Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 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
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mr B Few-Brown
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Mr John Stamp - NHW
Members of the Public – 4

Apologies: Cllr Mrs R Underhill and Borough Councillor Mr B Few-Brown.

WELCOME.
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.
Cllrs Mr and Mrs P Blakeman declared an interest in planning Application 16/02215/FULLN.

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 K Smith. Matters arising from those minutes:

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that the footpaths seem to be getting sufficient use to remain walkable. Cllr Mr R Tierney reported that there has been an extra effort from residents to clear the fallen tree from the footpath that continues behind Hawthorn Close.

POTHOLES – No news to report. Cllr Mr R Tierney stated that the none of the Highway repairs had been done that were on the list given to Tim Lawson at the Highways meeting held in April 2016. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks noted this and will speak to Tim Lawton.

SAFER CROSSING POINT – No news to report.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS – No news to report.

SPEED LIMITS, SIGNS, YELLOW AND WHITE LINES – The Parish Council discussed the lack of white lines through the chicane. It appears that some of the white lines have been re-done but not all. Cllr Mr P Blakeman will contact TVBC for an explanation and to request that white lines are reinstated through the chicane.

PLAY AREA – Cllr R Underhill sent in a report to say that she had inspected the Play Area and there were no issues. The grass has recently been cut.

PLANNING
16/02215/FULLN – Ground floor and rear side extension – 16 Locke Close, Grateley.
NO OBJECTION.

AUDIT
The Clerk reported that BDO Audit have signed of the accounts for the year 2015/2016 and have made the following comments:

1. The Accounting Statement was not approved by the 30th June. The Clerk reported that he had informed Audit when the accounts had been submitted that this was due to the June Meeting being cancelled due to a lack of Councillors.
2. The accounts were approved after the commencement of the Inspection period of elector's rights. The Clerk again had reported this was due to the June meeting being cancelled.
3. The internal Auditor had failed to record that the Grateley Village Friend account at the end of the year carried a small Petty Cash figure. The Clerk reported that this was down to a genuine misunderstanding with the provided accounts. The Petty cash had been banked but did not show up on the bank statement until the day after the close of the account on the 1st April.

FINANCE
Financial Report 1st April 2016 to 4th October 2016

INCOME	
Opening Balance	£ 5,228.44
Precept	£ 7,700.00
	£12,928.44

EXPENDITURE	
Wages	£ 1,268.75
PCC	£ 400.00
Village Hall	£ 400.00
Maintenance	£ 134.00
Dog Bin	£ 143.26
Insurance	£ 439.94
Administration	£ 506.65
	£ 3,292.65

Balance in the Bank £9,635.79

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
Nothing to Report.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS
Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that there has been no movement on Devolution. The Andover Household Recycling Centre has new opening hours and we be shut on a Thursday. Small Businesses and DIY will not be charged for builder's rubble etc. Hampshire Police are to start using a drone in the rural areas to help combat crime.

FUTURE PROJECTS
WW1
Village Spring Clean-up

VILLAGE PLAQUE
Cllr Mr R Tierney produced the replacement Village Plaque that has been funded by the parish Council and the Church. The replacement sign will be sited in the same place as the original one adjacent to the notice board in the High Street.

An unveiling and blessing ceremony will take place on 10th October 2016 at approximately 10.45am, after the School Assembly. The School Children will be present; everyone is welcome to attend. Cllr Mr R Tierney stated that he has invited the Andover Advertiser to the event.

TELEPHONE BOX – LIBRARY
The Clerk reported that a resident has come forward who is willing to organise and maintain the Telephone Box book library by the Plough Inn. The notice board will be removed and floor to ceiling shelves added. Cllr Mr R Tierney and Cllr Mr P Blakeman will install the shelves.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.
CLLR MR P BLAKEMAN – Suggested that the Parish Council register the Shire Horse Pub as a Community Asset. This was discussed at length and it was decided not to proceed.

CLLR MR M HORNE – Asked for clarification on how the Parish Council managed the Precept and asked why reserves were held. The Clerk asked Mr Brian Funnell to explain as he has been the Parish Councils unofficial financial advisor for many years. Mr Brian Funnel gave a brief explanation. The Clerk confirmed that Parish Councils are encouraged to keep at least a year's precept in reserve.

Cllr Mr M Horne suggested that the Parish Council look at providing a Skateboard Park at the Locke Close Field. This was discussed at length. The Clerk pointed out that the Parish Council do not own the land, TVBC gave permission for the Play Equipment. It was agreed that Cllr Mr M Horne will put together a proposal with costs for the Parish Council discuss before any approach to TVBC.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
Mr B Funnell asked if there was any news on a new site for the defibrillator. The Clerk reported that he has written to Southwest Trains about siting it on the Station and is still waiting for a decision.

Mr C Page reported that the neighbouring Parishes in Wiltshire who were seeking legal action to stop the large number of motorbike using the bridleway and tracks beyond the Hampshire Gap have withdrawn their support due to the projected cost.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING
The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 1st November 2016