

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th of November 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 P Perkins
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasselmann
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Members of the Public – 12

Apologies: Cllr Mrs J Blakeman and Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood.

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 October 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 still not yet been opened by Test Valley Borough Council. The application for funding has been completed and is ready to submit.

Cllr Mr I Wingfield stated that he will get a quote to lay the paving slabs under the benches on the Locke Close Playing Field so they can finally be moved from Mr Blakeman's driveway.

COMMUNITY ASSET – Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that he is putting together the paperwork to register the Campbell Close shop as a Community Asset. The Chair reported that he believes that two people have come forward to express their interest in running the shop, however, this has not been confirmed.

HIGHWAYS – THE Clerk confirmed that he has written to Mandy Ware at Hampshire County Council to request that Highways re-look at the speed limit on Cholderton/Wallop Road.

It was reported that there have been two further accidents at the pinch point on Wallop Road. This was noted.

PLANNING.

APPEAL - 22/02511/FULLN – Erection of a detached 3-bedroom dwelling, creation of a new access onto Station Road, hard and soft landscaping and associated works – Land Adjacent Broad Leys, Station Road, Grateley. REFUSE – APPEAL DISMISSED.

23/02345/CLPN – Certificate of lawful development for proposed single storey rear extension – 4 Hawthorn Close, Grateley – ISSUE CERTIFICATE.

GRATELEY BUSINESS PARK PLANNING APPROVAL COMPLAINT.

The Chair invited Mr Phil Barber to address the meeting. Mr Phil Barber gave a lengthy report, transcript attached to the master copy of these minutes.

Mr Phil Barber asked the Parish Council to write letters to support the Cholderton Road Residents on two points:

1. The Parish Council to support our residents request for Test Valley Borough Council to consider the Revocation of the granting of permission for Grateley Business Park.
2. The Parish Council ask Hampshire Highways to attend a site visit to look at highways issues that will arise due to the Grateley Business Park planning permission.

The Parish Council agreed to this request.

NDP – Cllr Mrs J Lynch reported that the NDP Team are continuing to work on the Grateley NDP. Work on is currently being done on Survey of Local Business in Grateley. It was confirmed that the link to the website that the NDP Team requested is now available.

FINANCE.

The Parish Clerk reported that Barclays Bank has closed the Grateley Parish Council Accounts. The explanation received was that the Parish Council have not met the Banking review requirements. Barclays will issue a cheque for the £ closing balance.

The Parish Council agreed to open a Treasurers Account with Lloyds Bank.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS H HASSELMANN

Cllr Mrs H Hasselmann reported that the second meeting of the new Community Workshop has taken place and was very successful, she was pleased that Grateley were represented. Details will be forwarded to the Clerk.

Test Valley Borough Council are undertaking a survey on Community Transport and urged residents to take part.

Cllr Mrs S Hasselmann confirmed that the new Parliamentary Boundaries are now in place and Caroline Nokes is our new MP.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

There were no issues raised by the Parish Councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence received via the Website has reported that one of the Telephone Box door hinges is loose due to rot. The Clerk will arrange for this to be looked at.

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 are still causing noise issues to adjacent residents.
- Community Speed Watch – The Police and Nether Wallop Parish Council are to be contacted to arrange for further training and use of the Speed Gun.

GRATELEY STATION.

Mrs J Lynch gave a report on Grateley Station following a recent meeting and correspondence from Southwest Trains:

- Simon Duffield has taken an interest in the Station Environment – The station has the largest un-tampered area of land in the Parish and has a rich wildlife habitat, the small blue butterfly is thriving, and numbers have dramatically increased.
- The station flower planters have been neglected over the years and are to be removed.
- There are plans to repair the road bridge in 2025.
- There are also plans to improve the footways to link up pavements with the pedestrian entrance to the car park. The Parish Council will be consulted at the appropriate time.

The Chair thanked Mrs J Lynch for her report.

GRATELEY VILLAGE FRIENDS.

Mrs Linda Griffith thanked the Parish Council for their generous grant of £500 towards the Grateley Village Friends Christmas Lunch. This will enable Grateley Village Friends to out on additional events next year.

Mrs Linda Griffith also wished to thank Cllr Mr I Wingfield for all the work he has done on the new Play Area project.

Mrs Linda Griffith also thanked the Parish Councillors for the time they gave voluntary to looking after the Parish.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

6th February 2024 at 7pm in the Grateley Village Hall.

WEBSITE.

www.grateley.net