

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd of October 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
Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood
Members of the Public – 7

Apologies: Cllr Mr M Horne and County Councillor Mr C Donnelly.

WELCOME.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman reminded the Members of the Public that there is a slot on the agenda for them to raise issues and to please not interject during the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the September meeting were signed as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes that require an up-date:

PLAY AREA – Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that the next round of applications for C.A. funding has not yet been opened by Test Valley Borough Council. Cllr Mrs M Flood thought that this will open shortly and will check and confirm via email.

OVERGROWN VERGES – Cllr Mrs J Blakeman reported that she has emailed Hampshire Highways to complain about the untidy verges in the Parish.

HIGHWAYS – It was reported that there has been an accident at the junction of Wallop Road and Old Stockbridge Road, where the road has been narrowed. There are no signs indicating or road markings indicating the road narrows. This will be reported to Highways.

It was noted that signs have been erected stating that Pond Lane will be closed to through traffic from the 12th of October 2023 for 6 months.

PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION.

The Parish Council all agreed to adopt the up-dated Constitution. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Blakeman and seconded by Cllr Mr I Wingfield.

PLANNING.

There were no new Planning Applications to discuss.

GRATELEY BUSINESS PARK PLANNING APPROVAL COMPLAINT.

Test Valley Borough Council have not upheld the complaint from the residents and will not be taking any further action.

The Parish Council have been asked for continued support from the residents of Cholderton Road, on the issue of trying to find a solution acceptable to all parties regarding the Planning Approval for Grateley Business Park.

The Chairman invited Mr Phil Barber to address the meeting. Mr Phil Barber gave a summary of where the Residents are now and reported that there are several recommendations that the Residents would like the applicant to consider. Mr Barber would be happy to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss these recommendations in detail. After a lengthy discussion the Chair asked the Parish Councillors for their views.

The Parish Council agreed by majority to continue with their support and would welcome sight of the proposed recommendations to the applicant. However, the Chair made it clear that the Parish Council would not be supporting any further action against Test Valley Borough Council.

NDP – Cllr Mr J Blakeman reported that the NDP Team are continuing to work with Saras Hughes to kick start the Grateley NDP.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT – 3rd October 2023

Income.

TVBC 2nd ½ Precept = £4,200.00

Expenditure October.

Clerks Wages	£275.00
Gallagers Insurance	£689.64
Grateley Village Friends Grant	£500.00
	<u>£1,464.64</u>

Summary 1st April 2023 to 3rd October 2023

Working Capital O/B 1.4.23	= £ 8,827.65
+ income	= £ 8,900.00
	= <u>£17,727.65</u>

Less Expenditure:

	£
April	= 275.00
May	= 275.00
June	= 2,102.95
July	= 1,189.30
August and September	= 3,357.99
October	= 1,464.64
	= <u>£8,664.88</u>

Working Capital = £8,664.88

Money in the bank.

Working Capital	£ 8,664.88
Play Area Funding	£ 26,403.75
	<u>£35,068.63</u>

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS M FLOOD.

Cllr Mrs M Flood reported that the second meeting of the new Talking Group has been scheduled for later in October 2023. Details will be forwarded to the Clerk. Other meetings to be held in October include the Resilience Forum and Rural Central Community Forum.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

There were no issues raised by the Parish Councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence received via the Website included Notification of an online Western Railway Conference. One of the items up for discussion is the adoption of Stations by Local Groups/Villages. Cllr Mr A Bradford reported that Grateley is listed as being adopted, but there are no details.

This was a mystery to the Parish Council as in the past, the Scouts, Grateley House School, the W.I., and the Parish Council have helped tender the flower tubs but there has been no record of the station being adopted by any of the groups.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Items raised by Members of the Public included:

- Reducing the speed limit on the Wallop/Cholderton Road to 30mph.
- The potholes on Wallop Road that have not been properly repaired and are causing noise issues to adjacent residents.
- The Wallop Road/Old Stockbridge Road junction.
- The overgrown hedge and stinging nettles on the path between Wallop Road and Locke Close – The Lengthsman will be asked to regularly cut this path in the future.
- Moving the paving slabs from Mr Blakeman's Property to the Lock Close Playing Field.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

7th November 2023 at 7pm in the Grateley Village Hall.

WEBSITE.

www.grateley.net