

Minutes of the Grateley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2017 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 R Tierney
Cllr Mr M Horne
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Mr J Stamp - NHW
Members of the Public – 6

Apologies: County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks and Borough Councillor Mr Ben Few-Brown.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr Mr K Smith declared an interest in Planning Application 17/00277/FULLN.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

FOOTPATHS – Cllr R Tierney reported that the footpaths are very muddy but still seem to be getting sufficient use to remain walkable.

HIGHWAYS AND POTHOLES – Cllr R Tierney reported that after recent heavy rainfall the drains at the crossroads at the western end of Pond Lane have not adequately cleared as there has been flooding there again. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways.

Cllr Mr R Tierney suggested that he sends a further letter to Tim Lawton about the state of the roads in the parish, further potholes have appeared in Old Stockbridge Road, Cholderton Road, Monxton Road and Wallop Road. The drain by the telephone box still floods and needs sorting out. Cllr Mr R Tierney will draft a letter and distribute to the Parish Councillors before sending.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Rail Track to remind them about cutting the hedge in Station Road.

SAFER CROSSING POINT – The Chairman reported that TVBC have sent proposals to move the footpath on the Cholderton/Wallop Road bridge. This proposal supersedes the Safer Crossing scheme. It is proposed to move the footpath to the opposite side of the bridge linking it to the steps to the station car park on Station Road and to the entrance to the station. This has been designed to aid disabled access to the station, this was not clear on the plan how this would be achieved.

The Parish Council looked at the proposal and felt that further discussions with TVBC are needed before any agreement can be made. There is no indication of a safe crossing point for pedestrians, which was the main stay of the original brief.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS – No news to report.

SPEED LIMITS, SIGNS, YELLOW AND WHITE LINES. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr Ray Alborough and due to cuts in the Highways budget the officers can no longer attend Parish Council meetings. Mr Ray Alborough suggested that the Parish Council put forward a proposal of how they feel the parking problem could be resolved.

Mr Ray Alborough suggested that the Parish Council are mindful of the following:

- Extending the yellow lines will push the problem further towards the railway cottages and nearer to the bend in the road.
- Extending the yellow lines further to include the bend in the road would influence the parking for residents of the railway cottages.
- 'No Parking' hatched spaces to allow for pedestrians and cars to pass could be an option.

The Parish Council will look carefully at the problem before submitting any proposal to TVBC.

It was noted that a recent incident of a Commuter parking a vehicle on the opposite side of the road to the parked cars on Station Road caused an obstruction. This is of concern as other commuters may follow suit.

PLAY AREA – Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that the Play Area equipment is all OK. Additional 'No Dog Fouling' signs are required. Nets for the goal posts are being sourced. A new Picnic Bench will be required, possibly a metal one that will last longer. The Clerk will bring details of one used in Shipton Bellinger to the next meeting.

Both gates into the field and some of the fencing need attention. The Clerk will report this to TVBC. The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council have a meeting with TVBC to discuss what they would be allowed to put on the Locke Close field before any projects are investigated. This was thought a good idea; the Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting.

PLANNING

The Clerk reported that the Planning Application for the Shire Horse and the Station Stores are still pending.

17/00340/TREEN – Fell row of Beech Trees – Glebelands, Pond Lane – NO OBJECTION
Cllrs Mr and Mrs Blakeman declared an interest in this planning application and made no comment.

17/00277/FULLN – Demolition of garage and erection of two storey side extension to include the creation of 2 no parking spaces with access to highway – 1 Locke Close, Streetway Road, Grateley – NO OBJECTION.

Cllr Mr K Smith declared an interest and made no comment.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr J Stamp reported that there has been incident reported of a suspicious vehicle in the village, this was investigated. Mr J Stamp reported that Mr Upton has been burgled 5 times since Christmas and has decided that enough is enough and has closed his business. Grateley has a new PCSO.

FINANCE

CHEQUES ISSUED IN MARCH 2017

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£181.25
PGPC	Hire of Play Area	£55.00
		<u>£236.25</u>

Bank Account Balance after above transactions = **£8,145.57**

VAT Refund applied for £385.13

FUTURE PROJECTS

The Village Clean-up 22nd April 2017 – 10am to 12noon followed by refreshments at the Plough Inn.

WW1

Play Area

MUSEUM OF ARMY FLYING

On the 25th February 2017 Cllr Mr R Tierney and Cllr Mr P Blakeman attended the presentation of Project Eagle a major modernisation project of the Museum of Army Flying at Middle Wallop. The Plans are impressive but additional fundraising is needed to reach the projected target.

Funding for a new War Memorial has been secured. The new War Memorial will cover WW1, WW2 and other conflicts that the Army Air Corps have been in action.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

CLLR MRS J BLAKEMAN – Reported that a large AW Jenkinson lorry was seen coming through the village going towards the Station Road Chicken Farm. It was not sure if this was a case of a driver lost and a one off. This will be monitored.

Cllr Mrs J Blakeman reported that concerns have been raised about the lack of repair to the damaged garden wall where the road turns to the right sharply at the end of Station Road. Cllr Mr M Horne stated that he thought that the home owner is waiting for the insurance company to give the go-ahead for repair.

Cllr Mr P Blakeman reported that concerns have also been raised about the loose render on the Old Farm Barns Wall where the tree has been removed behind the telephone box. It was suggested that a word with the home owner may resolve the problem.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Brian Funnell commented on the recent article in the local paper about Aster increasing the rents on their garage stock. Is this a way of clearing the garage stock for future development? Something to keep an eye on.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

4th April 2017