

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on 6th October 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 P Blakeman
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 9

Apologies: Cllr Mr K Smith, Borough Councillor Mr B Few-Brown, County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks.

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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 Mr R Tierney and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Blakeman. Matters arising from those minutes:-

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that the footpaths were walkable, but a bit wet and muddy due to the recent wet weather.

POTHLES – Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that he had sent the letter to Mr T Lawson at Highways and had received an acknowledgement. Mr T Lawson has instructed his team to get on with the repairs.

SAFER CROSSING POINT – The Chairman read out an exchange of emails between himself, Brandon Breen and James Moore from HCC Highways. The Safer Crossing Point and the junctions of the Old Stockbridge Road at Grateley and Kentsborough.

HCC are still waiting for the outcome of the deed of dedication from Network Rail, once this has been received it is proposed that a project appraisal report is drafted for approval by the Director of Environment. Once this is signed, the contract can be tendered, then a contractor will be appointed. A realistic start date for the works would probably be in February or March 2016.

The Chairman stated that he was very disappointed in the time this project is taking, earlier this year the start date was supposed to be October 2015. The first site meeting to discuss the Safer Crossing project was 4 years ago.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS – Cllr Mr K Smith has reported that he is no further forward with the Village Gateway Project. Hampshire County Council have also advised that the request to reduce the speed limit on the Cholderton/Wallop Road does not meet criteria and will not be taken forward. Cllr Mrs J Blakeman felt that Health and Safety for users should be the priority to reduce the speed limit.

SPEED LIMITS AND SIGNS – Cllr Mrs J Blakeman reported that she had invited the Speed Sign Company to attend the meeting but they had not shown up.

YELLOW LINES – Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that he had been advised on the 9th September 2015 by TVBC that the re-painting of the yellow lines would be done within 8 weeks.

PLAY AREA – The Chairman asked Cllr Mrs R Underhill if she would inspect the Locke Close Play Area once a month and report any issues to the Parish Council. Cllr Mrs R Underhill said she would.

PLANNING

15/02307/TREEN – Remove 1 x Beech, crown reduce by 3m and reduce lateral spread by 2m 5 x Beech. Large Beech – crown reduce by up to 2m and lateral spread up to 2m – Amberley House, High Street, Grateley.

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

Monxton Road Chicken Sheds – Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that he had attended the Planning Meeting and used his three minute time slot to support the planning application. However despite the Parish Council and the Villages support the Planners refused the application.

FINANCE

6th October 2015

CHEQUES ISSUED IN OCTOBER 2015

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| R.N. Waterman | Wages | £181.25 |
| Grateley Village Hall | Grant towards porch project | £500.00 |
| | | <u>£681.25</u> |

Bank Account Balance after above transactions = **£7,658.49**

MONEY DUE IN £202 VAT Refund

1st April 2015 - 6th October 2015

Opening Balance £2,759.27

Income

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| Precept | £7,700.00 |
| Interest | .07 |
| | £10,459.34 |

Expenditure

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| Wages | £1,268.75 |
| Administration | £ 299.10 |
| Storage | £ 55.00 |
| PCC Grant | £ 255.00 |
| VH Grants | £ 755.00 |
| Maintenance | £ 168.00 |
| | £2,800.85 |

MONEY IN BANK **£7,658.49**

AUDIT

The Clerk reported that District Audit have signed off the accounts for the year 2014/15 and have not raised any issues. The Parish Council agreed to sign off the accounts.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr J Stamp spoke about a recent incident in Grateley where damage was caused to vehicles by a gang of males in a 4X4 with a catapult. The Police have apprehended 5-6 males for this crime in Poole.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MR P BLAKEMAN – Reported that on 2 consecutive Tuesdays there have been more than the usual number of cars parked on Station road by the Chicken Farm. 17 on the first and 19 on the second Tuesday. This was noted and it was thought that this would get worse over the coming months as the Andover Station Car Park will be closed for re-building.

Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that the Plough Inn is to change hands.

CLLR MRS J BLAKEMAN – Reported that a wonderful evening was had to say good bye to Linda and Peter from the shop. Cllr Mrs J Blakeman wished to thank Mr John Stamp for organizing the event.

CLLR MR P BYE – Reported that Caroline from the shop had approached him and is not happy about comments in the minutes about the increase in rubbish around the area of the shop area. She feels that this is not due to her business and would like it minuted.

Cllr Mr P Bye asked the Clerk to check the status of the Grit Bin in the High Street, the broken bin has been dragged down the High Street. The issue of HGV's using the High Street was discussed. It was agreed that a 'Not Suitable for HGV'S' sign will be made and placed on the approach to the High Street at the triangle.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Thank you letter was from Linda and Peter was read out to the meeting.

The Grateley village hall have written to the Parish Council to ask if they would support and consider erecting a finger-point sign to the village hall. The Parish Council thought this a good idea. The Clerk will ask Highways if they could erect a sign at the junction of Cholderton and Station Road. It was also agreed to purchase 4 signs for other areas in the village.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Pond Lane drains were raised. Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that these have been reported to HCC in the letter recently sent to Tim Lawson.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

3rd November 2015