

Minutes of the Meeting of Great Coates Village Council held at 7.00 pm at the Virtual Video Meeting on 2 September 2020

Present: Cllr Masterton (Chair), Cllr Huntley, Cllr Green, Cllr Cutting, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Redgrift,
Cllr Lawrance, Cllr Barber, C.Thomas (Clerk),
Members of public present: 1

1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 650

None

2 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 - being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members Register of Interests. - Ref: 651

Cllr Redgrift declared an interest in item 11(a)(ii) relating to Great Coates Nursery School.

3 To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 23 July 2020 - Ref: 652

The clerk amended item 8(c) to 26th September and not 14th August.

It was resolved to approve these as a true record subject to the amendment.

Proposed: Cllr Masterton Seconder: Cllr Green All in favour

4 To approve draft minutes of the Hall Committee Meeting held on 20th August 2020 - Ref: 8910

Cllr Masterton raised a query in respect of item 7 and whether the expenditure for the planters was approved correctly. This matter was referred back to the next meeting for formal approval.

In relation to item 4 Cllr Lawrance asked whether the christmas tree was a decision for the hall committee or the council.

It was proposed that the hall committee chose the christmas tree but it was a council expenditure item up to £150.

Proposed: Cllr Masterton Seconder: Cllr Redgrift All in favour

5 Public Session - Ref: 653

No questions were raised.

5 Finance Report - Ref: 654

a) Financial report for period ending 31st July 2020 - Ref: 655

The accounting statements were circulated prior to the meeting.

It was resolved to approve these as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Masterton Seconder: Cllr Redgrift All in favour

b) To approve Schedule of payments - Ref: 656

The schedule of payments had previously been circulated for August totalling £13333.73

Cllr Huntley queried an expense payment of the wheel for the Haywain that it hadn't been agreed. It was clarified that it had been approved at a previous meeting. He also asked for a total cost which was estimated to be £300.

Proposed: Cllr Redgrift Seconder: Cllr Green All in favour

c) Impact of Coronavirus on council finances - Ref: 657

It was confirmed that there had been no material changes to the finances and all regular hirers apart from one had either returned or indicated to return.

It was resolved to re-open the Village Hall to parties subject to acceptance of additional terms of hire to include wearing of face coverings and notices are placed advising of face coverings at the hall.

Proposed: Cllr Masterton Seconder: Cllr Green For:7 Abstain: 1 Carried

6 To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 658

a) Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 659

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A report from Humberside Police was read out. A total of 74 crimes were recorded with 3 in Great Coates and 2 on the industrial estate.

A further statement on the motorbike issue was read out detailing Operation Yellowfin.

Cllr Regrift advised of a crime on FP49 that a resident had referred to him.

Concern was raised that the crime figures were not accurate and the Clerk would discuss with the local Police. It was proposed to send a letter to The Chief Constable expressing the councils concerns and asking why nothing is being done.

Proposed: Cllr Redgrift Seconder: Cllr Masterton All in favour

b) Reports by Unitary Councillors to include updates on items raised at the last meeting - Ref: 660

Cllr Barber confirmed he had received complaints in respect of FP49 and he had arranged hedge cutting along the footpath aswell.

7 Reports from representatives to external organisations - Ref: 661

a) Freshney Forward - Ref: 662

No meetings had taken place

8 Reports from committees of the Village Council - Ref: 663

a) Personnel Committee - Ref: 664

No meetings had taken place

b) Hall Committee - Ref: 665

It is proposed to run the Halloween event as a virtual event but no decisions had been made as the situation was uncertain.

c) Great Coates in Bloom Committee - Ref: 666

There had been no meetings.

Cllr Stewart confirmed that the VJ day had been successful. There would be a Macmillan Coffee Morning on 26th September at 47 Woad Lane.

We are awaiting permission from NELC to place a pony cart next to the bus stop on Great Coates Road.

9 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 667

a) Councillor Casual Vacancy

Co-Option of Emma Stiles onto the Council - Ref: 668

It was resolved to co-opt Emma Stiles onto the village council.

