

Monthly Meeting of Grimley Parish Council

Monday 28th February 2022, 7.30pm
Peace Hall, Sinton Green

Minutes of the meeting

	<p>Present: D Stanley (Chair), A Bretherton, P Ayers, J Izamis, G Moore, A Taft, S Wilson.</p> <p>Attending: DCllr Dean Clarke. Parish Clerk Lisa Stevens. Public JM</p>	
14/22	Points of order. Information provided at the beginning of each meeting.	Nil.
15/22	<p>Public open forum – Nil questions.</p> <p>Open forum does not usually form a legal part of the meeting but this restriction is waived in this case only as residents wished to address the parish council on matter relating to local planning applications.</p>	
16/22	<p>To consider any apologies for absence</p> <p>Parish Cllrs Atkinson and Passey due to illness. CCllr Scott Richardson Brown due to other work commitments.</p>	
17/22	Declarations of interest. Nil	
18/22	<p>Minutes of previous meetings – Motion to approve previous minutes.</p> <p>7th February 2022. Prps: GM. Scnd: AT</p>	
19/22	<p>To receive the report of the District Councillor – Dean Clarke.</p> <p>Various planning and enforcement decision updates. DCllr Clarke to send to the parish clerk details ref flytip-field at the Grimley village main road turning. Confirmation that dangerous mud on roads should be reported to the county council and that fly tipping should be reported to the district council.</p>	
	Cllrs approved suspending standing orders at this point in order to allow the public to address the council. Prp: DS. Scnd: AT	
20/22	Planning - to consider, comment and resolve to respond to the following applications.	
a.	<p>21/01846/FUL Birchall Green Solar Farm.</p> <p>Resident JM came and gave an update on the documents that have been loaded to the MHDC planning website since the close of public consultation at the end of Dec 2021. Wheel washing/staff facility area has recently been confirmed by applicant as being outside the existing site boundary. Cllrs discussed a parish council response to this, as significant changes to the site boundary would normally prompt an entirely new planning application - but this does not seem to have happened in this case. Cllrs discussed the desirability of delaying the planning process at this late stage – there was not sig appetite to hinder deliberations at this stage as arguments against the application were sufficiently strong.</p>	

	<p>The changing political situation was discussed and the impact this would have on energy demand and sources. Cllrs agreed and instructed the Clerk to write to MHDC to request clarification of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. likely date of decision ii. draw attention to the new extend of the site boundary and the residents that would be affected by these changes. iii. Confirm that traffic surveys conducted by third parties have not given rise to applicable data, since the Sinton Road was closed at the time of the survey. iv. Reiterate damage to ancient oak during process of widening gate at likely site of wheel washing area. <p>Resident thanked for attending.</p> <p><i>Standing orders were duly reinstated.</i></p>	Clerk
b.	<p>Camp Lane enforcement – update if any. There is a new enforcement officer at MHDC. DCllr is chasing update. Cllr Taft noted that large amounts of soil are being delivered to Retreat Farm and that the right of way is occasionally blocked because of this. Enforcement officer has visited and couldn't find evidence of soil to warrant additional action. The frequency of the lorries is not an enforceable action. Damage to Camp Lane by the lorries is not a matter that Highways are willing to take action upon because the potholes are on the verge not the highway. It was noted that tarmac has bee put in the large pothole outside the stables Retreat Farm.</p>	DCllr
c.	<p>Enforcement enquiry gate widening/hedge removal Lynden (The Bumbles). No update available.</p>	
d.	<p>Regularising long standing use of right of way 635 and Cllr Taft is liaising with local residents regarding the right of way.</p>	Cllr Taft
e.	<p>To note Appeal Refs: APP/J1860/C/21/3283848 & 3283849 Mr & Mrs G. Moseley Road, Monkwood Green, WR2 6NX. Unauthorised material change of use of agricultural land for a mixed use of agricultural and for the siting of two mobile homes. Appeal failed. Enforcement upheld by inspector.</p> <p>Standing Item: To consider and as required arrange an extra ordinary parish council meeting for planning applications received after date of publication of this agenda. Nil items.</p>	
21/22	<p>Infrastructure, highway matters, drainage and flooding To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.</p>	
a.	<p>Bus services in parish, including inconsiderate parking lower triangle. The County Council is still pursuing non enforceable signs. The Clerk has responded to the Highway email requesting mapping details in the area. Cllrs noted that the buses continue to run mostly empty and that often the bus drivers simply skip the Grimley village drop off points.</p>	Clerk
b.	<p>Bins Sinton Green (noticeboard) and Monkwood Green (bus shelter) Installation complete. Clerk to check that they are being emptied.</p>	Clerk

