

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 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 Mrs R Underhill
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mr B Few-Brown
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Members of the Public – 9

Apologies: Cllr Mr R Tierney and Mr John Stamp NHW.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Chairman proposed that Mr Martyn Horne was co-opted on to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy, this was seconded by Cllr Mr K Smith, all agreed. Mr Martyn Horne signed the declaration of Office. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mr M Horne onto the Parish Council.

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 K Smith. Matters arising from those minutes:

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mr R Tierney had reported that he had looked at several of the footpaths and they seem to be getting sufficient use to remain walkable.

Chapel Lane and Gunville are in satisfactory condition to the end of our responsibility. Hawthorn Close – around the end of the school field is very good until within 25m of the field where there the tree previously reported as fallen is still partially blocking the path. A lot of effort has been made to stop it resting on the fence; presumably by the people in The Dell whose fence was being damaged. However, the weight of the tree is making it slowly fall further and it will need more attention in the near future – investigations to find the owner of the tree are being made.

The Drove – passage is difficult and access to the Drove from the path from Hawthorn Close is very difficult and made dangerous because the landowner has strung barbed wire around the field and where it passes this access it is fixed to the back of the top bar of the stile.

Hampshire Rights of Way have been contacted about the overgrown bridleway from Oklahoma to the side of the Plough Inn gate.

The Chairman reported that one of the neighbouring Parishes in Wiltshire is seeking legal action to stop the large number of motorbike using the bridleway and tracks beyond the Hampshire Gap.

POTHOLES – No news to report.

SAFER CROSSING POINT - Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that he had met on site with Mr Ray Alborough to discuss the safer Crossing Point, the issue of poor visibility due to the bridge parapet walls and other Highways issues in the Parish.

Mr Ray Alborough has confirmed by email that he appreciated there is nothing that can be done about the bridge parapet walls but has asked for the narrowing or realignment of the lanes over the bridge and either side of the island/generally in this area in an attempt to achieve two things:

1. Slower vehicle speeds.
2. Enable the eastern kerb line to be brought into the road to increase views of approaching vehicles.

The Parish Council will be kept informed of any progress.

Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that he had also raised the issues with Station Road with Mr Ray Alborough. Mr Ray Alborough suggested that the Parish Council put in writing a request for the Yellow Lines are extended, 'Pedestrians in the road' signs and the speed limit be reduced to 30mph. The Clerk was asked to do this.

There was some concern expressed about increasing the yellow lines and this would need to be carefully looked at. This was noted.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS – No news to report.

SPEED LIMITS, SIGNS, YELLOW AND WHITE LINES – It was reported that the Grateley/Over Wallop sign at the junction of the old A303 at Parkhouse has letters missing and is unreadable. The Clerk will report this to Highways.

Cllr Mr P Blakeman gave the Parish Council information on a 'smiley face' flashing speed sign costing in the region of £2,500. This will be looked at when the Parish Council discuss the precept for 2017/18 later in the year. Grants/Fundraising will also be looked at.

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

PLANNING

16/02100/FULLN – Single storey side extension – 1 Dibden Cottages, Station Road, Grateley – NO OBJECTION,

FINANCE

CHEQUES ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER 2016

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£181.25
OWPC	Refund TVAPTC Subscription	£15.00

R.N. Waterman	½ Year OA	£50.00
Came and Company	Insurance	£439.94
Solstice Signs	Replacement Historic Sign	£132.00
		£818.19

Bank Account Balance after above transactions = **£6,016.39**

MONEY DUE IN £202 VAT Refund
2nd Half Precept £3,850.00

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Nothing to Report.

INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC ON STATION ROAD AND THROUGH THE VILLAGE.

The parish Council discussed the increase in Nelson lorries travelling along Station Road and through the village to get to Fox Farm in Amport.

Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that he had visited the Nelson Depot and had spoken to their Transport Manager. Cllr Mr Blakeman highlighted that there is a school on the route and at pick up and drop of times the village is very congested with cars and pedestrians. Nelsons have said that they will try to avoid the village at these times and will proceed with caution at all other times through the village. The parish Council will await feedback from residents.

Cllr Mr B Few-Brown stated that there is nothing that can be done to stop the lorries coming through the village. The Chairman hoped that by keeping in contact with Nelson Transport that a good working relationship could be formed to deal with problems as they arise.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR B FEW-BROWN

Cllr Mr B Few-Brown HAD NOTHING TO REPORT BUT REMINDED THE Parish Council that there is still money in the Borough Councillors Grant for a community project.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that she had no up-date on Devolution. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks made the Parish Council aware that there is a 'Bobby Scheme' operating in the area. The 'Bobby Scheme' provides a free home security, long life smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and peace of mind for the vulnerable and elderly. The Clerk was given a poster to put on the Parish notice boards.

Theo reported that she had seen the 'Bobby Scheme' in operation and was most impressed with the service. This was noted.

FUTURE PROJECTS

WW1

Village Spring Clean-up

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

CLLR MR M HORNE – Spoke about the route through the village and suggested that if the road markings were improved it would certainly help with traffic management and

help to reduce speed. The Parish Council agreed and this will be mentioned to Mr Ray Alborough.

CLLR MRS J BELBIN – Reported that several residents in Streetway Road are dumping the garden waste on the verge on the opposite side of the road, this is classed as fly tipping. It was suggested that an article be placed in the parish news.

It has been noted that planters have appeared again at the Station.

CLLR MR P BLAKEMAN – Reported that a new 'King Athelstan Board' has been commissioned in a joint project by the parish Council and the Church. When it is ready to be put back he thought this would be a good opportunity for a photograph possibly getting the youngest and oldest resident of the parish to unveil the new board. The Parish Council thought this a good idea.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Reports that Amport House has been sold are circulating.

Mr N Stops reported that he had intended to put an article in the Village Magazine informing the Parish of the refusal of his planning appeal for the Monxton Road Chicken Sheds and to also thank the Parish for their support. Unfortunately, the editor refused his request.

The Parish Council discussed this and stated that they would do a newsletter later in the year and would be happy to include his article.

Mr Funnell reported that there had been an increase in straw lorries this year and wondered why the loads were not covered as there is a lot of straw in the village roads. It was thought that due to fire regulations and the combustible nature of straw they are not required to sheet the load.

Mr C Page noted that the Clothing Bin has now gone from outside the Village Hall and emphasised his concern for no more yellow lines in the village.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

4th October 2016