

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd of September 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
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasselmann
Mrs J Lynch - NDP
Members of the Public – 9

Apologies: Cllr Mr M Horne, County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood

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 July Meeting were signed as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes that require an up-date:

HIGHWAYS – The Clerk reported that unfortunately the Lengthsman has ceased trading. A replacement has been found and his insurance cover is being checked before he starts work.

PLAY AREA UPDATE.

The draft lease is ongoing. TVBC raised the issue of neighbouring properties having possible concerns about noise and disturbance. The Parish Council contacted all the residents concerned and there were no concerns raised. This information has been sent to TVBC. TVBC are still insisting that Parish Council take on the responsibility for the Locke Close Field boundary.

The Parish Council are very disappointed that TVBC are unwilling to compromise on the boundary issue. The future of the project is uncertain as the Parish Council could not afford to take on the maintenance and liability of the boundary and feel that it would be unfair for parishioners to bare the cost through an increase in the Precept.

PLANNING.

During the summer break there were two planning applications:

24/01706/TPON - T1 - 3 x Beech - Crown reduction to reduce the height and spread by 2m and remove epicormic growth from main stems - Tor Cottage, Wallop Road, Grateley – NO OBJECTION.

24/00783/FULLN - Single storey side extension, with conversion of outbuilding with link to dwelling - Pennwood, Cholderton Road, Grateley – NO OBJECTION.

There is also a current application which was discussed during the meeting.

24/01883/ADV N – Display of 2 non illuminated information boards – Grateley Business Park, Cholderton Road, Grateley – NO OBJECTION.

NDP

Mrs J Lynch reported that the Ground Works have given the NDP a Grant of £5,930.00, this has been paid into the Parish Council Bank Account. Mrs J Lynch reported that she is keeping a spread sheet for the NDP income and expenditure.

The next NDP Team meeting is to be held on the 5th of September 2024 to discuss the next stage and confirm plans for a Community 'Drop In' event which is scheduled for the 3rd of October in the Village Hall from 6pm to 9pm. The aim of this event is to get residents views.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT – 3rd September 2024

INCOME.

Ground Works NDP Grant £ 5,930.00
£5,930.00

EXPEDITURE.

Clerks Wages	£600.00
NDP Printing	£145.59
NDP Float	£50.00
Website	£90.00
	<u>£885.59</u>

Summary 1 st April 2024	
Working Capital O/B 1.4.24	= £ 6,506.19
Plus ½ Precept	= £ 5,000.00
NDP Grant	= £ 5,930.00
	= <u>£17,436.19</u>

Less Expenditure:

April	= 300.00
May	= 2,590.00
June	= 587.00
July	= 634.68
August and September	= 885.59
	= <u>£4,997.27</u>

= £12,438.92

PARISH COUNCIL.

Working Capital	= £ 2,204.51
General Reserves	= £ 4,000.00
Play Area Maintenance Fund	= £ 500.00
	= <u>£ 6,704.51</u>

PLAY AREA PROJECT.

Opening Balance = £ 32,126.75
Less Deposit = £ 12,000.00 (£10,000 plus £2,000 VAT)
= £ 22,126.75

NDP = £5,734.41

Money in the bank.

Working Capital £ 2,204.51
Reserves £ 4,500.00
Play Area Funding £22,126.75
NDP £ 5,734.41
£34,565.67

CLLR MRS S HASSELMANN.

Cllr Mrs S Hasselmann reported:

- The new Government has released its policy for house building and has increased the number of new houses to be built by 75%. The figure for TVBC has increased to 921 annually. It is not sure how this will affect the nearly completed Borough Plan. It is possible that TVBC may have to start again from scratch.
- TVBC has commissioned two statues of Queen Elizabeth II, one for Romsey and one for Andover. The unveiling will take place on the 27th of September 2024. Details are available on the TVBC Website.
- There is an increasing problem with Dog Fouling in the Borough. TVBC are looking at ways to tackle this Anti-Social Behavior by Dog Owners.
- Ladies Walk and Abbott Wood have been designated as areas of importance.
- Children aged 16+ in full time education can still receive Child Benefit.

HIGHWAYS.

Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that the Highways Committee have purchased and distributed '30MPH' stickers for wheely bins and have received requests for stickers from more residents. The 'Slow Pedestrians in the Road' signs have been erected.

Cllr Mr I Wingfield stated that there has been a varied response from the village on the stickers and signs on Facebook. On the whole the feedback is positive.

Cllr Mr I Winfield will give an update on the Flashing Speed data at the October Meeting.

Flashing Speed Signs – The Parish Council agreed the following:

- The Clerk was asked to purchase the second Solar Powered Flashing Speed sign.
- The existing shared flashing speed signs that visit the village every 9 weeks will be donated to one of the other parishes at the end of this financial year. The running costs are starting to increase, and the cost of repair and replacement batteries are no longer economical. It was noted that the Parish Council have had the use of the signs for over 12 years.

The Chair reported that there has been a notification for a Temporary Road Closure on Grateley Drove between its junction with the High Street and B3084 Cholderton Road.

Alternate Route - Bush Farm Lane, Church Lane, Station Road, Cholderton Road.
There is no firm date for the work, but the road closure notice lasts for 18 months.

PARISH COUNILLOR REPORTS.

There were no issues raised that had not already been discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Cllr Mr A Bradford reported that Southwest Trains have invited the Parish Council to join a Teams Meeting on the 23rd of September 2024 at 4.30pm. The Chair will join the Teams Meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The issues with the Old Stockbridge Road junction and the narrowing of the road towards Over Wallop were raised. Another incident of a motorist hitting the kerb and having a blow out has occurred. This was discussed at length. It was noted that any incident needs to be reported direct to Hampshire County Council Highways.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

1st of October 2024 at 7pm in the Grateley Village Hall.

WEBSITE.

www.grateley.net