

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th of March 2024 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Mr K Smith – Chair
Cllr Mr I Wingfield – Minute Taker
Cllr Mr A Bradford
Cllr Mrs P Perkins
Cllr Mrs J Blakeman
Cllr Mr M Horne – joined 7:15pm

Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasselmann
Members of the Public – 9

Apologies: Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk, County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood Borough.

WELCOME.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair 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 February meeting were reviewed. It was noted that reports from the County and Borough Councillors had been merged. It was agreed to separate the comments and re-issue the minutes to be signed at the next meeting.

Matters arising from those minutes that require an up-date:

Cllr Mrs J Belbin reported that a letter from the Dog Warden had been issued to residents of Locke Close following complaints of dog mess on surrounding pavements. The Warden would be contacted to ask that letters are issued to surrounding streets as well, as this was not just a localised issue.

PLAY AREA UPDATE

Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that the application for C.A. funding was still with Test Valley Borough Council, and we are awaiting a decision. Councillor **Mrs S** Hasselmann added that the awards had been signed off and we should hear the outcome by the end of the month.

PLANNING AND NDP

24/00144/FULLN – Siting of 20 containers on site confirmed for commercial storage (Retrospective) – Grateley Business Park, Cholderton Road, Grateley.

The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had registered 'No Objection-subject to conditions' with Test Valley BC.

23/02883/FLLN.

The Chair confirmed that the application had been withdrawn.

A resident added that there had been some activity on sites around Station Road and Streetway Road, with some developers seen surveying.

HIGHWAYS

The Chair explained that more residents would need to volunteer for the Speedwatch scheme for it to run in the Parish. This involves volunteers recording traffic speeds.

The Parish Council are keen to facilitate a working group to focus on highways issues. Cllr Mr I Wingfield agreed to assist in promoting awareness of the group and opportunities to get involved via social media.

Residents are encouraged to report pothole concerns directly to the County Council at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Residents were advised that claims can be made in the event of a vehicle being damaged due to the state of the road at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/potholeclaim>

Cllr **Mr I** Wingfield reported that he had downloaded data from the new speed sign sited on Monxton Road, just before the 30mph speed sign at the entrance of the village.

Date Range:	3 rd February to 2 nd March 2024	
	Incoming (into the village)	Outgoing (out of the village)
Average Speed	25 mph	26 mph
Maximum Speed	46 mph	52 mph
Number of Vehicles	6,370	9,174

NDP

Cllr Mrs J Belbin and Jane Lynch reported that the NDP group had not been active for some months. Although initial progress had been made, it has become clear that given the size and complexity of the task more help would be needed. The best way forward would be to engage an appropriate consultant to take the plan forward. Jane would therefore be contacting Sarah Hughes, Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer at Test Valley BC, for further advice.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT – 5th March 2024

Expenditure March.

Clerks Wages	£300.00
Lorna Ward – Expenses	£358.18
TVBC Dog Bin Emptying	£267.90
	<u>£926.08</u>

Summary 1st April 2023 to 5th March 2024

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

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
February = 1,630.50
March = 926.08
= **£11,221.46**

Working Capital = £6,506.19

Money in the bank.

Working Capital £ 6,506.19
Play Area Funding £ 26,403.75
£33,909.94

GRATELEY HELP NETWORK.

Cllr Mr M Horne proposed that a Parish Council sub-committee be formed for the Grateley Help Network, of which he would be a committee member on behalf of the Parish Council. This would formalise the network, allow it to have a bank account to apply for funds as part of the Parish Council, and be covered under the Parish insurance.

The Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the sub-committee.

Lorna Ward reported that the Grateley Help Network were in the process of planning a Big Lunch for the community, sometime in June. This as well as activities throughout the year.

Cllr Mr I Wingfield asked that Network to be involved for an opening event for the new playground when it is completed.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS S HASSELMANN.

Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasselmann reported:
Attached to these minutes.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

Cllr Mr A Bradford reported that BT internet would be installed for the village hall on 11th March 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE.

No Correspondence has been received.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

No Issues were raised:

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

2nd April 2024 at 7pm in the Grateley Village Hall.

WEBSITE.

www.grateley.net