

## **Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.00pm.**

Present: Cllr Mr K Smith – Chairman  
Cllr Mr I Wingfield  
Cllr Mr A Bradford  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood.  
Members of the Public – 6

Apologies: Cllr Mr M Horne, Mrs J Lynch – GNDP, Borough Councillor Mr D Coole and County Councillor Mr C Donnelly.

### **WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

### **PARISH COUNCIL RESIGNATION.**

The Chairman was sorry to report that Cllr Mr D Atfield has resigned from the Parish Council. The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Mr D Atfield for all the work he did during his time on the Parish Council. The Clerk will inform Test Valley Borough Council of the vacancy.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The Chairman signed the minutes of the June Meeting as a true record. Matters Arising from those minutes:

PLAY AREA – Cllr Mr I Wingfield will take over the Play Area project and will contact Mr D Atfield for a handover.

Mr Peter Blakeman reminded the Parish Council that he had 24 paving slabs on his driveway that were to be used for the benches on the Lock Close Playing Field. Mr Peter Blakeman stated that they have been there for over a year, and he would like them removed. This was noted.

### **HIGHWAYS – Issues discussed:**

- The repairs to the pothole on the bridge have been done.
- Potholes on Wallop Road, Pond Lane and Old Stockbridge junction will be reported to Highways.
- The large puddle that occurs after rainfall on Wallop Road adjacent to the Footpath into Locke Close was discussed. The Parish Council have been asking Hampshire Highways to sort this problem for many years. Previous Parish Councils have had numerous site meetings with Highways Officers. The Parish Council were told that the only way to sort the problem involved major engineering works and the money was not available to do such a project.

The Parish Council will again raise this issue with Highways and ask County Councillor Mr C Donnelly for his help to try and get this problem sorted.

It was noted that Cllr Mr C Donnelly has promised to set up a meeting with the New Hampshire County Council Highways Officer in charge the Highways

portfolio for the Parish Council's to discuss issues. The Flooding on Wallop Road will be top of the list.

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mr I Wingfield reported that there are a couple of trees that have come down in Chaple Lane, they are not blocking access along the footpath. The footpaths are clear and walkable.

SPEEDING – An up-date on where we are with the issue of speeding will be put on the Agenda for the February Meeting.

BUS SHELTER – The working party have completed the outside the refurbishment of the Bus Shelter and it is looking good.

DOG BIN – The Clerk and Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood will chase up Test Valley Borough Council on the siting of the new dog bin and the moving of the rubbish bin adjacent to the Bus Shelter in Streetway Road. This seems to have fallen through the net!

GRATELEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Mrs J Blakeman – Chairman of the GNDP, reported that the village survey has been completed and the results collated.

#### **PLANNING.**

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

#### **FINANCE.**

##### **1<sup>ST</sup> April 2021 to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Opening Balance	£ 22,824.16
Plus, Precept	£ 8,400.00
	<b><u>£31,224.16</u></b>

Less Expenditure	
Audit	£185.00
Dog Bin Emptying	£205.43
Clerks Wages	£2,200.00
Village Hall Grant	£1,664.00
Church Grant – 3 years	£1,800.00
Office – Microsoft	£154.99
Printing P/A Survey	£259.20
Paint for Bus Shelter	£63.85
Insurance	£678.89
	<b><u>£7,211.36</u></b>

Money in the bank = £24,012.80

PLAY AREA PROJECT – The Clerk asked the Parish Council to agree on how much of the Parish Council Money they would assign to the Play Area Project. After some discussion it was agreed that £15,000 would be assigned to the Play Area Project.

### **2023/2024 PRECEPT.**

The Parish Council agreed that the Precept for 2023/2024 would not be increased. The Grateley Parish Council Precept was set at £8,400.

### **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS M FLOOD.**

Cllr Mrs M Flood reported that TVBC have put £50,000 to help with the cost-of-living crisis. Details on how to apply for help is on the Test Valley Borough Council website. There are several planned events in Andover over the Christmas Period including a French Market and a visit by Father Christmas.

### **COUNCILLORS REPORTS.**

Cllr Mr I Wingfield spoke about the growing support from the village as a result of the recent GNDP survey, to register the Plough Inn as a Community Asset. This was discussed and it was agreed to proceed. Cllr Mr I Wingfield will fill in and submit the application.

### **VILLAGE DEFIBRILATORS.**

The Clerk reported that the Defibrillator manufacturer, CU Medical, issued a product recall in September for a software up-date. Both the Grateley defibrillators have been done. The Defibrillator Cabinet at the Plough Inn had been turned off so the Chairman and Clerk have been in contact with the school to see if it would be possible to have the Defibrillator moved to the wall adjacent to the Noticeboard. The feedback was very positive and will be explored further in the New Year.

However, since contacting the school the Plough Inn looks as though it is under new management and the Defibrillator Cabinet has been turned back on. The re-siting of the Defibrillator to the school will still be pursued.

Network Rail intend to place a Defibrillator at all their stations, but there is no news as to when this will happen.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Mrs J Blakeman asked if the provision of Wi Fi in the Village Hall had been considered? The Chairman stated that he will raise the issue at the Village Hall Committee Meeting after this meeting.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

7<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 at 7pm in the Grateley Village Hall.

### **WEBSITE.**

[www.grateley.net](http://www.grateley.net)