

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st December 2015 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr P Bye – Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Blakeman – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr K Smith
Cllr Mr R Tierney
Cllr Mr P Blakeman
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Mr J Stamp - NHW
Members of the Public – 8

Apologies: Cllr Mrs R Underhill and County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr J Blakeman and seconded by Cllr R Tierney. Matters arising from those minutes:

FOOTPATHS – Cllr R Tierney reported that there is no change, the footpaths are walkable, wet and muddy.

POTHLES – Cllr R Tierney reported that he had sent the email to Tim Lawson regarding the outstanding highways issues in the Parish. Cllr R Tierney stated that he has received an acknowledgement from Tim Lawson's secretary.

SAFER CROSSING POINT – The Chairman had no news to report.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS – Cllr K Smith had no further news to report. Cllr K Smith suggested that he produced drawings of the various styles of gateways so that the Parish Council at least have a favoured design. The Parish Council thought this a good idea.

SPEED LIMITS AND SIGNS – Cllr J Blakeman reported that she has been unable to get further quotes due to work commitments. Cllr P Blakeman will take over this project.

YELLOW AND WHITE LINES – Cllr P Blakeman reported that he had contacted Test Valley Borough Council and the remaining lines will not be re-painted until the spring.

PLAY AREA – Cllr Peter Bye reported on behalf of Cllr R Underhill that she had inspected the Play Area and there were no issues to report.

RUBBISH BIN – The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Test valley re the rubbish bin at the pathway entrance to Locke Close and had been informed that the overflowing was due to large plastic bags full of household rubbish. The Clerk agreed to obtain an official sticker from Test Valley stating that this activity was illegal.

VILLAGE HALL AND HGV SIGN – The Clerk reported that the signs are ready for collection.

PLANNING

15/02708/TREEN – Mature Beech - Thin upper canopy by 20% and reduce lower, lateral growth by up to 2m, back to suitable growth points – Peters Orchard, Monxton Road, Grateley

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

15/02746/TREEN – Ash – Crown reduce by 2m in height – Amberley House, High Street, Grateley.

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

15/02732/FULLN – Single storey front extension to form annexe; single storey rear extension to create enlarged kitchen; first floor extension to form 2 enlarged bedrooms; revised fenestration and new porch – The Rookery, Pond Lane, Grateley.

The Parish Council OBJECTED to this planning application for the following reasons:

1. Proposed extension dominated the Drive Way
2. No provision for garaging
3. Design very intrusive.

FINANCE

Cheques issued in December 2015

R.N. Waterman	Wages and ½ Year Office Allowance	£231.25
TVBC	Flashing Speed Sign Maintenance	£407.50

Account Balance after above transactions £6,418.75

PRECEPT 2016/2017

The Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the estimated results for the year 2015/2016 and the budget for the year 2016/2017. Each item was explained. The grants to the Village Hall and the PCC will be increased to £400, £1200 will be allocated for maintenance projects. It was agreed that the precept would remain at its current level of £7,700 for the 2016/2017 Financial Year. Proposed by Cllr Mr R Tierney and seconded by Cllr Mr K Smith. All agreed.

The Chairman thanked the clerk for producing the financial statement.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Nothing raised.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr J Stamp had nothing to report.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MR P BLAKEMAN – Reported that he had counted 19 cars parked in Station Road on a recent morning. This was briefly discussed and it was felt that it will only get worse until the car parking is sorted out at Andover Station. Cllr R Tierney stated that Grateley is not the only Railway Station that has a problem with parking, its seems to be national problem.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr B Funnell thanked the Chairman for his efforts re the problem with the helicopters, he was amazed to receive the information that the Radar had not been working for a lengthy period of time.

Mr B Funnell reported that he has been monitoring the helicopters and has so far recorded 17 flying low over his house, 12 of these were lower than usual.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman closed the meeting and asked everyone to remain seated. The Chairman read out a statement and resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect.

DATES FOR THE 2016 MEETINGS

2nd February

15th March

5th April

3rd May – AGM

7th June

5th July

6th September

4th October

1st November

6th December