

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on 1st September 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 K Smith
Cllr Mr R Tierney
Cllr Mr P Blakeman
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Borough Councillor Mr B Few-Brown
Mr J Stamp – NHW
Members of the Public – 6

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. Matters arising from those minutes :-

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

POTHLES – Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that there are still areas of Pond Lane that need attention after the recent re-surfacing. There is a 6 inch drop in places at the edge of the road where the verge has been worn away and not repaired when the road was re-surfaced. Cllr Mr R Tierney is concerned that if a cyclist were to get caught in the rut it may cause an accident.

Cllr Mr R Tierney had drafted a letter to Mr Tim Lawton at Highways, this had been distributed to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. The Parish Council all agreed that the letter should be sent.

SAFER CROSSING POINT – The Chairman reported that he has received an email from Highways informing him that the paperwork is being drafted to be sent to Railtrack for the land needed for the footpath. Once this has been agreed tenders will be sent out. The Chairman was sure that the original October 2015 date for commencing the project is most unlikely. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks asked for information on the project to be sent to her and she will look into the matter.

SPEED LIMITS AND SIGNS – Cllr Mrs J Blakeman reported that the representative from the Flashing Speed Sign Company will attend the October meeting to give a demonstration. The number of speed signs required was briefly discussed and will be addressed once a decision has been made and final costing received.

YELLOW LINES – Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that he had been passed to a third party regarding the re-painting of the yellow lines but had no news to report.

PLANNING

15/01804/FULLN – Proposed front conservatory – Queensmead, Chapel Lane.
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

15/01975/FULLN – Demolish existing garage and carport and replace with rear and side extension; creation of first floor to include two bedrooms and ensuite; raise boundary wall – Peveril, Monxton Road, Grateley.
The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this planning application.

The Parish Council have been notified that the planning application for the dwelling at the rear of Hope Cottage (15/01397/FULLN) was withdrawn from the agenda for the Northern Area Planning Committee meeting on the 27th August 2015.

FINANCE

CHEQUES ISSUED IN AUGUST and September 2015

R.N. Waterman	Wages - August	£181.25
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R.N. Waterman	OA and Expenses (2015)	£100.00
Mr D Yates	Storage fee for 2015	£55.00
		<u>£517.50</u>

Bank Account Balance after above transactions = **£4,730.72**

Money due in £202 VAT Refund

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr J Stamp reported that there have been two reported incidents in the village and gave details.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks had nothing to report.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR B FEW-BROWN

Cllr Mr B Few-Brown had nothing to report

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MR P BLAKEMAN – Reported an incident with a dog barking resulting in the TVBC Dog Warden getting involved.

CLLR MR P BYE – Spoke about the sad closure of the shop and the retirement of Peter and Linda. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council give them a £30 gift voucher as a leaving gift. The Parish Council all agreed. Cllr Mrs J Blakeman will make the presentation. The Chairman also requested that all sign a card which was circulated.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read out a letter from Kaye Clayden, Chairman of the Grateley War Memorial Hall, informing the Parish Council of plans to add a porch to the village hall at a cost of £2,200. The Village Hall Committee asked if the Parish Council would consider matching a £500 grant given from Cllr Mr B Few-Brown towards the project. The remaining balance will be funded from the Village Hall funds.

The Parish Council discussed this. Cllr Mr P Bye proposed that the Parish Council give a grant of £500 towards the Village Hall Porch Project, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Blakeman. All agreed.

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks stated that she now had her County Councillor Devolved Budget and would be happy to support the project with a grant of £1,000. The Clerk will submit an application form.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr B Funnell informed the Parish Council that the Shire Horse Public House has been sold, its future is not known.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

5th October 2015

The Parish Council held a brief 'In Camera' meeting following this meeting to discuss a recent land purchase in the parish.