

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th of June 2024 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
Cllr Mrs J Blakeman
Cllr Mr M Horne
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood
Members of the Public – 5

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasselmann.

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.

The Chair referred to a recent email from Test Valley Borough Council Legal and Democratic Services regarding the Declarations of Interests signed by Parish Councillors which needs to be reviewed on an annual basis. However, as this is not an election year, Councillors do not need to complete a new form. However, Councillors are to confirm whether there are any amendments required. It was recorded that all Councillors confirmed that there were no amendments and no current Declarations of Interest.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the April and May AGM Meetings were signed as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes that require an up-date:

PLAY AREA UPDATE

Test Valley Borough Council have sent the Parish Council a draft lease for the Locke Close Play Area. The Parish Council were shocked to read that TVBC want the Parish Council to take over the maintenance and responsibility for the boundary of the Locke Close Field. The Parish Council were concerned about the cost implications for the Parish.

The Parish Council will hold an 'in-camera' meeting to discuss their response to TVBC.

Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood asked that she be sent a copy of the draft lease and that would speak to the Estates and Legal Departments at TVBC

HIGHWAYS.

The Chair stated that he had reported the issues brought up at the AGM by Mr Peter Blakeman to Highways, however, they require photographic evidence and plans to enable them to locate the areas of concern that can be forwarded onto Highways. The Chair asked Cllr Mrs J Blackman if she could ask Mr Peter Blackman to contact him.

Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that the Traffic Group met on the 29th of May 2024 and would like to proceed with the purchase of 30MPH wheely bin stickers. The Parish Council after some discussion agreed but were concerned about the cost of the stickers. Cllr I Wingfield stated that he will investigate to get the best possible price.

Overgrown Signs – The Lengthsman will be asked to cut back vegetation from the Village Signs. The 40MPH warning sign on the Wallop Road from Over Wallop direction is barley visible. The 'Please Drive Slowly through the Village' sign on the Cholderton Road has disappeared into the hedge. An overgrown Footpath Sign in Streetway Road will also be added to the list.

Cllr M Horne reported that the Monxton Road adjacent to the Golf Driving Range is in urgent ned of attention. There are large potholes that fill up with water after rainfall and the white lines have disappeared. The Chair will add this to his correspondence with Hampshire Highways.

Cllr I Wingfield gave the Speed Sign data for the last month.

Date Range:	6 th May to 2 nd June 2024	
	Incoming (into the village)	Outgoing (out of the village)
Number of Vehicles	6,851	8,793
Average Speed	25 mph	26 mph
Maximum Speed	54 mph	51 mph

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

NDP – Mrs J Lynch reported that things are moving forward for the NDP. A Public Meeting is planned for September 2024 to promote the Grateley NDP. Test Valley Borough Council will be present and will assist in supplying maps. Mrs J Lynch reported that funding for NDP's has opened again and the Grateley NDP Team are ready to apply. Mrs J Lynch thanked the Parish Council for agreeing to fund the printing for a leaflet drop in the Parish.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT – 4th of June 2024

EXPEDITURE.

Clerks Wages	£300.00
Wi Fi Village Hall - BT	£ 77.05
P Reynolds – Audit	£210.00
	<u>£587.00</u>

Summary 1 st April 2024	
Working Capital O/B 1.4.24	= £ 6,506.19
Plus ½ Precept	= £ 5,000.00
	= <u>£11,506.19</u>

Less Expenditure:

April	=	300.00
May	=	2,590.00
June	=	587.00
	=	<u>£3,477.00</u>

= £8029.19

Working Capital = £ 3,529.19

General Reserves = £ 4,000.00

Play Area Maintenance Fund = £ 500.00

= £ 8,029.19

PLAY AREA PROJECT.

Opening Balance = £ 32,126.75

Less Deposit = £ 12,000.00 (£10,000 plus £2,000 VAT)

= £ 22,126.75

Money in the bank.

Working Capital £ 3,529.19

Reserves £ 4,500.00

Play Area Funding £ 22,126.75

£30,155.94

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY

Cllr C Donnelly reported that Hampshire County Council are working to promote 'Debate not Hate' following an increase in disagreeable confrontations and abuse at County and Borough level. Cllr Mr C Donnelly has also asked that Parish Councils be included as they are also on the front line and open to abuse.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS M FLOOD.

Cllr M Flood reported that Mr Ian Jeffery has been appointed Mayor of Test Valley and the Deputy Mayor is Mrs Linda Lashbrook.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Parishioner has volunteered to refurbish and repair the Telephone Box Library if the Parish Council will pay for the materials.

The Parish Council thought this a very generous offer and agreed.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mrs J Lynch reported that Simon Duffield is raising funds by doing a sponsored cycle trip. Cllr A Bradford will put the information on the Village Website.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 7.30pm

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The 2nd of July 2024 at 7pm in the Grateley Village Hall.

WEBSITE.

www.grateley.net