

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2020 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs J Blakeman – Chairman
Cllr Mr K Smith – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr D Atfield
Cllr Mr P Blakeman
Cllr Mr R Tierney
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood
Mr J Stamp - NHW
Members of the Public – 6

Apologies: Cllr Mr M Horne and Borough Councillor Mr D Coole.

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 previous meeting as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

PLAY AREA – It was reported that progress is being made. The quotes for Play Equipment have not yet been forwarded to the Parish Clerk. TVBC are not too keen on the footprint of the Play Area being expanded, this will be confirmed once the plans for the proposed play area have been received by the Parish Council.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mr R Tierney gave an up-date on Highways issues:

- Two of the repaired potholes have already started to disintegrate.
- Highways came out and cleared the drains on the Wallop Road behind Locke Close, but with the recent heavy rain they soon got blocked again and flooded the road.
- The kerb stones in the area of the old Shire Horse Public House and on the opposite side of the road near the pathway to Locke Close were damaged by the building contractors when parking there heavy lorries waiting to go on site and now need attention.
- The Chairman raised concerns about the lack of white lines between Parkhouse Roundabout and Grateley, this is especially noticeable in the winter months.
- It was noted that the yellow lines in Station Road need repainting again – This will be reported to TVBC and Highways.

FOOTPATHS – As far as the Parish Council know all the footpaths are clear and walkable.

EMERGENCY PLAN – Work has started on putting together an Emergency Plan for Grateley.

VE CELEBRATIONS – 8TH MAY 2020 – Plough Inn - It is planned to hold an Afternoon Tea for the Children and Senior Citizens. This will be followed by a BBQ in the evening with a musical rendition from the WASPS. Further details to follow in the coming months.

VILLAGE SIGN – Cllr Mr M Horne will up-date the Parish Council at the next meeting.

PLANNING.

20/00072/FULLN – Change of use of Post Office (A1) to residential to form part of Hope Cottage – Grateley Post Office, High Street, Grateley – SUPPORT.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – MR J STAMP

Mr J Stamp reported that there are various scams still doing the rounds. A lead garden statue has been taken. A strange pick-up in the village was reported.

FINANCE.

Cheques issued in February 2020.

R.N. Waterman	Administration	£203.75
Strato	Web Site Host Fee	£135.00

A further CIL Payment totalling £2,478 has been received.

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

The Village Clean-up will take place on the 4th April 2020 with a 10am start followed by refreshments in the Plough Inn.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks reported that the Hampshire County Council part of the Council Tax will increase by 3.99%. HCC must make cuts of a further £80 million in the year 2020/2021. The Library service is being looked at to see where cuts can be made. An additional £2 Million has been given to HCC by the Government towards pothole repairs.

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS MRS M FLOOD

Cllr Mrs M Flood reported that:

1. Contactless car parking payment machines. The machine enables contactless payments as well as card and cash options for users.
2. New charging points for electric vehicles at eight new locations (18 new electric vehicle charging points) – free to use until March 2020. The new points installed at the Chantry Centre (floor 2A), Shepherds Spring, George Yard, South Street and Borden Gates car parks in Andover.
3. Chantry Centre public toilets have been totally renovated and the lifts are to undergo a major refurbishment. TVBC are looking at the Business Rates to try and attract tenants to the Chantry Centre.
4. From April 2020, shoppers will be able to park for two hours for £1.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

CLLR MR K SMITH – Reported that there is a lot of dog mess on both sides of the road between Campbell Close and Locke Close. Additional Dog Fouling signs are required. The Clerk will report this to TVBC.

The litter bin at the bottom of the path from Locke Close is full and has not been emptied for several weeks. The Clerk will report this to TVBC.

CLLR MRS J BLAKEMAN – Reported that she had received a complaint from a Parishioner that some of the information on the Notice Boards was out of date. This has been dealt with.

Cllr Mrs J Blakeman reported that dog fouling is taking place on the Locke Close Field. It was suggested that the dog bin needed emptying on a weekly basis. If there is no improvement then we will need to apply for a “No Dogs Allowed” in this area.

Cllr Mrs J Blakeman reported that cars are parking in the Village Hall car park during the day. This was noted and will be monitored.

Cllr Mrs J Blakeman stated that there may be a possibility that the speed limit along Cholderton/Wallop Road may be under review.

CLLR MR P BLAKEMAN – Reported that he and Mr Brian Funnell had met with Borough Councillor Mr D Coole to look at the village. The following issues were identified at Grateley Station:

1. The Footpath needs to be extended to make it safer for pedestrians entering and exiting the station.
2. Improvements need to be made to the footbridge to make it safer.
3. The surrounding grounds are not maintained
4. The steps from Station Road need to be looked at, they are quite slippery due to a large amount of Algy.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The following issues were raised:

- Safety for pedestrians on Station Approach
- Play Equipment
- The dangerous camber on the junction of Wallop and Old Stockbridge Road

CORRESPONDENCE.

Phil Dominey the Senior Regional Development Manager, South Western Railway would like to meet with the Parish Council to discuss car parking at Grateley Station.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

March 3rd 2020