

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th of July 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 Mrs J Blakeman
Cllr Mrs P Perkins
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Mrs J Lynch - NDP
Members of the Public – 3

Apologies: Cllr Mr M Horne and Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood and Mrs S Hasselmann.

WELCOME.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the June meeting were signed as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

PLAY AREA – Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that he has received several letters of support for the Play Area from Local Businesses to submit with the funding application. The Clerk reported that he had sent the quote for the Play Area to Over Wallop Parish Council, and they will be discussing it at their meeting on the 13th of July.

AFTER NOTE:

Over Wallop Parish Council confirmed at their meeting on the 13th Of July 2023 that they will be making a donation of £5,000 towards the Play Area.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that all the majority of potholes reported to Hampshire Highways have been repaired or are marked for repair. There has been a lot of work carried out on Old Stockbridge Road including digging out Gullies. The hedge on Monxton Road has been cut back.

Other Highway issues raised that will be reported included:

- The overgrown hedge on land belonging to TVBD in Streetway Road.
- The Hedge needs cutting along Station Road Rail Track will be contacted.
- The flooding problem at the bottom of Streetway Road on Wallop Road.

DOG BIN – TVBC are changing the way Community Rubbish Bins are collected to fall in line with the new Re-cycling programme coming into force in 2024. It appears that the existing green bins will be changed to dual purpose bins (rubbish and do waste). The Clerk reported that the existing Green Bin that the Parish Council have asked to be moved further along the fence line of the Locke Close Playing Field will alleviate the need for an additional dog bin. This will be monitored once it has been moved.

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that the footpaths are walkable but a bit overgrown. The footpath that runs from Green Drove down to Grateley Drove is nearly impassable. The Clerk will put this on the list for the Lengthsman.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – The refreshing of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is ongoing.

RESILIENCE PLAN – The Clerk confirmed that the Grant Application has been sent to SSE to make the Village Hall at Warm Hub. Notification that the application will be considered in September 2023 has been received.

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

It was agreed that there will be a conscious effort to get Grateley booked in for the use of the Speed Watch equipment.

The Parish Council will again request that Hampshire County Council look again reducing the speed limit along Cholderton and Wallop Road

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT – 4th July 2023

Expenditure July 2023	£
Clerks Wages	275.00
TVBC Dog Bin Emptying	255.14
Simon Nightingale FSS 23/24	587.16
Mr R Tierney – Gas for Beacon	72.00
	<u>£1,189.30</u>

Summary 1 st April 2023 to 4 th July 2023	
Working Capital O/B 1.4.23	= £ 8,827.65
+ income	=£ 4,700.00
	= <u>£13,527.65</u>

Less Expenditure:	£
April	= 275.00
May	= 275.00
June	= 2,102.95
July	= 1,189.30
	= <u>£3,842.25</u>

Money in the bank.	
Working Capital	£ 9,685.40
Play Area Funding	£25,000.00
	<u>£34,685.40</u>

PLANNING.

There were no new Planning Applications to discuss.

The Chair and Cllr Mr M Horne are attending a meeting with residents of Cholderton Road and the Planning Officer at TVBC to discuss the recent Planning Permission for Grateley Business Park.

NDP – Mrs J Lynch reported that the NDP Team held their 'on-line' meeting with Sarah Hughes from TVBC. Several members of the NDP Team have left and it is planned, with Sarah Hughes help to kick start the Grateley NDP. There is still not news if further grants will be available to enable the NDP to progress to the next stage.

WEBSITE.

The Parish Council agreed that the Website will remain with the Parish Council. Cllr Mr A Bradfield will now take on the roll of Webmaster and is working on upgrading the site and adding an online booking form for the Village Hall.

The GDPR was discussed. Cllr Mrs J Blakeman offered to over see the GDPR as she is an expert in this field.

A quote to have Wi-Fi in the Village Hall will be obtained. The Parish Council felt that the cost could be met within the £600 grant the Parish Council give to the Village Hall each financial year.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported:

- A further £6 Million has been given to the County Council by Government to assist with the repair of potholes.
- HCC have started their verge cutting.
- Cllr Mr C Donnelly is meeting with Southwest Rail and will bring up the issues Grateley have with Parking, the overgrown Hedge on Station Road and if they plan to install a Defibrillator at the Station.
- The Parish Council asked Cllr Mr C Donnelly to ask Highways to look at the continuing problem of the Road Surface Flooding on Wallop Road. It was felt that a solution needs to be found as this has been an ongoing problem for over 10 years.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR I WINGFIELD – Reported that he has completed the paperwork to register the Plough Inn as a Community Asset. A copy of the application was sent to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. The Parish Council all agreed that they were happy for the application to be submitted. The Chair thanked Cllr Mr I Wingfield for all the work he has done on this subject.

Adding the Campbell Close Shop as a Village Asset is being considered. The Chair reported that he is trying to contact the property owner.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The flooding on Wallop Road was discussed at great length and all agreed that Highways needed to address this issue.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

5th September 2023 at 7pm in the Grateley Village Hall.

WEBSITE.

www.grateley.net