

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd of July 2024 in Grateley War Memorial 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
Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood
Members of the Public – 9

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasselmann and Mrs L Griffith

WELCOME.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and 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 June Meeting were signed as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes that require an up-date:

HIGHWAYS – The Clerk has submitted a job request to the Lengthsman to cut back the vegetation around the village signs including the issues report at the June meeting.

PLAY AREA UPDATE

The draft lease was sent back to Test Valley Borough Council with the Parish Councils concerns on the cost implications for the Parish if they take over the maintenance and responsibility for the boundary of the Locke Close Field. The 5-year break clause for the lease was also questioned. TVBC have sent a second draft extending the lease but still containing the boundary clause.

The Parish Council believe that TVBC are having further discussions, and the Boundary clause may be removed. The delay in obtaining the lease and the grant form TVBC has delayed the project, and it may not be completed this year. This is very disappointing.

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

NDP – Mrs J Lynch reported that the NDP Team and their Consultant will be arranging a meeting to discussed the way forward which is scheduled for the 26th of September 2024. An application for funding is being prepared ready for the opening of the grant scheme.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT – 2nd of July 2024

EXPENDITURE.

Clerks Wages	£300.00
NDP Printing	£197.68
Clerks ½ Year Expenses	£137.00
	<u>£634.68</u>

Summary 1st 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
July	= 634.68
	= <u>£4,111.68</u>
	= £7,394.51

Working Capital	= £ 2,894.51
General Reserves	= £ 4,000.00
Play Area Maintenance Fund	= £ 500.00
	= £ <u>7,394.51</u>

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	£ 2,894.51
Reserves	£ 4,500.00
Play Area Funding	£ 22,126.75
	<u>£29,521.26</u>

CLLR MRS M FLOOD.

Cllr Mrs M Flood reported:

- TVBC are supporting an Education Charity and are making space available in the Chantry Centre for the Charity to operate.
- TVBC have carried out an inspection of all the Funeral Homes in the Borough and are pleased to report that they all meet the standard.
- During the School Summer Holidays TVBC have organized 'Fun Fridays' details are available on the TVBC website and will be published in the Andover Advertiser.
- The TVBC are looking at the lease for the Lock Close Play Area, it is thought that a unique lease will need to be put together for the project to proceed. Cllr Mrs M Flood is confident that this will happen.
- Work is continuing on the plans for the future use of the Chantry Centre. TVBC need to get Developer on board to take this further.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR I WINGFIELD – Reported on the data from the Flashing Speed Sign:

Date Range:	1 st to 30 th June 2024	
	Incoming (into the village)	Outgoing (out of the village)
Number of Vehicles	7,998	11,007
Average Speed	25 mph	27 mph
Maximum Speed	54 mph	53 mph

CLLR MR K SMITH – Reported that recent social network posts highlight concerns over dog fouling in Streetway Road and Locke Close Playing Field being extremely bad. The Dog Warden has been contacted. 'No Dog Fouling' signs and bags are in the area, but this does not seem to deter dog owners allowing their pets to foul the playing field, verges and footpaths.

GRATELEY PICNIC

The recent 'Grateley Picnic' was a great success and well supported. Several other events are planned with 'Gurka Baynjan - Plough Inn' support.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter thanking the Parish Council for the £850 Grant towards the upkeep of the cemetery has been received from the Grateley PCC.

Grateley War Memorial Hall have also thanked the Parish Council for the £850 Grant.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr Peter Blakeman complained about the overgrown hedges on the rural roads. Vegetation is growing out into the road making it narrower and reducing the width, the consequence is many near misses as large 4x4 vehicle drivers drive at speed in the middle of the road.

The private hedge on part of the chicane before the Primary School is very overgrown and needs cutting back, the hedge is forcing vehicles into oncoming traffic. CLlr Mr M Horne offered to speak to the homeowner.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The Chair confirmed that there would not be a meeting in August however, the Parish Council could be contacted via its website.

The next meeting therefore will be on the 3rd of September 2024 at 7pm in the Grateley War Memorial Hall.

WEBSITE.

www.grateley.net