c.	Dog bin between the lock and the Camp pub. Clerk to contact Rivers and Canal Trust to chase them to empty.	Clerk
d.	Flooding in road outside Church Farm, Grimley. No update available.	
e.	Eroded grass verge Oak Hall Green, Oak Hall Farm Barn. Nil.	
f.	Overgrown hedge in vicinity of Grimley village. Update and thank you to land owners that responded to correspondence. Thorngrove estate hedges have been attended to you and Cllrs passed their thanks. The County Council has inspected the overgrown hedges and trees along Camp Lane approach road (opposite the bus shelter) (nb. battery acid field) and confirmed no action necessary but that they will monitor. Clerk to rereport as trees are dangerous and overhanging the road.	Clerk
g.	Broken noticeboard doors at Peace Hall – update if any. Parish Cllrs agreed to entirely replace the noticeboard at the Peace Hall. Cllrs accepted that they cannot keep repairing the existing one, as residents are not taking care to make sure the door is shut. A new design is required. The Parish Council already has an agreed budget up to £700 including VAT, not including installation. Hall Committee to discuss what style noticeboard they would like and put some proposals to the parish council reasonably within budget.	Hall Clerk
h.	Antisocial behaviour Monk Wood. No further action. In the hands of the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust	
i.	Potholes camp lane and Grimley village approach road. Clerk has rereported and some have been filled in though the work is of poor quality. Clerk has re-sent the Nov 2021 letter asking whether site inspection checks take place once work has been completed by Highways contractors, as the work continues to be poor quality and a waste of money.	Clerk
j.	Overhanging tree Worlds End opp. Pebbles. Clerk had been assisting residents who are concerned that the tree is overhanging their home. Clerk to report to WCC and then no further action.	Clerk
k.	Poor state of ditches Worlds End opp. Paddlebrook Cottage. Clerk to report to landowners (MJ?) and ask them to take action. The Clerk confirmed that the Lengthsman cannot get involved in ditch work as this is not covered by the County Council contract.	Clerk
l.	Flytipping of tyres. Already discussed. Cllrs noted a new initiative by West Mercia police whereby garages across Worcestershire will be given a kit to mark tyres scheduled for disposal, using an invisible but forensically traceable liquid. When such tyres are found fly-tipped, they will be traceable.	
22/22	Commons and Village Greens To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.	
a.	<u>Sinton Green.</u> Mowing for village green Cllr Bretherton is drafting options, which the Clerk will present to the usual contractor. No other contractors have responded to requests for them to submit a quotation – the site is too small to be worth their time.	Cllr Bretherton Clerk

<p>b. i. ii. iii.</p>	<p><u>Monkwood Green.</u> Broken pipe and standing water in vicinity of Goodwins Farm. Cllr Izamis to have a look once the water table drops. Bill Prosser found broken pipe whilst attending to ditches. Proximity to mains water pipe meant that he did not continue to unblock the pipe. The pipe continues to be blocked one side of the drive. Adjacent pond is overflowing. Clerk and Cllr Izamis to re-report to Severn Trent asap.</p> <p>Management update. Including broken trough and grazing Cllr Stanley has inspected the Common and confirmed that it is too wet for grazing at present. Cattle owner PW has been informed and has responded. The cattle are not on the Common at present. Petty Whin looks healthy with over 35 plants found. PW has been offered contract for repair of trough up to max of £150, as two verbal quotations responded in access of £275 including travel to the site no response from PW to this as yet. Large tree branch has fallen onto Fox drive and Cllr Izamis agreed to cut up and leave tidy. Cllr Moore agreed to assist with disposal of rotten wood.</p> <p>Potholes on service roads Site too wet – no progress. Cllr approved increasing number of bags to be purchase to ten so as to allow proper coverage right up to resident driveways. Prp: GM. Scnd: JI.</p> <p>Dead Oak behind Fox Inn reported to Western Power. Western Power have conducted a site inspection, thanks to the intervention from RP. They have confirmed that there is no immediate danger and will continue to monitor. The site is too wet at present in any case for the required machinery to get onto site.</p> <p>Worcestershire Wildlife Trust mains water pipeline to service newly purchased land This project has not been progressed by WWT.</p>	<p>Cllr Izamis Clerk Clerk Cllr Izamis Cllr Moore Cllr Wilson Cllr Izamis</p>
<p>23/22</p>	<p>Reports from other Projects and Representatives To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice.</p>	
<p>a. b.</p>	<p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022, incl. tree planting & beacon. Trees have been distributed with good feedback in most cases, though it is true that the trees are merely seedlings not saplings. The Clerk is to attend the next Hall Committee meeting to assist with centenary and Jubilee budgeting – the parish council has a budget of £400 towards the centenary. 2020 allocation to the Hall for replacement of damage kitchen is to be revitalised, as this project was loss during Covid – max £100. CCllr to be asked to contribute to the jubilee project as offered at last meeting. Monkwood Green residents have organised their own mini event for the Saturday of that weekend. The Beacon bonfire will be on the Thursday (which is an extra bank holiday) organised by the PC and the Hall events will be on the Friday. Cllr Izamis to assist with risk assessments.</p> <p>Broadband projects Grimley, Monkwood Green and north of Sinton Green – update. All progressing. No specific update.</p>	<p>Clerk Cllr Izamis</p>

c.	<p>Defibrillators at Grimley village and Sinton Green. The charity hopes to install within two weeks once the Hall Committee has assisted with assurances that the power supplies are properly earthed. An online questionnaire originating from the Charity will be provided to the Hall Committee shortly, requiring photos of the relevant power points and circuit boards. The Clerk and WT have agreed the location on the outside of the building near the door used as the main regular entrance. The Clerk noted that repairs will be likely to the internal and external plaster after installation – Cllrs agreed to tackle this as and when.</p>	Clerk Hall
d.	<p>Peace Hall. A new sound system has been installed and already has made a difference to events held at the hall.</p>	
e.	<p>Lengthsman. New contract from WCC to be issued shortly. Awaiting confirmation of 2022/2023 budget from WCC. Cllrs approve reappointment of Mr S. Skeys for 2022/2023 as no other candidate were forthcoming. Prp: PA. Scnd: AB. Clerk to issue parish council contract asap.</p> <p>Improving facilities at Church. Update on community lead project. No update available.</p>	Cllr
11/22	<p>Finance and Administration - To discuss updates and formulate Motions not requiring written notice</p>	
a.	<p>To consider and motion to approve the payment of outstanding accounts. Appendix1. Carried. Prps: PA. Scnd: JI.</p>	
b.	<p>To consider and retrospectively approve payment of urgent accounts, as per emergency Clerk procedures (Delegation to Clerk policy). Appendix2. Carried. Prps: AB Scnd: PA.</p>	
c.	<p>To receive and motion to accept February Bank Reconciliation 2021. Carried. Prps: GM. Scnd: AB.</p>	
d.	<p>To consider option to increase annual donation to CPRE from £36 to £100. Parish Council has donated £36 pa for the past ten years. Cllr approved, to take effect in January 2023 which is when next payment is due. Prp: GM. Scnd: AB.</p>	Clerk
12/22	<p>Correspondence, dates for diary, items for future agenda. Nil</p>	
13/22	<p>Date of next scheduled meeting Mon 21st March 2022 7.30pm. Peace Hall, Sinton Green. The press and public are cordially invited to attend this meeting.</p>	

Appendix 1 – Invoices/payments to be made (or date paid if contracted monthly)

Grimley and Holt Primary School	Annual donation. (NB. Donations to Hallow Scouts Group and Nora Parsons Elderly Day Centre have already been made this financial year)	£100.00	Grimley and Holt Primary School
Mr S. Skeys	Lengthsman invoice Jan 2022.	£280.50	Mr S. Skeys
Mrs Lisa Stevens	Monthly expenses Feb 2022.	£34.52	Mrs Lisa Stevens
Mrs Lisa Stevens	Monthly wage Jan 2022.	£576.48	Mrs Lisa Stevens

Appendix 2 - Invoices/payments previously made under delegation to clerk policy.


28/02/2022	Community HeartBeat Trust	Defib Sinton Green. Invoice 8728. Item now manufactured and ready for installation within two weeks.	£ 2,095.00
21/02/2022	Mrs Lisa Stevens	Annual Malwarebytes subscription. Laptop security. Discount obtained via shared subscription with Severn Stoke PC.	£19.99
21/02/2022	Mr S Skeys	Aug worksheet correction. Cllrs DS, AT and AB have been kept informed and approved via email.	£30.00
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Appendix 3 – Review of previously agreed wildlife areas cut once a year.



Key Yellow left as a "meadow" to attract wildlife. Only cut once per year

Cut around footpaths and all ditches, approximately 1 meter wide

Footpath marked thus  leave until grass is 6 - 9 inches and then with a rotary mower create a meandering path with a circle in the middle for the children to run around