

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st February 2022 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Mr K Smith – Chairman
Cllr Mr D Atfield – Vice Chairman
Cllr A Bettle-Shaffer
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Borough Councillor's Mrs M Flood and Mr D Coole.
Members of the Public – 3

Apologies: County Councillor Mr C Donnelly.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Parish Clerk reported that he has been notified by Test Valley Borough Council that the Parish Council can co-opt to fill the two vacancies.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Matters Arising from those minutes:

PLAY AREA – Cllr Mr D Atfield reported that work on the Play Area project has not progressed. A meeting to refresh all issues is planned and Cllr Mr D Atfield hoped to have further news to report at the next meeting.

HIGHWAYS – Highways defects have been reported to Hampshire Highways.

FOOTPATHS – The footpaths are clear and walkable.

SPEEDING – Cllr Mr D Atfield reported that he and his wife have been trained to use the Speed Watch Equipment. The next stage is for the Police to approve sites for the equipment.

The Clerk reported that due to the Covid Pandemic the delivery date for the Solar Powered Flashing Speed Sign has been delayed by approximately 8 weeks.

DOG BIN - TVBC have not yet installed or moved the existing bin – the Clerk will contact TVBC for an up-date.

BUS SHELTER – The Working Group have not yet carried out the work to rejuvenate the exterior.

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT – Cllr A Bettle-Shaffer reported that she has been working on Village Design Templates. Cllr Mrs M Flood offered to put Cllr A Bettle-Shaffer in touch with the TVBC Officer that oversees the VDS. Cllr A Bettle-Shaffer said that would very helpful.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – There has been no interest showed to take over the Co-ordinator role.

RESILIENCE PLAN – Cllr A Bettle Schaffer and the Chairman will start working on the resilience plan.

PLANNING.

22/00107/TREEN – Fell Beech, Cyprus, and Walnut Trees, Queensmead, Chapel Lane, Grateley – NO OBJECTION.

22/00127/FULLN – First floor extension, porch, new vehicular access, and re-cladding of render to main house at first floor – 13 Hawthorn Close, Grateley – NO OBJECTION.

FINANCE.

1ST April 2021 to 1ST February 2022

Opening Balance	£ 22,307.10
Plus ½ Precept	£ 8,400.00
	<u>£30,707.10</u>

Less Expenditure	
Administration	£271.17
Audit	£ 170.00
Play Area Benches	£471.00
Dog Bin Emptying	£203.60
Insurance	£648.95
Maintenance	£581.00
Clerks Wages	£2,420.00
	<u>£4,765.72</u>

Balance in Bank 1st February 2022 = £25,941.38

WEBSITE.

Cllr Abi Bettle-Shaffer reported that she has been up-dating the website and you can now book and pay for the village hall on the Grateley Website.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An email has been received from a Resident of Church Lane regarding large lorries using Church Lane to reverse off Station Road to avoid the Chicane. Just before Christmas a lorry damaged 18 inches of the properties bank and verge. This has now happened several times and a further 6 inches have been eroded.

The Parish Council will report this to Highways and will suggest that the homeowner does the same.

Correspondence has been received regarding the proposed '20 is Plenty' speed limit that is gaining momentum in Hampshire Villages. The Parish Council discussed this and felt that a 20mph speed limit was needed in certain parts of the village and will watch proceedings with interest.

It was suggested that speed limit stickers are purchased to remind drivers of the various speed limits within the Parish. 40mph, 30mph, Advisory 20mph and 'Kill your Speed' signs will be purchased.

Cllr A Bettle-Shaffer reported that several comments have been received via the Website regarding the Queens Jubilee Celebrations and if the Village are planning anything. This will be put on the Agenda for the March Meeting.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS M FLOOD.

Cllr Mrs M Flood reported:

- Test Valley Borough Council have a Covid Support Scheme for businesses that have suffered due to the Pandemic.
- The Chantry Centre Covid Vaccination Centre is still operating, details can be found on the Test Valley Borough Council Website.
- There are matched fund grants available for Jubilee Celebration events again details are available on the TVBC Website.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR D COOLE.

Cllr Mr D Coole reported:

- Test Valley Borough Council have purchased over 30 acres in Clatford for a Community Space for the Borough. There are plans for extensive tree planting.
- Asset grants are available from Test Valley Borough Council. The next deadline for applications is the 18th of April 2022 for a June decision.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

There were no issues raised.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

- Speeding on Wallop/Cholderton Road was raised. The Parish Council were asked if they could push for a review to reduce the speed limit? The Chairman explained that there have been at least three requests from the Parish Council over the last 15 years to have the speed limit reduced. Hampshire County Council have carried out speed monitoring exercises and have refused a reduction in the speed limit as the data indicated that there was not a problem. The Parish Council acknowledged that there is a problem and will once again ask Hampshire County Council to look again at reducing the speed limit.
- Mr Peter Blakeman reported that the pothole in Station Road that caused damage to his wheel some time ago has still not been repaired. The Chairman suggested that Mr Blakeman kept reporting the pothole to Hampshire using the on-line portal. The Parish Council will also report the pothole.
- Mr Peter Blakeman suggested that a Litter Pick around the village is organised for the Spring. The Parish Council agreed, once a date has been set it will be put on the Website.
- Mr Peter Blakeman asked if the planned Skittle Evening could be put on the Website? Cllr A Bettle-Shaffer stated that it already on the events page on the Website.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

NEW START TIME FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council Meetings in future will start at 7pm.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

1st of March 2022 at **7pm**

WEBSITE.

www.grateley.net