

## **Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

Apologies: County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks.

### **WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **PETER BYE.**

The Chairman wished to take the opportunity to publically thank Mr Peter Bye his contribution to the Village during his time on the Parish Council. This was seconded from the floor.

The Chairman reported the sad news that Peter Griffith has passed away. The Parish Council's thoughts are with Linda at this sad and difficult time.

The Chairman stated that she will take on the role of Chairman through to the April meeting. The Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman will be held at the May AGM.

### **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy. The Chairman asked everyone to let it be known that the parish Council has a vacancy.

### **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 J Blakeman and seconded by Cllr R Tierney. Matters arising from those minutes:

FOOTPATHS – Cllr R Tierney reported that there is no change, the footpaths are walkable, wet and muddy.

POTHoles – Cllr R Tierney had no news to report on the progress of repairs. Potholes on the road to Monxton and Pond Lane were reported.

SAFER CROSSING POINT – No further news to report.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS – Cllr K Smith had no further news to report. The Clerk reported that Glasdon have started a new line in Gateways and had sent a brochure. The Clerk will contact Glasdon for additional copies to distribute to the Parish Councillors.

SPEED LIMITS, SIGNS, YELLOW AND WHITE LINES – Cllr P Blakeman reported that he did not expect any work to be done till the spring.

The Clerk suggested that a site meeting be held when the weather improves to site the “not suitable for HGV’s” sign. The Parish Council thought this a good idea as the sign needed to be sited in the correct position so there is no confusion.

Various missing or damaged road signs were reported, several of the 30mph signs have been damaged by the hedge cutter.

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

## **PLANNING**

### **PLANNING APPEAL**

14/03020/FULLN – Replace two poultry houses with five live/work units including access, sewage treatment plant and associated works – Former Poultry Houses, Monxton Road, Grateley.

The Parish Council will send in a further letter of support for this planning application to the Secretary of State.

15/03162/FULLN – Construction of building and flue to house biomass boiler and fuel store (part retrospective) – Green Meadows Poultry Farm, Station Road, Grateley. The Parish Council OBJECTED to this planning application – details can be viewed on the TVBC web site.

## **FINANCE**

Cheques issued in February 2016

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£181.25
R.N. Waterman	Strato – Web Site	£134.94

Account Balance after above transactions £5,778.92

## **FUTURE PROJECTS**

The Chairman suggested the following projects:

1. Clean for the Queen – A Village Clean-up will be held in April 2016 – date to be confirmed.

The Clerk will order some litter pickers for the event. The Chairman asked if the Village Hall would store the Litter Pickers. Mrs Christine Bye could see no problem with this request.

2. Celebrate the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a Village Party/Fete – possibly working with the Schools and the Church.
3. Village Photographic Competition with a view to producing a calendar.

The Parish Council agreed with all three suggestions.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Mr J Stamp had nothing to report.

### **GRATELEY STATION**

Mr B Funnell reported that there was an incident with a Station ticket machine being taken by persons in a Landrover. The Police found the Landrover burnt out.

The parking on Station Road was discussed at length, it was noted that 31 cars were counted one day the previous week. Mr B Funnell reported that there had been a recent article in the Andover Advertiser regarding the closure and refurbishment of the Andover Station car park, and illegal parking. The article encouraged the public to report illegal parking to the Andover Advertiser News desk. Mr Funnell reported that cars parked illegally within the Grateley Station car park have been ticketed.

Cllr Mr B Few-Brown stated that the cars parked along station road have not been illegally parked and nothing can be done.

It was felt that the cars parked along Station Road are a hazard for pedestrians and it was noted that commuters walking back to their cars tend not to wear anything reflective. It was felt that the Yellow Lines now need to be extended to the Railway Cottages. Mr Colin Page asked the Parish Council to monitor the situation and to be certain this is what is needed, it would be a shame for the majority of the village to be covered in yellow lines. This was noted.

Problems with commuters parking in Locke Close was raised. Cllr Mr B Few-Brown suggested that residents contact TVBC when this happens.

### **CLLR MR BEN FEW-BROWN**

Cllr Mr B Few-Brown reported that the Revised Borough Plan has been adopted, copies will be sent to the Parish Council in due course.

### **OVER WALLOP – CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn hoped that Grateley and Over Wallop would continue their good working relationship and that Over Wallop Parish Council are also supporting the Monxton Road planning appeal.

Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn stated that Over Wallop Parish Council are discussing a planning application for Walnut Bungalow on Wallop Road, although the site is in the Grateley settlement boundary it is in Over Wallop parish.

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

CLLR MR P BLAKEMAN – Reported that the flooding problem at the bottom of Streetway Road has still not been sorted out despite several site meetings with Highways. This will need to be sorted before the safer crossing scheme is started. All agreed.

Landowners not digging out their ditches was raised from the floor, blocked ditches can cause flooding on the Parish roads. This issue was discussed at length. Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that a large tyre has been dumped on the Cholderton Road near the Grateley Business Park. The Clerk will report this to TVBC.

CLLR MR R TIERNEY - Gave his apologies for the March meeting.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

It was reported that the sale of the lease for the Plough Inn has fallen through and the future of the pub is not known. It was also reported that the Shire Horse has been converted into accommodation. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council have contacted Planning enforcement to make sure that the proper permissions have been applied for.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

### **DATES FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

15<sup>th</sup> March 2016