

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st June 2021 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC GUIDELINES ON SELF DISTANCING WERE FOLLOWED. FACE MASKS WERE WORN AND ANTI-BACTERIAL HAND GEL USED.

Present: Cllr Mr K Smith – Acting Chairman
Cllr Mr D Atfield
Cllr Mr P Blakeman
Cllr Mr R Tierney
Cllr Mr M Horne
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood
County Councillor Mr C Donnally
Members of the Public – 5

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr D Coole

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mr P Blakeman proposed Cllr Mr K Smith as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mr R Tierney. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mr K Smith was elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mr P Blakeman proposed Cllr Mr D Atfield as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mr M Horne. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mr D Atfield was elected Vice Chairman.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council have interviewed Abi Bettle-Shaffer and have agreed to co-opt her onto the Parish Council at the July Meeting. The Chairman reported that there is another person who has expressed an interest in helping out it is hoped that the Prish Council can have an informal chat before the next meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the May 2021 meeting as a true record. Matters Arising from those minutes:

PLAY AREA – Cllr Mr D Atfield reported:

- Play Area Equipment Manufacturers have been contacted for new catalogues and price lists.
- Three Benches have been purchased and are not on the Locke Close Field.

- TVBC will be asked if they could please cut the field more frequently as it has been noted that the grass get quite long between cuts.
- Quotes for full size goal posts will be sort.
- It was suggested that Over Wallop Parish Council are asked if they would consider contributing to the cost of the new Play Equipment as several of the Palestine Children use the Locke Close Field. The Clerk suggested that this is brought to the attention of Cllr Mr Tony Burden the Palestine Ward Representative on Over Wallop Parish Council.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mr R Tierney spoke at length about Highways Repairs. It was noted that no work has been carried out to repair potholes in the village, Wallop Roads still regularly floods after rainfall and the roadside.

County Councillor Mr C Donnelley stated that he has been sent a list of planned repairs for the following year to Hampshire County Council Roads. The A303 and M27 are the responsibility of Highways England. Cllr Mr C Donnelley will make enquiries about the roads in Grateley.

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that as far as he was aware all the footpaths are clear and walkable.

SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD – Cllr Mr R Tierney spoke at length about the School Playing Field that is owned by Hampshire County Council. The field is not open to the public for general use. As a result the only open space available to the Parishioners of the village is the field at Locke Close, this belongs to TVBC.

It is not practical for the Church end of the village to travel up to Locke Close, as it is dangerous to walk on Station Road and there are no car parking facilities at Locke Close. Cllr Mr R Tierney stated that he would like to see the School Playing Field handed over to TVBC so that it could be opened-up to the public.

Cllr Mr R Tierney passed his notes to County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood. The Notes will be forwarded to the Parish Councillors.

COB WALL -It was noted that work has begun to remove the blown part of the cob wall.

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

FINANCE.

Payments made in June 2021.

R.N. Waterman	Administration	£203.75
TVBC	Dog Bin Emptying	£240.00

WEBSITE.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council intend to look at the Website as the current one needs up-dating to make it more user friendly. Our new Parish Councillor Abi Bettle-Shaffer has offered to undertake the task.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly introduced himself as our newly elected County Councillor and gave a brief up-date on Hampshire County Council issues.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR M FLOOD.

Cllr Mrs M Flood gave a brief up-date on Test Valley Borough Council matters.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

- Planning Application 20/02174/FULLN – Erection of a detached 4 bed-roomed dwelling and the creation of a new access - Land Adjacent to Broad Leys, Station Road, Grateley. Several residents have objected to this planning application as an amendment to include kerbside narrowing has been applied for.

It was noted that the Parish Council had not been consulted on this amendment.

Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood will make enquiries and report back to the Parish Council.

- There is still a problem with dog mess around the Bus Shelter on Streetway Road and at the Hampshire Gap. It was agreed that the Parish Council will fund the provision of an additional dog bin in Streetway Road.
- It was reported that there is still a problem with parking in Station Approach.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

6th July 2021 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm