**Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd**

 **November 2021 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr Mr K Smith - Chairman

 Cllr A Bettle-Shaffer

 Cllr R Tierney

 Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

 County Councillor Mr C Donnelly

 Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood

Apologies: Cllr Mr D Atfield, 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.

**PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

Cllr Mr R Tierney handed the Chairman a letter of resignation from the Parish Council due to increasing family commitments. The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Mr R Tierney for all that he has done during his time as a Parish Councillor. All agreed.

The Clerk will inform Test Valley Borough Council of the vacancy

**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 D Atfield is working on the survey.

HIGHWAYS – Highways have been in the Parish clearing up after the recent storm.

It was noted that it has been some time since the Test Valley Borough Council Road Sweeper has been seen in the Parish. Enquiries will be made.

Openreach have been in the village working on providing fibre to properties who have signed up for the service.

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that there are several trees down in Gunville and Chaple Lane as a result of the recent storm. The Landowners will be notified.

SPEEDING – Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that noy all the Speed Watch volunteers have been contacted. The Clerk has spoken to the Chairman of Over Wallop, and she has confirmed that the list of volunteers was passed to the Nether Wallop Parish Clerk who is organising the training. The Clerk will pass on the contact details of the Nether Wallop Parish Clerk to Cllr Mr R Tierney.

The Clerk confirmed that some Volunteers have been trained to use the Speed Watch equipment.

The Clerk reported that the delivery date for the Solar Powered Flashing Speed Sign has not yet been confirmed.

DOG BIN - TVBC have not yet installed or mover the existing bin – the Clerk will contact TVBC for an up-date.

BUS SHELTER – The new roof has been installed. The Working Group can now carry out the work to rejuvenate the exterior. It was reported that the contractor left a lot of nails on the floor surrounding the Bus Shelter. The Clerk will speak to the contractor.

TELEPHONE BOX – Due to be painted soon.

**PLANNING.**

21/02845/TREEN – Fell 1 Walnut Tree – The Grange, Pond Lane – SUPPORT

21/02895/FULLN – Replace Conservatory with two storey extension - Jasmine Cottage, High Street – SUPPORT

21/03023/LBWN – Demolition of Wall – Grateley House School – SUPPORT.

NOTICE OF REFUSAL.

20/02174/FULLN – Erection of a detached 3-bedroom dwelling and the creation of a new access – Land adjacent to Broad Leys, Station Road – REFUSE.

PRE-APPLICATION.

21/02613/PREAPN – Pre-Application advice request for – Change of use – Clear dilapidated sheds, Site timber framed dwelling, site workshop, Landscaping, Donate 50% of land to Parish – Former Poultry Sheds, Monxton Road, Grateley.

The Chairman reported that the Applicant has informed him that the Test Valley Planners are not supportive of this pre-application.

**FINANCE.**

**1ST April 2021 to 7th September 2021**

Opening Balance £ 22,307.10

Plus Precept £ 8,400.00

 **£30,707.10**

Less Expenditure

Audit £ 170.00

Play Area Benches £471.00

Dog Bin Emptying £203.60

Clerks Wages £1,320.00

 **£2,164.60**

Balance in Bank 7th September 2021 = £28,542.50

The Parish Council discussed the Precept and agreed that there will be no increase for the 2022/2023 Precept. The Precept for 2022/2023 was set at £8,400.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

An advert for a new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator will be put on the Village Facebook and the Website.

**WEBSITE.**

Cllr Abi Bettle-Shaffer reported that the Web Site has gone live and gave the statistics for viewing to date.

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

Cllr Abi Bettle-Shaffer reported that she had also put the SSE update on the power supply to the village following the recent storm.

**GRATELEY HOUSE SCHOOL.**

The Chairman reported that he had received communication from Grateley House School stating that they would like to improve interaction with the village and would be interested in helping with community projects. The Parish Council thought this excellent news.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.**

Cllr Mr C Donnelly gave an up-date on Hampshire County Council business and will send a report that can be put on the website with the minutes.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly informed the Parish Council that he had a Councillors Devolved Grant to help fund Community Projects and that he welcomed applications.

At present there are no further changes to the booking method to use the Andover Re-cycling facility.

**BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS M FLOOD.**

Cllr Mrs M Flood reported:

* Test Valley Borough Council are working on the Local Plan and a Draft will be sent to all the Parish Councils for comment.
* Test Valley Borough Council have purchased over 30 acres in Clatford for a Community Space for the Borough. There are plans for extensive tree planting.
* Neighbourhood Plan and Village Designs Statements were briefly discussed. Cllr Mrs M Flood stated that she could arrange for a Test Valley Officer to come and talk to the Parish Council. The Parish Council thought this a good idea for a meeting in the new year.

Cllr Abi Bettle-Shaffer stated that she had put together the Village Design Statement for Barton Stacey and would be interested in taking the lead on a Design Statement for Grateley. The Parish Council thought this an excellent offer. The Chairman and Cllr Abi Bettle-Shaffer will get together to discuss the way forward.

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS.**

CLLR MR K SMITH – Spoke about the re-starting work on the Resilience Plan, work was halted at the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Cllr Abi Bettle-Shaffer stated that she had also been instrumental in putting together a Resilience Plan for Barton Stacey and would be willing to help.

Network Rail have expressed an interested in installing Defibrillators at all their stations.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

1st February 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.