

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr P Bye – Chairman  
Cllr Mrs J Blakeman – Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mrs R Underhill  
Cllr Mr R Tierney  
Cllr Mr K Smith  
Cllr Mr P Blakeman  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks  
Cllr Mr T Burden (Over Wallop PC)  
Members of the Public – 8

Apologies : Borough Councillor Mr Ben Few-Brown.

**WELCOME.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Mr P Bye declared an interest in Planning Application 15/01397/FULLN and would hand this item of the Agenda to the Vice Chairman.

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

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:-

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mr R Tierney spoke about the footpath through Manor Farm to the Church and asked the Parish Council if they were in favour of re-instating this footpath? The Parish Council were in favour of re-instating the footpath, however the Chairman reported that he had spoken to Paul Jackson the Head of Planning at TVBC and he confirmed that the TVBC will not get involved in this issue as it is a civil matter.

Cllr Mrs J Blakeman stated that she had done some research into the issue of permissive footpaths and reported her findings. This issue was discussed at length, including the safety issue of pedestrians walking on the roads which is of great concern. Cllr Mr R Tierney informed the Parish Council the pupils from the village school had stopped attending the church because of this safety issue.

Cllr Mr R Tierney stated that the Grateley PCC was not looking for the Parish Council to take any action but just provide support. The Parish Council agreed to give their support.

Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that the Parish Paths are walkable but with the recent rain do get muddy on occasions. There is an issue with an overgrown hedge causing problems for a resident who uses a mobility scooter, Cllr Mr R Tierney will speak to the property owner to see if this can be resolved.

Mr Colin Page reported that The Drove has been cut back and is clear. Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that the overhanging branches over the footpath on Streetway Road and the path from Wallop Road to Locke Close are making it difficult for pedestrians to walk.

POTHoles – Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that a lot of the potholes have now been filled, but planned work by Highways due to take place over half term at the entrance to the farm on Pond Lane has still to be actioned.

SAFER CROSSING POINT – Cllr Mr P Bye reported that he has been in correspondence with Gary Hedges and has received the following report:

“I am leaving the County Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July and have handed my areas over to Brandon Breen. With regards to the programme, I can only talk about the Station works which are now moving along. We aim to get licence to work on the Network Rail land prior to my departure. And the scheme should progress to works on the ground around October. Test Valley Borough Council will be carrying out the work on our behalf and we will keep you informed if anything changes.

With regards to the junction works at Salisbury Road and Cholderton Road, (NB we believe he means Old Stockbridge Road and Wallop Road) the scheme is with the Transport Planners awaiting consolidation of funding and once that has been finalized the scheme will be in a position to progress to detail design. Just a point to note, a bus movement survey has been undertaken at the junction site and the outline plan shown in the feasibility report exhibition will need to be slightly modified but will remain the same principals”.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS – Cllr Mr K Smith reported that he has received correspondence from Mandy Ware on the provision of Village Gateways and provided the Councillors with a handout explaining the points raised. Issues raised by Mandy Ware include the positioning of the gateways, narrow verges and she stated that funding will be an issue and enquired if the Parish Council will be contributing.

The Clerk reported that the 106 Developer Contributions for Highways have all been earmarked for the Safer Crossing scheme. The issue of funding will be discussed if a scheme is agreed, the Parish Council would need to know how much the scheme would cost. Would the County Council be happy for the Parish Council to provide their own gates to HCC specifications, this may help to cut costs?

The Parish Council have applied for the speed limits to be moved to safer locations so the verge issue should not be so much of a problem. Cllr Mr K Smith will correspond further with Mandy Ware.

SPEED LIMIT AND SIGNS – Cllr Mrs J Blakeman has asked the Speed Sign Company to come and give a demonstration of their equipment and hoped that this would take place at either the September or October meetings.

Cllr Mrs J Blakeman has noted that some parishes have ‘pedestrians in the road’ signs and wondered if this would be worth pursuing in Grateley. The Chairman asked Cllr Mrs J Blakeman to investigate costs etc.

YELLOW LINES – Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that he has been informed that a works order has been placed regarding the yellow lines in September/October.

PLAY AREA – Cllr K Smith reported that the work to clear the deteriorating parts of the Play Equipment and Benches has been completed.

## **PLANNING**

The Chairman handed over the Chair to Cllr Mrs J Blakeman.

15/01397/FULLN – Erection of dwelling and car port with access onto St Leonards – Land to the rear of Hope Cottage, High Street, Grateley.

The Parish Council looked at the plans in detail and decided that before making a comment would like to visit the site. Cllr Mrs J Blakeman will email the Clerk with their decision prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

15/01246/FULLN – Sub-division of existing dwelling into 2 residential units including infilling of two internal doorways . Erection of 1.8m fence within rear garden – The Old Farmhouse, High Street, Grateley.

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

## **FINANCE**

### **CHEQUES ISSUED IN JULY 2015**

R.N. Waterman	Wages - July	£181.25
Mr C Wilkins	Footpath Cutting	£18.00
TVBC	Election Expenses	£24.10
R.N. Waterman	Share of New Lap Top	£50.00
Mr George Sheerman	Locke Close Play Area	£150.00
		<u>£423.35</u>

Bank Account Balance after above transactions = **£5,098.42**

MONEY DUE IN £202 VAT Refund

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS**

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that Kit Malthouse MP has organised a Broadband Workshop and information seminar in St Mary Bourne on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

## **PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

CLLR MR P BLAKEMAN – Reported an incident of a low flying helicopter over his property on the 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm. This will be forwarded to Middle Wallop. Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that the Footbridge at the Station is in a poor condition and needs reporting to Network Rail.

Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that the rubbish bin at the bottom of the footpath to Locke Close has not been emptied. The Clerk has reported this to TVBC.

Cllr Mr P Blakeman spoke about the roofless building on Grateley Business Park. It was reported by a member of the public that if a building has no roof there is no Business Rates payable on that building.

CLLR MRS J BLAKEMAN – Reported that since the shop has opened again at the station end of the village the litter has increased and suggested that a litter bin is installed at the shop.

Cllr Mrs J Blakeman reported that the Web Master is still not receiving the minutes. The Clerk suggested that the Web Master sends him an email to make sure that he

has the correct email address. The Clerk stated that he sends them to the website each month and suggested that the Web Master advises him if they are not received.

CLLR MR K SMITH – Reported that Over Wallop and the Police have organised a sports day on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015 on the Over Wallop Playing Field. Posters will be put up in Grateley for anyone interested in attending.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

It was reported that the Network Rail hedge along Station Road is growing at a steady rate and will need cutting back again before long. This was noted, the Chairman will inform Network Rail.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

1st September 2015 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm