

During the Covid-19 Pandemic the Parish Council will be following guidelines on social distancing. Face Masks must be worn and those attending were urged to bring their own anti-bacterial hand gel.

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2020 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs J Blakeman – Chairman
Cllr Mr K Smith – Vice 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 Mrs Z Brooks

Apologies: Cllr Mr M Horne, Mr J Stamp and Borough Councillor Mr D Coole.

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 March 2020 meeting as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

PLAY AREA – The Parish Council discussed the Play Area and agreed that they have had enough feedback from residents to make an informed decision on what type of equipment to purchase. 3 Quotes for a multi-function play towers will be obtained, discussed and agreed with Test Valley Borough Council, before advertising to the residents.

Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that the gate posts are rotten and need replacing, it was also noted that TVBC have not put up any Covid-19 Notices on the field. The Clerk will report both items to TVBC.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that Hampshire Highways have been busy during the Covid-19 Lockdown and have been repairing many of the roads in the area. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Z Brooks for pushing to have the white lines reinstated.

Several incidents of speeding through the village have been reported over the Lockdown period, one reported incident involved a child. The Community Speed Watch was briefly discussed. Cllr Mrs M Flood will forward information to the Clerk to distribute among the Parish Councillors.

Cars parking on the verge on Cholderton Road are blocking the sign for the cross-roads. The sign for some reason is on a small post and needs to be raised higher. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks will follow this up.

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

EMERGENCY PLAN – Work on putting together an Emergency Plan for Grateley has been put on hold due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

FINANCE.

Payments made from March to September

R.N. Waterman	Administration	£1,320.00
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The Bank Account balance as of the 1st September 2020 was £21,505.32

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

There was no report.

FUTURE PROJECTS.

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.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks spoke about the problems the Andover Re-cycling Centre is having with residents booking a slot and not turning up. Residents are urged to book responsibly.

Hampshire County Council have just completed their Climate Change Report and it makes interesting reading. This will be available on the Hampshire County Council Website.

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks hoped that the regular HCC up-dates she has been sending to the Chairman and Clerk have been helpful during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Chairman confirmed that they have been most helpful.

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS MRS M FLOOD

Cllr Mrs M Flood wished to congratulate the Village of Grateley for their community spirit during the Covid-19 Pandemic. There has been a lot of support for the needy and vulnerable. A big thankyou to all the volunteers.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

CLLR MR R TIERNEY – Reported the sad passing of Tony Seddon.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

RESIGNATION

The Chairman stated that she wished to resign from the Parish Council with immediate effect.

The Parish Council were sad to hear this and thanked her for all the work she has done during her time on the Parish Council.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was felt that with the current changes on Social Distancing likely to change in the coming weeks the Parish Council will not meet until the 3rd November 2020.