**Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th**

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

Present: Cllr Mr K Smith - Chairman

Cllr Mr D Atfield – Vice Chairman

Cllr A Bettle-Shaffer

Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Mr M Horne, Cllr Mr R Tierney, County Councillor Mr C

Donnelley and Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood and Mr D Coole.

**WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

**PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

The Clerk reported that he has received a letter of resignation from Cllr Mr P Blakeman and will inform TVBC.

The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Mr P Blakeman for all that he has done during his time as a Parish Councillor. All agreed.

**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 report:

* A meeting to discuss the survey and progress of the project is to be held. Cllr A Bettle-Shaffer offered to help put the survey together.
* Two further quotes have been obtained for the play equipment.
* Fund Raising within the village is on-going.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr A Bettle-Shaffer reported that there are still issues to be resolved with the drainage on Wallop Road with surface water coming from Streetway Road. Highways Workmen have been seen on site looking at the problem.

FOOTPATHS – There have not been any reported issues with the footpath, and it was assumed that all the footpaths are clear and walkable.

SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD – The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the Headteacher of Grateley School to discuss the school playing field. The Head Teacher has replied in writing:

Following our discussion, I can confirm that we are not in favour of relinquishing the school field as we have strategic plans for its development and use. We are currently working with a landscape architect from Hampshire County Council to support the ideas moving forward.

Thank you for your offer of potential support in our development plans. I look forward to working with the Parish Council as we move forward with them

SPEEDING -The Clerk reported that Volunteers for the Speed Watch Scheme have been contacted regarding the training session.

The Clerk reported that he placed the order for the Solar Powered Flashing Speed sign. A delivery date has yet to be confirmed.

DOG BIN - The Chairman reported that he had met with TVBC to confirm the siting of the additional Dog Bin between the Bus Shelter and Lock Close Field Gate on Streetway Road.

It will also be confirmed that the existing Rubbish Bin will be placed further away from the Bus Shelter.

BUS SHELTER – The new roof will be replaced by the next Parish Council Meeting. The Working Group can then carry out the work to rejuvenate the exterior.

TELEPHONE BOX – Not yet painted but is scheduled to be done by the Winter.

**PLANNING**

The Chairman reported that Cllr Mr M Horne has agreed to take over the role of Planning Officer for the Parish Council.

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

Full details are available on the Test Valley Borough Council Website.

**FINANCE.**

**1ST April 2021 to 5th October 2021**

Opening Balance £22,307.10

Plus, ½ Precept £8,400.00

**£30,707.10**

Less Expenditure

Audit £170.00

Play Area Benches £471.00

Dog Bin Emptying £203.60

Clerks Wages £1,520.00

**£2,364.60**

Balance in Bank 5th October 2021 = £28,342.50

**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 is ready to go live. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr A Bettle-Shaffer to initiate the process for the handover.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

2nd November 2021 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.