Proposed: Cllr Masterton Seconder: Cllr Stewart All in favour

b) Village Council Magazine / Newsletter - Ref: 669

The September edition had been prepared and ready for distribution on 4th September.

The magazine would run to 40 pages again and thanks went to The Clerk and Cllr Cutting and taking advertising into account the cost to the Council would be £25.

c) CCTV at the Hall (MH) - Ref: 670

Further information was to be obtained and brought to a future meeting.

d) Steam cleaner for the hall - Ref: 671

Further enquiries would be made with the proposed supplier to see if a demo machine was available prior to a decision being made.

e) Tree complaint - 3 Ruskington Avenue - Ref: 672

It was resolved to remove the tree to stump as per the proposal circulated totalling £325

Proposed: Cllr Lawrance Seconder: Cllr Redgrift For: 7 Against: 1 Carried

f) Environmental Issues in the village - Ref: 673

Cllr Redgrift raised concerns regarding smells and flies in the village.

The Clerk provided information from Environment Health who provided a report of issues in the village. The fly issue was now being handled by the Environment Agency. EA had visited 3 potential sites and the findings were inconclusive.

All further complaints are to be referred direct to the EA.

In terms of smells only 1 report was received which was ongoing.

g) HGVs through village (KR) - Ref: 674

Cllr Redgrift referred to two companies who were driving HGVs through the village. Letters would be sent to both companies concerned.

h) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 675

1975 - Newbury Avenue Garages

There had been no further updates and the matter was ongoing.

2017 - Christmas Tree on Greenbelt Land

The licence had been agreed and was awaited from Greenbelt.

2087 - Hall Improvements - Patio & Fencing

This had been completed

2094 - Convex Mirror

No further progress had been and enquiries are begin made to use a redundant lamppost.

5800 - 2020 Audit

This had been submitted and was awaiting conclusion.

Comments from the internal auditor would be dealt with upon conclusion of the external audit.

5801 - Hall Improvements - Remainder of Hall Painting

This was ongoing

5804 - Hall Improvements - Exterior Wood Panels

Two quotes had been received. The third contractor had failed to turn up on two occasions so a third contractor was being sought.

5805 - Hall Improvements - Ornamental Trees & Tree Guards

No further progress had been made due to recommended planting time being the autumn

6368 - Tree Complaint - 20 Allington Drive

Work has now been completed

7268 - Adoption of New Reserves Policy

A revised policy had been circulated including recommendations for earmarked reserves.

It was resolved to adopt the policy with a general reserve of £4000 and to review earmarked reserves at the budget meeting in November.

Proposer: Cllr Masterton Seconder: Cllr Barber All in favour

7536 - Review Insurance Quotes

It was resolved to renew the insurance cover on same terms upon renewal on 1st October 2020

Proposer: Cllr Huntley Seconder: Cllr Redgrift All in favour

7538 - Blocked Pavements - Woad Lane (between estate roads No 2 and 5)

The clerk confirmed the blocked pavements had now been cleared and was now being maintained by NELC

10 Clerk's Report - Ref: 676

a) Correspondence Received - Ref: 677

i) Maurice Kendall - Ref: 678

The council endorsed the comments already made by the Clerk to his correspondence adding that the council is sympathetic to his and other residents issues but had to also ensure access to/from FP49 was maintained for all

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users including those with pushchairs, mobility scooters etc. It was suggested that the Police visit Mr Kendall to address his issues.

ii) Great Coates Nursery School - Grant request - Ref: 679

It was resolved to donate £100 to the nursery school.

Proposed: Cllr Cutting Seconder: Cllr Green For: 7 Against: 1 Carried

11 Planning applications and decisions received - Ref: 680

a) South Humber Bank Energy Centre (capacity increase) - Ref: 681

The Clerk read out a response to questions raised earlier meetings by councillors. Cllr Redgrift asked for clarification in respect of road traffic in the event of the primary route being closed.

12 Next meeting will be Thursday 24th September at 7 pm - Ref: 682

Items for the agenda by 17th September.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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