

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2016 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs J Blakeman – Acting Chairman
Cllr Mr P Blakeman
Cllr Mrs R Underhill
Cllr Mr K Smith
Cllr Mr R Tierney
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Mr J Stamp – NHW
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Members of the Public – 4

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr Ben Few-Brown.

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. Proposed by Cllr P Blakeman and seconded by Cllr R Underhill. Matters arising from those minutes:

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mr R Tierney had nothing to report.

POTHoles – Cllr Mr R Tierney spoke about the various pot holes in the parish, repairs are on-going. Some potholes have been filled but not to a very good standard and there are still more to do. It was noted that there is a large pothole on the Monxton Road just inside Ampport parish. It was also noted that many of the repaired potholes on Old Stockbridge Road will soon be in need of repair again.

SAFER CROSSING POINT – No further news to report.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS – Cllr K Smith reported that we are no further forward with this project, HCC Highways red tape is still the stumbling block. The recent literature from Glasdon makes interesting reading and there are many designs and finishes to choose from, however they are quite expensive. Alternative sources for construction are being explored.

SPEED LIMITS, SIGNS, YELLOW AND WHITE LINES – Cllr P Blakeman had no further news to report.

The Parish Council have not yet had their site meeting to discuss the position of the “not suitable for HGV’s” sign.

It was suggested that ‘pedestrians in the Road’ signs for Station Road be requested from Highways. A sign indicating ‘Road Liable to Flooding’ could also be an option. These will be added to the list for the Highways meeting on the 29th April.

PLAY AREA – Cllr R Underhill reported that she had inspected the Play Area and there were no issues.

HIGHWAYS MEETING – Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reminded the Parish Council that there is a Highways meeting on the 29th April at the Fairground Hall, Weyhill. Each parish has been asked to make a list of the issues they would like to raise with the Highways Officers.

The Parish Council discussed this, initial thoughts included:

- Damaged road signs – Farmers charged for signs they damage during hedge cutting.
- Flooding on Station Road and Wallop Road
- Safer Crossing Project
- Potholes
- Station Parking problems
- Extending the speed limits and reducing the speed limit on Cholderton/Wallop road.

PLANNING

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

FINANCE

CHEQUES ISSUED IN APRIL 2016

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| R.N. Waterman | Wages | £181.25 |
| TVBC | Bin Emptying | £171.97 |
| GPCC | Grant | £400.00 |
| GVH | Grant | £400.00 |
| R.N. Waterman | ½ Year OA and Expenses | £101.00 |
| Solstice Signs | VH Sign | £24.00 |
| | | <u>£1,278.22</u> |

Bank Account Balance after above transactions = **£3,950.17**

MONEY DUE IN £202 VAT Refund

FUTURE PROJECTS

Village Photographic Competition with a view to producing a calendar – no further news to report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr J Stamp had nothing to report.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MR K SMITH – Reported that the School Summer fete will be held on the 16th July 2016 on the Grateley House School field, volunteers are required. Residents who have items they would like to donate for the bric-a-brac stalls should ring 07962 130262.

Cllr Mr K Smith reported that there is a problem with dog fouling on the Campbell Close Green, the green litter bin has disappeared and commuters parking in the close continues. The Clerk will contact TVBC to request another green litter bin.

CLLR MR R TIERNEY – Suggested that it would solve the Station parking problems if an overspill car park could be found. Everyone agreed.

CLLR MR P BLAKEMAN – Spoke about the flooding in Wallop Road and felt that the problem lies with surface water coming from the Farm in Streetway Road. The Clerk reported that this has been discussed with Highways at various site meetings over recent years and Highways have not thought this the problem!

There has been damaged to the trees over the footpath to Locke Close. This has been reported to Highways.

Cllr Mr P Blakeman offered to carry out the refurbishment work to the Streetway Road bus shelter. Cllr Mr K Smith offered his assistance. The Parish Council will pay for all the materials needed to complete the work.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The date for the Appeal hearing for the Monxton Road Chicken Farm was mentioned and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

It was reported that the Plough Inn is due to re-open late April, the new tenants are coming from the Black Swan at Monxton.

It was reported that the Flying Scotsman will be coming through Grateley on the 21st may 2016.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MAY MEETING.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
Chairman's Report
Grateley Village Friends Report
End of Year financial Report
Report from the Highways meeting

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES FOR THE NEXT MEETING

3rd May 2016