payment for Sept wage.	40.35	n/a
Not yet paid	55	Mrs Lisa Stevens	Sept payment for Aug monthly wage 2023.	553.42	n/a
Not yet paid	56	Grimley Peace Hall Foundation	Annual hire of hall for parish council meetings	350.00	n/a
Not yet paid	57	Signomatic	Health and safety signs for Sinton and Monkwood.	481.51	80.25
Anticipated 20/09/2023	58	MHDC	Election expenses May 2023	50.00	n/a
Not yet paid	*	J.Izamis	Strimmer blade reimbursement planned in October 2023	TBC	TBC
Not yet paid	*	Grimley Peace Hall Foundation	Additional invoice for £30 for additional room bookings in late 2022. WT investigating.	30.00	0.00

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