

Draft Minutes

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr P Bye - Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Blakeman - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr R Tierney
Cllr Mrs R Underhill
Cllr Mr P Blakeman
Cllr Mr K Smith
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mrs P West
Borough Councillor Mr Ben Few-Brown
Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn - Chairman Over Wallop Parish Council
Members of the Public - 10

Apologies : Mr J Stamp - NHW

WELCOME. Cllr Mr P Bye 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. Matters arising from those minutes :-

FOOTPATHS - Nothing to report, they are muddy but walkable.

HIGHWAYS

SAFER CROSSING POINT - The Chairman reported that he has written to Gary Hedges asking for the time scale for this project as we are no further forward and its been three years since the first site meeting with Ray Alborough from TVBC Highways. The Chairman has not yet received a reply.

Cllr Mrs P West stated that she has been pushing this project and reported that it is scheduled for the 2016/17 financial year. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had previously been told that it would be in the 2015/2016 financial year. It will be interesting to receive Gary Hedges Reply.

POND LANE - The long standing potholes in Pond Lane have at long last been repaired. Cllr Mr R Tierney felt that the standard of repair is poor and that it will not last, it was also noted that a new pothole has already started to form in the same area.

He had taken several photographs showing the poor state of repair and these would be sent to Tim Lawton Head of Highways, Hampshire County Council along with a letter from the full Parish Council.

EXTENDING/REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT - A request has been submitted to Mandy Ware HCC to look at extending the speed limits in the parish and reducing the 40MPH on Wallop/Cholderton Road to 30MPH.

FLOODING ON STATION ROAD - The problem with the flooding on Station Road has been reported to Highways.

RUBBISH BIN, STREETWAY ROAD - This has now been emptied. The Clerk has asked TVBC to empty the bin fortnightly.

PLANNING

The Clerk reported that he had contacted planning regarding the lack of information for planning application 14/00045/TPON - Fell I Beech Tree 2nd in from the right of cluster G2 as shown in Plan - Tor Cottage, Streetway Road, Grateley. The Planning Officer agreed and said he would be contacting the applicant to arrange a site meeting.

15/00616/FULLN - Erection of single storey extensions to provide 1 additional bedroom, en-suite and bathroom; extended lounge and kitchen area; new porch and erection of garage/studio - Knowldene, Monxton Road, Grateley.

The Parish Council had looked at this planning application prior to the meeting. The Chairman asked the councillors to confirm their comments; Approval.

Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that he has been asked by Mr Stops to speak at the Planning Meeting to record the Parish Council's support of the planning application for the Monxton Road Chicken Farm. Cllr Mr P Blakeman asked if the Parish Council had any objections to this request. The Parish Council gave Cllr Mr Blakeman their full support.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Cllr Mr P Blakeman reminded those present that the Village Clean-up will take place on the 11th April 2015. Times etc will be made public nearer the time.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Residents are urged to ring the 101 telephone number if they see anything suspicious.

CLLR MRS P WEST'S REPORT

Cllr Mrs P West spoke about the Hampshire County Council Budget and the proposed cuts in all departments. There will be no rise in the HCC part of the Council Tax. Cllr Mrs P West stated that she is retiring from the County Council and this will be her last meeting.

Cllr Mrs P West stated that she has enjoyed her time in office and wished to thank Grateley for the warm welcome they always gave her when she visited the village.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs P West for all that she has done for the village and on behalf of the Parish Council wished her all the best for the future.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR B FEW-BROWN

Cllr Mr Ben Few-Brown spoke about the problems Monxton and Quarley are having with the Nelson lorries going to Fox Woods. Residents of Georgia Lane are taking TVBC to court on planning issues for the site. TVBC are adamant that they are working within planning guide lines for the permission given.

Cllr Mrs P West spoke about a recent planning application for the Nelson Site in Penton Mewsey Parish, this was turned down but has gone to appeal.

The Chairman reported that he has been invited to a Monxton Village Meeting to discuss the problems with the Nelson Lorries.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Mr P Bye reported that Hampshire County Council are looking for volunteers for the Village Agent scheme and will pass the information on to anyone who is interested.

Cllr Mr P Bye reported that he has at long last managed to get hold of Network Rail regarding the station flower tubs, they have passed his request to South West Trains.

REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

At our last village hall committee meeting we agreed that we would supply a report to the Parish Council. We meet quarterly immediately before a Parish Council meeting so the report will be presented at the next Parish Council meeting after that, to permit time for it to be drafted and agreed.

Our last meeting was on 3rd February so the report is due to be presented tonight.

The hall is on a stable financial footing, the accounts are audited annually and a statement of those accounts forwarded to the Charity Commission.

Some improvements have taken place and more are planned.

You will have noticed the new pull down screen which is particularly useful for Village Friends as the speakers frequently require a screen and previously we have had to borrow one. The new heaters are performing well and we have had universal positive feedback on them.

For the future we are planning a new porch to protect the front door, drawings have been made, quotes received and we have applied for a grant so hopefully by the time of the next report it will be in place.

We have decided to change the hiring costs, at present it is £5.00 per hour for residents of Gately and Palestine with others paying £7.00. This has not really worked, so we are introducing a standard charge of £6.00 per hour for all hirers as from 1st April. We hope all of our regular hirers continue to use the hall and we are always hoping for new enquiries.

FINANCE

Cheques issued in March 2015.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£181.25
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Issues raised included :-

- The state of the Old Stockbridge Road and the large puddles that form after rainfall. The Clerk reported that this has been reported to Highways by Over Wallop Parish Council.
- HGV's breaking up the verges on the narrow county roads.
- An incident with an articulated lorry at the chicane, holding up traffic while it reversed up Church Lane.

- Cars parking on the yellow lines before the Chicken Farm. It was suggested that many of the yellow lines are disappearing and need re-painting.
- Village Gateways

The Parish Council noted these issues raised.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE APRIL MEETING

Village Gateways and Speed Limits - Extending and reducing on Monxton and Wallop/Cholderton Roads.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES FOR THE 2015 MEETINGS

7th April

5th May

2nd June

7th July

1st September

6th October

3rd November

1st December