

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2016 in the Grateley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs J Blakeman – Chairman
Cllr Mr K Smith – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr P Blakeman
Cllr Mr M Horne
Cllr Mr R Tierney
Cllr Mrs R Underhill
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Members of the Public – 5

Apologies: Mr J Stamp NHW and Borough Councillor Mr B Few-Brown.

WELCOME.

The Chairman arrived late as she was stuck in a traffic jam on her way back from work due to an accident. Cllr K Smith took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Mr K Smith signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr R Tierney and seconded by Cllr M Horne. Matters arising from those minutes:

FOOTPATHS – Cllr R Tierney reported that the footpaths seem to be getting sufficient use to remain walkable. Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that it looks as though a 4x4 vehicle has driven down the drove making it easier to walk.

HIGHWAYS AND POTHOLES – Cllr R Tierney reported that the de-restriction sign from Monxton direction needs replacing.
Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that she is to meet with Ray Alborough and Tim Lawton to get an up-date on the Highway repairs reported at the Highways meeting held in April 2016.

SAFER CROSSING POINT – No news to report.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS – No news to report.

SPEED LIMITS, SIGNS, YELLOW AND WHITE LINES – No news to report.

PLAY AREA – Cllr R Underhill report that she had inspected the Play Area. The climbing frame and the swings are in good condition. The picnic bench has split and needs removing and the goal posts need welding in places and a coat of paint. The grass could do with a cut.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the picnic bench will be removed and a replacement purchased in the spring. Cllr P Blakeman said he would look at the goal posts.

Cllr M Horne reported that he has done some investigating into the types of Skateboard Ramps available. Concrete, timber and metal ramps are widely used. Concrete ramps are thought to be the safer option and Metal Ramps are usually portable. The cost is between £3,000 and £6,000 for the ramps.

The Parish Council discussed this and felt that the first thing to do was gauge the interest from the youth in the village. Cllr K Smith and Cllr M Horne will get together on this project.

BUS SHELTER – Cllr P Blakeman reported that he has started work on the Streetway Road bus shelter. While working on the shelter it was pointed out to him that a youth was seen removing the wooden shingles, on closer inspection there are several the cedar shingles need replacing.

TELEPHONE BOX – Cllr P Blakeman and Cllr R Tierney have fitted the book shelves in the telephone box. The books have been placed on the shelves and it looks tidy. A letter of thanks to the volunteer who has taken on looking after the telephone box library will be sent.

PLANNING

16/02476/TREEN – Remove 4 x Leylandii Trees – Rookfield Lodge, Chapel Lane, Grateley. NO OBJECTION.

16/02467/FULLN – Erection of greenhouse – Manor Farmhouse, High Street, Grateley. NO OBJECTION.

16/02478/FULLN – Raise existing roof to allow for first floor accommodation; demolition of existing conservatory and extensions to front and rear – April Wood, Cholderton Road, Grateley. NO OBJECTION.

16/02578/FULLN – Ground level single storey side extension and rear two storey extension – Holly Cottage, Cholderton Road, Grateley. NO OBJECTION

FINANCE

Cheque issued

R.N. Waterman

Wages

£181.25

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Nothing to Report.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that there has been no movement on Devolution.

HCC are re-looking at the opening hours for the Andover Household Recycling Centre.

FUTURE PROJECTS

WW1

Village Spring Clean-up – Planned for the first weekend in March. Date to be confirmed.

MOBILE POST OFFICE

The Mobile Post Office now visits Chapel Lane, Grateley on a Wednesday at 12noon.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

CLLR MR P BLAKEMAN – Reported that BT plan to remove the telephone box in Campbell Close.

CLLR MR M HORNE – Felt that the Grateley Village Hall is under-utilized and stated that he would like to set up a table tennis club in the village to be held on a weekly basis. The Parish Council thought this a good idea. Mr B Funnell suggested that Cllr Mr M Horne contacted Mrs Christine Bye the Grateley Hall booking secretary for availability.

CLLR MR R TIERNEY – Reported that the red telephone box needs a coat of paint. The Clerk stated that the telephone box is due to be painted in 2017.

Cllr R Tierney Reported that the new 'King Athelstan Board' unveiling ceremony went very well. The Andover Advertiser did not attend despite being invited. The School sent in a photograph taken at the event but this has not yet appeared in the Andover Advertiser.

LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk reported that Grateley have been included in a new cluster set up for the HCC Lengthsman Scheme. An application for funding has been submitted to HCC and if successful the Lengthsman will start in April 2017. The Clerk explained that each parish will get a budget of £1000 worth of man hours for the Lengthsman, a request for works to be undertaken will be submitted each month by the Clerk. The Clerk gave the Parish Councillors a list of the jobs that can be undertaken by the Lengthsman, it was noted that 20% of the man hours must be spent on Footpaths and Rights of Way. The Parish Council thought this excellent news.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was reported that there was a recent incident involving a child stepping out behind a bus and a car at the Station Bus Stop on Station Road. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council will get two signs made up stating:

“Warning Children Crossing”

It was reported that there have been several power surges in the parish, some residents have noticed an increase in failed light bulbs.

Mr C Page clarified his statement at the last meeting, by saying: -

The trail Riders federation will no longer represent their case at the inquiry into changing the restricted bridleway and tracks beyond the Hampshire Gap, into a byway for all traffic (BOAT). This application is being fought by neighbouring parishes in Wiltshire. The outcome of the enquiry is awaited.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 6th December 2016