

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ON SELF DISTANCING. FACE MASKS WERE WORN AND ANTI-BACTERIAL HAND GEL USED.

DUE TO THE SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL NOT BE OMITTED.

Present: Cllr Mr K Smith – Acting Chairman
Cllr Mr D Atfield
Cllr Mr P Blakeman
Cllr Mr R Tierney
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

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 April 2021 meeting as a true record.

VILLAGE HALL

- The Kitchen is near completion and can be used for the elections on the 6th May 2021. Cllr Mr P Blakeman still has some minor works to complete the kitchen.
- The new floor will be laid after the election.
- The Electrical Inspection has been completed and we are waiting for the Electrical Safety Certificate.
- The service of the fire extinguishers has been booked in for the week after the election.
- The Skip is to be collected on the 6th or 7th May 2021.
- The Hall is now ready to hold the Election on the 6th May 2021.
- The Clerk will contact TVBC to order two new wheely bins as the two existing ones disappeared before the first Covid19 lockdown.
- Mrs Hayes the Cleaner will be asked to resume her duties ready for reopening on the 17th May 2021.
- The Chairman will formulate the rules for hirers on re-opening of the hall on the 17th May 2021, these will be displayed in the hall.
- It is up to the hirer to provide the necessary Covid-19 protection for their groups.

PARISH COUNCIL

SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD – Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that he has renewed his licence for use of part of the School Playing Field. The Clerk has sent a letter to the Hampshire County Council Education Department asking if the School Playing Field could be opened up for village use.

SPEEDING – It was agreed to investigate the cost of purchasing a new speed gun for a Community Speed Watch Scheme. The Clerk was asked to put Speed Watch on the Agenda for the July Meeting.

FOOTPATH LINKING BOTH ENDS OF THE VILLAGE – The Clerk has not yet received a written reply from Network Rail.

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

FINANCE.

GRATELEY PARISH COUNCIL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2021

| 2019/2020 £ | RECEIPTS | 2020/2021 £ |
|------------------|---|------------------|
| 8000.00 | Precept | 8,400.00 |
| .59 | Bank Interest | .16 |
| Nil | VAT Refund | Nil |
| 700.00 | Grateley Village Friends | Nil |
| 4956.00 | CIF Levy | |
| <u>14,056.59</u> | | <u>8,400.16</u> |
| | PAYMENTS | |
| 348.00 | Administration | 483.70 |
| 2730.92 | Clerk Wages | 2740.00 |
| 600.00 | Village Hall Hire/Caretakers Wages/Grant | Nil |
| 345.93 | Flashing Speed Sign Maintenance | 483.70 |
| 600.00 | Section 137 Payments - Grateley PCC | Nil |
| 1090.50 | Grateley Village Friends | Nil |
| 34.70 | VAT on Payments | 40.00 |
| 149.50 | Footpath Cutting/Village Maintenance | 570.00 |
| 130.56 | Web Site | 206.64 |
| 534.49 | Insurance | 553.87 |
| <u>6,564.60</u> | | <u>4,964.21</u> |
| | RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY | |
| 12,400.52 | Balance BFW 1 st April 2020 | 19,892.51 |
| 14,056.59 | Add : Total Receipts | 8,400.16 |
| <u>26,457.11</u> | | <u>28,292.32</u> |
| | Less : Total Payments | |
| 6,565.60 | | 4,964.21 |
| <u>19,892.51</u> | | <u>23,328.46</u> |
| | These cumulative funds are represented by : | |
| 18,545.85 | C.B.A. Account No 60423998 | 22,036.64 |
| 257.25 | B.P. Account No 50093157 | 257.88 |
| 67.55 | Play Area B.P. Account | 67.58 |
| 1,021.36 | Grateley Village Friends Account | 1,021.36 |
| <u>19,892.51</u> | | <u>23,328.46</u> |

ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2020/2021

The Annual Accounting Statement 2020/2021 was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mr K Smith and seconded by Cllr Mr D Atfield. All agreed. The Chairman and Clerk will sign the relevant paperwork.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/2021

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021 ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statement.

The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mr K Smith and seconded by Cllr Mr R Tierney. All Agreed. The Chairman and the Clerk will sign the relevant paperwork.

PLAY AREA.

The Clerk was asked to purchase 2 Picnic Benches for the Locke Close Field. Now that lockdown is coming to an end the Parish Council will now pursue getting new Play Equipment for the Locke Close Field.

TELEPHONE BOX.

The Parish Council wished to thank Linda Griffith and her helpers for sorting out the telephone box library.

COB WALL.

It was noted that the Cob Wall on the corner of Station Road before the chicane has blown, this has been reported to the householder and he is aware of the problem.

It was noted that a tree needs attention in Lawrence Houses, it is believed that the tree belongs to Mr s Goddard.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

1st June 2021 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm