

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs J Blakeman – Chairman
Cllr Mr D Atfield
Cllr Mr P Blakeman
Cllr Mr R Tierney
Cllr Mr m Horne
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mr D Coole
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Members of the Public – 6

Apologies: Cllr Mr K Smith – Vice Chairman, Mr J Stamp Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood.

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 – The quotes for Play Equipment have still not been forwarded to the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council will discuss this further and decide on how to proceed at the April Meeting.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mrs Z Brooks read out the following reply from Mr Richard Barstow, Hampshire Highways to the enquiries she made regarding the roads in Grateley:

- The request for the road markings in the area around the railway station are to be included along with those at the Old Stockbridge Road junction in the promised refresh is noted and will be actioned.
- In the request for additional road edge liners, keeping Hampshire's roads safe and well maintained is a priority for the County Council and we do this by directing our resources towards those locations where there is evidence accidents are occurring and the introduction of traffic and safety measures are most likely to reduce these. Whilst we will always respond to safety issues based on professional judgment, we routinely prioritise sites with recurring treatable patterns of reported injury accidents, for our casualty reduction programme.
- If you can provide further information on the specific sites you are referring to, this will enable us to make an assessment and determine if increased edge lining will offer a casualty reduction benefit. I'm afraid we have no finding available for sites that do not meet these criteria, however, we may be able to offer the Parish Council the opportunity to fund feasible measures as a community funded traffic management project.

- I can advise that the vegetation and detritus will be cleared from the railway bridge pedestrian crossing point on Wallop/Cholderton Road and that provision of a barrier; to reduce the risk of falls down the bank at this location, will also be investigated.

Further Highways issues were discussed:

- Overnight parking of cars on Station Road.
- Woodside Staff parking on the verge opposite the property blocking the road signage.
- 20 MPH through the village – Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that several schemes have been trialled in Hampshire and she would enquire what the outcome has been and report back to the Parish Council.
- Pothole and Road surface flooding.
- In the recent high winds, a tree came down blocking the road during a funeral service at the church. Highways were very quick to come and remove the tree.
- Cllr R Tierney reported that the Monxton Road Flashing Speed Sign is not working. The Clerk will report this to the maintenance team.

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

EMERGENCY PLAN – Work has started on putting together an Emergency Plan for Grateley. Cllr MR K Smith will give an up-date at the next meeting.

VE CELEBRATIONS – 8TH MAY 2020 – Plans for the VE Celebrations are ongoing. Photographs and Memorabilia are needed to put on a display. It is planned to ring the Church Bells at 7pm and a short service will be held to mark the event.

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

LITTER BIN – The Clerk reported that the litter bin on Wallop Road adjacent to the footpath to Locke Close is now on the list for emptying.

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

FINANCE.

Cheques issued in March 2020.

R.N. Waterman	Administration	£203.75
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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.

FUTURE PROJECTS.

The Chairman gave an up-date on the Refurbishment of the Village Hall. The Kitchen is in the process of being refurbished. The next project will be to upgrade the toilets and fit a Fire Alarm. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Z Brooks for giving the Village Hall £1,000 towards the refurbishment of the Kitchen.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Litter picking on the A303 and A34 slip road will continue until the end of April 2020.

County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks spoke about Ash Tree die back, Hampshire County Council are felling all their diseased Ash Trees and have an extensive re-planting programme, the cost will be in the region of in the region of £830,000. An adopt a tree scheme is also being run through Hillier Gardens.

Hampshire County Council Highways have released statistics for TVBC in January 2020:

- 115 Emergencies attended
- 966 Gullies and other drainage cleared
- 54 Square meters of footway repaired/resurfaced.
- 108 Potholes repaired (including extra Find and Fix gangs).
- 21 Arboriculture jobs completed.
- 62 Other Jobs completed (outside of all works).

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS MR D COOLE

Cllr Mr D Coole reported that:

- After a recent meeting with Highways it has been confirmed that there are no planned improvements for the Wallop/Cholderton Road.
- A speed limit review will be carried out on Wallop/Cholderton Road in 2020. It was noted that this should not be done during the school holidays!
- Work needed to improve safety on the station steps has been identified, Highways will raise this issue with Rail Track.
- The damaged road signs identified in the Parish will be replaced.
- Parking on Station Road – It has been suggested that the yellow lines are extended to stop the parking. Cllr Mr R Tierney felt that it would be much more efficient to create pull in gaps as it is the long run of parked cars that is the problem. This was noted.
- TVBC are increasing their part of the Council Tax by £5 for a Band D Property.
- The Andover Chantry Centre action plan is gaining momentum.
- TVBC are in the process of sending out the revised SHLAA list to the parish Councils.
- Cllr Coole spoke about the various grants that are available from TVBC.
- The next TVATPC meeting will cover Climate Change and Speed reductions.
- Andover Town Council are negotiating taking over services from TVBC.
- TVBC have 106 playgrounds across the Borough, 62 are in Andover

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

MR R TIERNEY – Reported that the Telephone Box Library is looking very untidy and wondered if the lady who was looking after it has given up. The Clerk will check and report back.

The sight line at the junction of Station Road and Cholderton Road is compromised due to the daffodils growing in the verge.

CLLR M HORNE – Reported that the parking at pick up time at the Grateley Primary School stretches back to Chapel Lane, with much inconsiderate parking. The Clerk was asked to write to the school and to request a visit from the TVBC Traffic Warden.

CLLR P BLAKEMAN – Reported that there has been a suspicious vehicle seen hanging around the Village Hall. The Clerk stated that all suspicious vehicles need to be reported to the Police on the 101-telephone number as each call is logged.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were no issues raised by the Members of the Public.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

7th April 2020