

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th April 2021 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ON SELF DISTANCING. FACE MASKS WERE WORN AND ANTI-BACTERIAL HAND GEL USED.

DUE TO THE SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL NOT BE OMITTED.

Present: Cllr Mr K Smith – Acting Chairman
Cllr Mr D Atfield
Cllr Mr P Blakeman
Cllr Mr R Tierney
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the November 2020 meeting as a true record.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Mr R Tierney stated that the Hall is hosting the voting for the County Elections on the 6th of May 2021. The Kitchen needs to be finished for this booking.

Mr R Tierney produced a list of works required to get the hall back into order. This was distributed to the Parish Councillors. The list was discussed. Cllr Mr P Blakeman was confident that he could finish the refurbishment of the kitchen before the 6th May 2021. It was agreed that the kitchen floor would be replaced after the 6th May Elections and before the hall opens for bookings.

Refurbishing the toilets was discussed. It was agreed to work with what's there and replace and redecorate as necessary. Cllr Mr K Smith and Cllr Mr P Blakeman will produce a specification for the refurbishment to go out to tender.

Re-opening the village hall was discussed.

- At the moment the 17th May 2021 is the date the village hall can open with up to 30 people following social distancing.
- Covid-19 Rules will need to be observed, these change on a daily basis and will be reviewed nearer the time. The emphasis will be on the hirer to follow the rules and provide the necessary handwash, sanitisers etc.
- Cllr Mr R Tierney will inform all the hirers that the hourly charge has increased to £8 as agreed in February 2020.

The Clerk will organise for the Fire Extinguishers to be serviced.

STANDING ORDERS.

The Parish Council Standing Orders will be reinstated on the 1st of June 2021. It was agreed to resume normal meetings in the Village Hall from the June 2021 meeting. Meeting dates for the rest of 2021 are as follows:

1st June – AGM
6th July
7th September
5th October
2nd November

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Notices will be posted advertising the Parish Council Vacancy. Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that one of his neighbours is interested in joining the Parish Council. This was noted.

The Chairman will distribute 'The Role of a Grateley Parish Councillor' a document he has put together to the Parish Councillors for comment.

PLANNING.

20/03200/LBWN – Internal building works and replacement kitchen window – The Old Farmhouse, High Street Grateley – NO OBJECTION.

FINANCE.

End of Financial Year report – 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

INCOME.

Opening Balance	= £18,871.15
TVBC Precept	= £ 8,400.00
Bank Interest	= £ .16
	= <u>£27,217.31</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Administration	= £ 305.00
Audit	= £ 165.00
Website	= £ 206.64
Clerk	= £ 2,690.00
Maintenance	= £ 570.00
Insurance	= £ 553.87
Flashing Speed Sign	= £ 483.70
VAT	= £ 40.00
	= <u>£4,964.21</u>

Carry Forward Balance = **£22,307.10**

FOOTPATH JOINING BOTH ENDS OF THE VILLAGE.

Cllr Mr R Tierney raised the issue of a footpath linking both ends of the village. A suggested route along the station side of Station Road on land belonging to Network Rail was discussed. The Clerk has written to Network Rail asking if they would be willing to release the land.

GRATELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD.

Cllr Mr R Tierney stated that Hampshire County Council do not allow the village to use the school playing field which is a shame as it is the only open space in this end of the village. Various representations have been made over the years to open it up for use, but these requests have always been denied. Cllr Mr R Tierney suggested that The Parish Council contact Hampshire County to enquire about opening it up for village use. This was briefly discussed. It was agreed that a letter would be sent.

PARKING ON STATION APPROACH

It was noted that residents are still parking on the pavement in Station Approach.

DOG FOULING

The Chairman reported that there is still a big problem with dog fouling in the Parish, especially at the 'Hampshire Gap'. The Clerk reported that TVBC Dog warden is on the case and it is planned to erect more signs and up the patrols.

TELEPHONE BOX

Mrs Linda Griffith has taken over the telephone Box Book Exchange and has requested that it be painted as it is looking tatty. The Clerk confirmed that it is on the list of the telephone boxes due to be painted in 2021.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

4th May 2021 – A Parish Council and Village Hall catch up before the June Meeting.