

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th of June 2023 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Mr K Smith – Chair
Cllr Mr I Wingfield – Vice Chair
Cllr Mr A Bradford
Cllr Mr M Horne
Cllr Mrs J Blakeman
Cllr Mrs P Perkins
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood and Mrs S Hasselmann.
Members of the Public – 7

WELCOME.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE.

Mr M Horne and Mrs P Perkins were co-opted onto the Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Office.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.

CHAIR – Cllr Mr A Bradford proposed Cllr Mr K Smith as Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Blakeman. There were no other nominations. All agreed.
Cllr Mr K Smith was elected Chair.

VICE CHAIR – Cllr Mr K Smith proposed Cllr Mr I Wingfield as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Mr A Bradford. There were no other nominations. All agreed.
Cllr Mr I Wingfield was elected Vice-Chair.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the April and May meetings were signed as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

PLAY AREA – Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that the Parish Council have received a National Lottery Grant of £10,000. The grant application to TVBC for match funding can now be completed and submitted. Local Businesses and Over Wallop Parish Council will be asked to write a letter of support to submit with the application. The Parish Council though this excellent news.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that all the majority of potholes reported to Hampshire Highways have been marked for repair. There are several that have not yet been marked. There does seem to be a lot of loose manhole covers that have also been reported. No time frame has been given for the repairs.

The work recently carried out at the junction of Wallop Road and Old Stockbridge Road was discussed.

A member of the Public stated that he could not see the point of the work done and felt it was a waste of Taxpayers money, it would have been better if they had reduced

the speed limit to 30mph. The Chair explained that the Parish Council have on several occasions over the last 10 years asked for the speed limit along Cholderton/Wallop Road to be reduced to 30mph. Each time this was rejected by Hampshire as they could not prove there was a speeding problem, and it does not meet the criteria. The Chair stated that the Parish Council will try again.

DOG BIN – The Clerk reported that TVBC have acknowledged the order for the additional Dog Bin in Streetway Road and to move the existing litter bin.

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that the footpaths are walkable but a bit overgrown.

RESILIENCE PLAN – The Clerk confirmed that the Grant Application has been sent to SSE to make the Village Hall at Warm Hub.

SPEEDING – The Clerk has sent in the order for the new Flashing Speed Sign and is waiting for conformation of delivery.

The Clerk was asked to enquire what is happening about the Speed Watch that some residents were trained for last year.

FINANCE. FINANCIAL REPORT – 6th June 2023

Income.	£
Kings Coronation Grant	500.00
½ Precept	4,200.00
Play Area Grant	10,000.00
	<u>£14,700.00</u>

Less Expenditure	£
Clerks Wages	275.00
TVBC Election Expenses	24.00
P Reynolds Audit Fee	200.00
GPCC Annual Grant	600.00
GVH Annual Grant	600.00
R.N. Waterman Expenses	48.75
A. Bettle-Shaffer Web Site	355.20
	<u>£2,102.95</u>

Summary.	
Working Capital O/B 1.4.23	= £ 8,827.65
+ income	= £14,700.00
	= <u>£23,527.65</u>

Less Expenditure	= £ 2,102.95
Less Play Area Funding	= £ 10,000.00
	= <u>£11,424.70</u>

Money in the bank.	
Working Capital	£11,424.70
Play Area Funding	£25,000.00
	<u>£36,424.70</u>

PLANNING.

23/00642/FULLN – Grateley Business Park – Demolition of Commercial building and construction of 3 buildings to be used for storage and the provision of financial services; Offices; Research and development of products and light industrial processes with parking. PERMISSION with conditions.

Residents are concerned that TVBC have not followed the due process on this Planning Application and ignored all the comments they submitted. Increase opening hours have been allowed and the issue of parking ignored.

The Clerk reported that TVBC have not acknowledged the comments from the Parish Council in their report and decision as they were received after the closing date. However, a letter from Planning has indicated that the Parish Councils objection were along the same lines as received from Residents.

The Parish Council acknowledged that they must review their planning procedure and tighten up their response time for replying to Planning Applications. Cllr Mr K Smith and Cllr Mr M Horne will take on the portfolio for Planning.

23/01314/TREEN – Fell Sycamore – Meadow Cottage, Monxton Road, Grateley – NO OBJECTION.

NDP – Mrs J Lynch reported that the NDP Team are holding an 'on-line' meeting with Sarah Hughes from TVBC as they have come to a standstill and are not sure how to proceed. There are no grants available this financial year to enable the NDP to progress to the next stage.

WEBSITE.

The Chair informed the meeting the Parish Council are holding an 'in-camera' meeting following this meeting to discuss the way forward with the Website.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported:

- £14 Million has been added to the Hampshire County Council Budget to assist with support grants for winter fuel. Full details can be accessed on the County Council Website.
- A further £4.4 Million has been added to the food vouchers scheme and an additional £3/4 Million for Foster Carers.
- There are various events planned to promote the County Greening Campaign.
- The capping of the Bus Fayre has been extended until September.
- HCC have started their verge cutting.
- Hampshire County Council are now aware of the parking issues in Campbell Close and will make more frequent visits to check on parking. There are 13 spaces and only 6 permits issued.
- Highways repairs to Cholderton/Wallop Road are scheduled for July 2023.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MRS M FLOOD AND MRS S HASSELMANN.

Cllr Mrs M Flood and Cllr Mrs S Hasselmann reported:

- Cllr Mrs M Flood and Cllr Mrs S Hasselmann will take it in turn to visit Grateley Parish Council Meetings in the future.

- Test Valley Borough Council is quiet at the moment. Recent events included the swearing in of the new Mayor Cllr Mr P Lashbrook.
- Cllr Mr P North has been elected the Leader of Test Valley Borough Council for a second term.
- Cllr Mrs M Flood and Mrs S Hasselmann spoke about the roles they have been given for the new Council term.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR M HORNE – Asked Cllr Mr C Donnelly if Hampshire County Council had any sway with the Railway regarding parking charged at the stations? Parking Charges are increasing, this results in commuters parking in residential streets rather than paying to use the carparks.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly was not sure and would investigate before making comment. Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported that he was aware that the Railway Network is still trying to recover from the Covid Pandemic and that he would report this to Kit Malthouse MP.

Cllr Mr M Horne will enquire if the Golf Driving Range would class as a Community Asset.

CLLR MR I WINGFIELD – Reported that he has nearly completed the paperwork to register the Plough Inn as a Community Asset and hoped to submit it before the next meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Issues raised by the Members of the Public included:

- Is the dumping of Grass Cuttings classed as 'Fly Tipping'?
The answer was yes, and any incidents should be reported to Test Valley Borough Council.
- An overgrown hedge on Monxton Road is reducing the width of the road and causing vehicles to drive in the middle of the road, there have been a few near misses.
Cllr Mr M Horne was aware of this and will speak to the Landowner.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

4th July 2023 at 7pm in the Grateley Village Hall.

WEBSITE.

www.grateley.net