

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th of September 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
Cllr Mr M Horne
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood
Mrs J Lynch - NDP
Members of the Public – 2

Apologies: County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and Borough Councillor 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 July meeting were signed as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

PLAY AREA – Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that he has submitted a Draft Grant Application to Test Valley Borough Council for £25,000 and is waiting for feedback. £1,403.75 from Village Fundraising has been handed to the Parish Council and has been banked.

Cllr Mr I Wingfield was asked for conformation of the total cost of the project. Cllr Mr I Wingfield confirmed that the total cost is £62,127.00

Mr Peter Blakeman asked again if the paving slabs for the benches on the Locke Close Playing Field could please be removed as they are restricting access on his driveway. Cllr Mr I Wingfield will organise their removal to the Playing Field.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that he is monitoring the village roads and at present there he had no new issues to report.

It was reported that there is no School warning sign when entering from the Station End of the Village. This will be reported to Highways.

Cllr Mrs J Blakeman reported that there have been issues with the cutting of the hedge on Test Valley Borough Council Land and the footpath between Wallop Road and Locke Close. Both issues have been reported to Test Valley Borough Council.

The over-grown hedge and tree's part way through the chicane was discussed. Several attempts have been made to get the owner to take action, it was agreed that this matter would be reported to Highways.

DOG BIN – The Green Bin that the Parish Council have asked to be moved further along the fence line of the Locke Close Playing Field has not yet been moved.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – The refreshing of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is ongoing. It was reported that there has been an incident of an attempted break-in of a vehicle in Locke Close during day light hours,

RESILIENCE PLAN – The Clerk confirmed that the Grant Application has been sent to SSE to make the Village Hall at Warm Hub. There is no news to report.

SPEEDING – The Clerk reported that he has the new Flashing Speed Sign for Monxton Road in his office and will organise for it to be installed. The Clerk reported that he has not yet managed to get the list of who has been trained from Grateley to use the Speed Watch equipment.

Cllr Mr M Horne stated that he will investigate having Village Gateways. Cllr Mr M Horne acknowledged that the Parish Council have tried before but have been turned down by Hampshire Highways.

WEBSITE – Cllr Mr A Bradford reported that the Village Hall online booking system is working. The Parish Council discussed Wi-Fi for the Village Hall and agreed to fund the installation and ongoing costs.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT – 5th September 2023

Income.

Play Area- Village Fund Raising = £1,403.75

Expenditure August and September.

Clerks Wages	£550.00
Elan City (SBPC) Speed Sign	£2,807.99
	<u>£3,357.99</u>

Summary 1st April 2023 to 4th 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
August and September	= 3,357.99
	= <u>£7,200.24</u>

Working Capital = £6,327.41

Money in the bank.
Working Capital £ 6,327.41
Play Area Funding £ 26,403.75
£32,731.16

PLANNING.

23/02012/TREEN – Reduce Ash Tree height by 1/3rd pollard Ash and Sycamore by 1.8 metres. – The Old Rectory, High Street, Grateley – NO OBJECTION.

GRATELEY BUSINESS PARK PLANNING APPROVAL COMPLAINT.

The Chair reported that he had attended a Team meeting with residents of Cholderton Road and the Planning Officer at TVBC to discuss the recent Planning Permission for Grateley Business Park. The residents have since submitted a complaint to Test Valley Borough Council on how this planning application was handled.

The Parish Council have been asked to support the residents on this complaint. The Chair asked the Parish Councillors for their views. This was discussed at great length, and it was agreed that the Chair and Cllr Mr M Horne would have a meeting with the residents for further information to report back to the Parish Council. An in-camera meeting will then be held to discuss the Parish Council's response.

NDP – Mrs J Lynch reported that with Saras Hughes help the NDP Team hope to kick start the Grateley NDP.

COMMUNITY ASSETS.

SHOP CAMPBELL CLOSE.

The Chair asked the Parish Council for their thoughts on registering the Campbell Close Shop as a Community Asset. The Chair has spoken to the owner Mr Hunt, and he has no objections. This was discussed at great length, and it was agreed apply for the shop to be a Community Asset. Cllr Mr I Wingfield will apply.

Running the Campbell Close shop as a community shop was briefly discussed. It was pointed out that a lot more information needed to be gathered before this could be seriously looked at. Other Community Shops will be asked for advice and local knowledge will be gathered.

THE PLOUGH INN.

Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that Test Valley Borough Council has confirmed that the Plough Inn has now been registered as a Community Asset.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS M FLOOD.

Cllr Mrs M Flood reported that a new Talking Group has been set up and the first meeting was successful with over 50 people attending. Two further meetings are planned and that she will forward the dates to the Parish Clerk.

Test Valley Borough Councils 'Berry Hill' open space is worth a visit. The Queen Elizabeth Copse is now open, and two statues have been commissioned. Detail can be found on the Test Valley Borough Council Website.

Unity is holding a Funding drop in Andover – Details on the Web site.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MRS J BLAKEMAN – Reported that the village is looking untidy as Highways no longer seem to manage the verges. This is something that she will take up with County Councillor Mr C Donnelly.

CLLR MR A BRADFORD – Reported that he had attended the Amport Village Fete and was pleased to see that the Plough Inn had a food stall that proved very successful and was a great piece of marketing on their part. The Parish Council though this very good news.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

A potential large-scale development in Palestine was raised. Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood reported that she had no knowledge of this and suggested that this was a piece of land put forward by Landowners to the Test Valley Borough Council's Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA).

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

3rd October 2023 at 7pm in the Grateley Village Hall.

WEBSITE.

www.grateley.net