

Draft Minutes

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 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
Members of the Public - 4

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 :-

HIGHWAYS - The Chairman asked that this issue be raised later in the meeting under Future Projects.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - The Chairman reported that Grateley has an un-contested election and the existing Councillors are all standing again.

PLANNING

15/00823/FULLN - Erection of rear extension to provide open plan lounge diner and raise the roof to provide three bedrooms and bathroom upstairs, replace garage roof with pitched roof - Peveril, Monxton Road, Grateley.

The Parish Council discussed this planning application at length. The Parish Council all agreed that they had NO OBJECTIONS in principle but will make the following comments :

- The hip roof at the front spoils the appearance - better to have a gable end.
- The first floor layout was missing from the application paperwork.
- Issues with the positioning of the velux windows.

Monxton Road Chicken Farm. Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that this planning application has been deferred due to an administration error.

FUTURE PROJECTS

The Chairman felt that the Parish Council are collectively not progressing with the various Highway issues and stated that he would like each councillor to take on a project to its conclusion. The following was agreed :

1. Drainage at Old Stockbridge Road end of Pond Lane - Cllr Mr R Tierney
2. Pot Holes - Cllr Mr R Tierney
3. Safer Crossing Point - Cllr Mr P Bye

4. Village Gateways - Cllr Mr K Smith
5. Speed Limits and New Signs - Cllr Mrs J Blakeman
6. Yellow Lines - Cllr Mr P Blakeman

Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that the Church would be holding a Flower Festival on the 4th, 5th and 6th of September 2015. Help for the event is required and would be greatly appreciated.

Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that he has started fund raising to refurbish/replace the plaque on the School wall next to the notice board and that he has approached Cllr Mr Ben Few-Brown. The Chairman made the point that the Plaque was the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council and not the Parish Council and he hoped that Cllr Mr P Blakeman had made this clear to Cllr Mr Ben Few-Brown as otherwise this may jeopardize future funding applications.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It was noted that there was a recent attempted burglary from a shed in Monxton. Residents are urged to ring the 101 telephone number if they see anything suspicious.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MR R TIERNEY - Reported that some repairs have been carried out on the pot holes in Pond Lane. Pond Lane is on the works schedule to be re-surfaced in the 2015/16 period, a road closure notice has been issued covering the whole year. Some of the residents who have suffered wheel damage due to the pot holes in Pond Lane have submitted claims to HCC and have received a 75% refund. There is a problem with drainage at the Pond Lane and Old Stockbridge Road junction.

A letter has been sent to Highways up-dating the various pot holes in the parish including the large one by the Chicken Farm on station Road and those developing around the manhole covers in Cholderton Road.

CLLR MR P BLAKEMAN - Reported that 20 parishioners turned out for the Village Litter Clean Up. Cllr Mr P Blakeman wished to thank everyone for their hard work. Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that the Station was being tidied on the same day, the foreman stated that there are big plans for the Grateley Station and that he would look at replacing the Station Tubs. The railway banks are to be meadow seeded.

FINANCE

Cheques issued in May 2015.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£181.25
Grateley Village Hall	Grant	£255.00
St Leonard's Church	Grant	£255.00
	Total	<u>£691.25</u>

The Parish Clerk confirmed the fund raising for Defibrillators

Financial Year 2013/2014

July 2013 - Fund Raising = £ 235.00

March 2014 - Donations = £1450.00

March 2014 - Fund Raising = £ 40.00

Financial Year 2014/2015

April 2014 - Donations = £ 60.00

May 2014 - Donation = £ 25.00

July 2014 - Donations = £ 175.00

November 2014 - HCC Grant £ 898.00

Total = £2883.00

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr B Funnell suggested tidying up the verge behind the three houses between the lay-by and Streetway Road - it would make it easier for the grass cutter and it would make the area look more attractive. Mr B Funnell stated that he has raised this issue several times over the years with previous Parish Councils but no progress had been made due to lack of interest from highways. It was suggested that this could be a village project if Highways were unwilling to do the work. The Chairman will take this on.

Mr B Funnell wished to thank Cllr Mr P Blakeman for organising the Village Litter Pick. The Parish Council also wished to register their thanks.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE JUNE AGM MEETING

Sign the Declaration of Office forms

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman's Report

Grateley Village Friends Report

Grateley Village Hall Report

Flower Festival

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES FOR THE 2015 MEETINGS

2nd June

7th July

1st September

6th October

3rd November

1st December