

## GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Great Coates Village Council Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates on 22nd June 2017

Present:

Councillors S Thomas ( chair) , Cllr Redgrift, , Cllr G Mumby, Cllr K Green, Cllr Masterton, Cllr Bradwell, Cllr Cutting, J Waite (Clerk ), Cllr Sutton, 2 PCSO, 3 members of the public.

### **1 To Receive apologies and reasons for absence, Ref 17/89**

Cllr Barber

### **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 17/90**

None Given

### **3 To approve the draft minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd June 2017. Ref 17/91**

Resolved to approve as a true record of the Meeting held on 22nd June 2017.

Proposed Cllr Redgrift, seconded Cllr Green. All in favour.

### **4 Public Questions. Ref 17/92**

Great Coates Community Group thanked the council for the raffle prize donated for their summer fair on July 16th.

GCCG raised the matter of the notices to advertise their event not being put up on the council's official notice boards - the notice boards are for the legal notices the Council must produce for public viewing. The event notices had been put through the Chair's letter box but she had not been asked to display them.

GCCG also raised the issue of the incorrect date being put on the Council's website - the Clerk had not been asked to put a date on the website and was unaware that there was anything advertised there. GCCG raised a concern that they had not received a reply to their complaint about the missing table at the hall - this complaint is to be dealt with in closed session.

A resident raised concerns about heavy vehicles and farm traffic speeding through the village. Cllr Sutton has spoken to Amvale Coaches in the past, and agreed to do so again. The PCSO are to send the Clerk details of who to contact in the Traffic Division to report problems.

The Council has received an email from a resident asking about the constitution of the GCCG, their meetings and finances. GCCG stated that all monies raised are put towards the next event, and any surplus is spent on items of the use of villagers, such as the small tables donated to the village hall. They confirmed that anyone can attend meetings, and that the accounts can be viewed by residents if they should wish to. GCCG can be contacted via their facebook site, which also gives an email address. Questions asked on the site are answered by Nicola Maasdam and Pat Booth.

### **5 Parish matters – To receive any report or consider any appropriate action. Ref 17/93**

a) Council magazine - Date for submissions for next issue is August 31st. 2017. To be distributed to the village on September 16th. Feedback has been received regarding the numbers given for the vote to build the village hall, quoted in the last issue. The magazine quoted the figure as 80% against the building of the hall, and this figure was taken from a statement made in the Grimsby Telegraph at the time, and is deemed to be accurate. The complaint about this was received to a councillor's personal email address,

and all residents are reminded that councillors will only respond on the official email addresses given on the Councils website or in the magazine.

If anyone would like to submit an article for the next issue, please do to Cllr Green.

b) War Memorial - A letter to support the listing application has been sent.

c) Casual Vacancy - The date has now passed for election, so Council can now Co-opted a new member. Only one name had been put forward but this person has now withdrawn from the process.

d) Contract for the work on new suspended ceiling - work will begin on the week commencing 21st August, and the hall will be closed for 5 days. An event will be organised in early September to allow everyone to see the work that will have been carried out.

**The next council meeting will be postponed by 1 week to 31st August 2017.**

#### **6 Committee Reports. Ref 17/94**

No crimes have been reported this month to the police. The PCSO were asked if they would like to write a " day in the life of " article for the next magazine.

Cllr Sutton reported that surface dressing will take place on several roads in the area.

Freshney Forward have a family fun day organised for 20th August.

Cllr Sutton was asked by the council to request at NELC for the grass cutting at Allington Drive to be included.

#### **7.30pm. PCSO and 1 member of public left the meeting.**

#### **7 Clerks Report. Ref 17/95**

An email has been received back from the Community Rail Office about small grants - unfortunately the improvements to the hall will not be covered under this scheme.

Email received raising concern about overgrown footpath on Newbury Terrace.

Fly tipping on Newbury Avenue is still causing problems.

Clerk reminded all residents that Councillors can only be contacted on the details given on the website and in the magazine - any correspondence sent to personal email addresses will be ignored.

Review of Policies.

Standing Orders - reviewed and signed off.

Proposed Cllr Masterton. Seconded Cllr Redgriff. All in favour.

2 emails regarding recent complaints received by Council were moved to closed session.

Proposed Cllr Thomas. Seconded Cllr Mumby. All in favour.

Mr C Fawn, one of the caretakers has resigned and will be leaving at the end of this month. Miss Malborough, the second caretaker will cover the full time hours, with this being reviewed after 3 months. Miss Malborough will do the hall bookings whilst the Clerk is on annual leave.

Proposed Cllr Thomas. Seconded Cllr Mumby. All in favour.

There are 5 possible new regular bookings for the hall, to start in September.

#### **8 Finance. Ref 17/96**

Schedule of payments was circulated and approved for payment. All payments were approved .

Proposed Cllr Redgriff. Seconded Cllr Masterton. All in favour.

**Inspection of Accounts 2016/17. Ref 17/97**

A resident, on behalf of GCCG, has inspected the accounts on July 21st, and has contacted the External Auditor to raise 3 concerns. The Clerk has spoken to the External Auditor and submitted evidence to address their concerns. Council is now waiting to hear back from the Auditor if this will be accepted as a challenge to the accounts. The challenge made last year by the same person was proved to be unfounded, and led to the very high charge for the External Audit. If this challenge is accepted, then provision will be made in next years budget and precept to cover another high charge.

**Quarterly finance update. Ref 17/98.**

Quarterly finance update given by the Clerk. Councillors were given upto date income and expenditure figures, and the bank reconciliation figure as of this afternoon.

Current account £39,195.34  
Reserve account £30,371.62

**8 Planning Application Received. Ref 17/99**

DM/0625/17/FUL - No comments or objections made  
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**Chair closed the meeting and moved to closed session.**

Meeting ended 8.50pm

Present:

Councillors S Thomas ( chair) , Cllr Redgrift, , Cllr K Green, Cllr Bradwell, Cllr Masterton, Cllr Mumby,, Cllr Cutting, J Waite (Clerk ).

**1 To Receive apologies and reasons for absence, Ref 17/100**

None given

**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 17/101**

None received.

**3 Resolve to formulate ready for release a statement relating to the facts and costs of the removal and re-sighting of the war memorial and an explanation of the high cost of our recent audit. Ref 17/102**

A statement is to be drawn up and sent to a solicitor for advice before a date is resolved for release at the meeting on September 28th 2017.

**4 To Resolve Council response to email complaints from and regarding GCCG. Ref 17/103.**

The Council discussed the email correspondence received, the current information published on the GCCG facebook page, the issues surrounding these complaints and residents behaviour in meetings. It was resolved to seek legal advice from NELC and ERNLLCA in regard to these matters.

Meeting closed 9.45pm.

Proposed Cllr Thomas. Seconded Cllr Masterton. All in favour.

Meeting Closed 9.45pm.

**Date of next meeting to be held at Great Coates Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Thursday 31st August at 7.00pm.**

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