**Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th of**

 **February 2023 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.00pm.**

Present: Cllr Mr K Smith – Chair

 Cllr Mr I Wingfield

 Cllr Mr A Bradford

 Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

 Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood.

 Susanne Hasselmann – Borough Council Candidate

 Members of the Public – 3

Apologies: Cllr Mr M Horne, Cllr A Bettle-Shaffer, Borough Councillor Mr D Coole and

 County Councillor Mr C Donnelly.

**WELCOME.**

The Chair 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 previous meeting as a true record. Matters Arising from those minutes:

PLAY AREA – Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that he had met with Mr D Atfield for a handover of the Play Area paperwork.

Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that the Parish Council have contributed £15,000. Funding Raising events in the village, in addition to funds already raised, could be in the region of £5,000. A grant application for a further £5,000 has been submitted. This would bring the total to £25,000. A Match Funding Grant, if successful from TVBC could bring the total budget for the Play Equipment to £50,000.

Over Wallop Parish Council will confirm the amount of their contribution once the final quote has been agreed and the cost of the project confirmed.

Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that there are three quotes on the table and the companies will be contacted for a price up-date.

The possibility of a sewer pipe close to the surface on the Locke Close Field is being investigated, its position may restrict the siting of the proposed new play area.

HIGWAYS – Issues discussed:

* Cllr Mr I Wingfield stated that there have been no potholes to report, and Hampshire County Council highways seem to be on top of repairs at the moment.
* The large puddle that occurs after rainfall on Wallop Road adjacent to the Footpath into Locke Close has been brought to the attention of County Councillor Mr C Donnelley.

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that the footpaths are clear and walkable.

SPEEDING – A new supplier of the Flashing Speed indicator has been found and information has been requested.

DOG BIN – The Clerk reported that Over Wallop Parish Council have agreed to install an additional Bin in Palestine. It is hoped that when they come out to install that one that the Bin issue in Grateley can be resolved.

GRATELEY NEIGBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – A recent planned NDP Meeting had to be cancelled due to a lack of attendance.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – It was agreed that new signs will be ordered for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village.

**PLANNING.**

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

The Parish Council discussed a recent planning application for tree works and had NO OBJECTIONS.

**FINANCE.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT.**

**1ST April 2022 to 7th February 2023**

Opening Balance £ 22,824.16

CIL Money £ 1,818.45

Plus Precept £ 8,400.00

VAT Refund £ 928.76

 **£33,971.37**

Less Expenditure

Audit £185.00

Dog Bin Emptying £205.43

Clerks Wages £3.025.00

Jubilee Expenses £791.29

NDP Expenses £73.50

Defibrillator Battery and Pads £137.45

Flashing Speed Sign Maint £517.80

Website £189.84

Village Hall Grant £1,664.00

Church Grant – 3 years £1,800.00

Office – Microsoft £154.99

Printing P/A Survey £259.00

Paint for Bus Shelter £63.85

Insurance £678.89

 **£9,746.04**

Money in the bank = £24,225.33

**BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS M FLOOD.**

Cllr Mrs M Flood stated that she will be standing again at the May Borough Council Elections. Cllr Mrs M Flood introduced Susanne Hasselmann who is also standing as a Borough Council.

Cllr Mrs M Flood reported on the following issues:

* TVBC put £100,000 into a Cost-of-Living Grant – funding is still available; details can be found on the TVBC Website.
* The Chantry Centre Covid Vaccination facility has been turned into a Health Hub – available for all residents of Test Valley to use.
* TVBC are still prosecuting those that are caught fly tipping.
* There is a TVATPC Team Meeting on the 23/2/2023 if anyone is interested.
* Borough and Parish Elections – ID is now required to be shown for voters at the Polling Stations. Details available on the TVBC Website.

**PARISH COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS.**

There were no issues raised.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

There were no issues raised.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

7th of March 2023 at 7pm in the Grateley Village Hall.

**WEBSITE.**

[www.grateley.net](http://www.grateley.net)