

## 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 31st August 2017

Present:

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

### **1 To Receive apologies and reasons for absence, Ref 17/104**

Cllr Barber, Cllr Redgrift

### **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 17/105**

Co - option of Councillor - Cllr Thomas and Cllr Mumby declared a personnel interest.  
Discussion of quote for grass cutting - Cllr Thomas and Cllr Bradwell declared interest.

### **3 To approve the draft minutes of the Meeting held on 27th July 2017. Ref 17/106**

Resolved to approve as a true record of the Meeting held on 27th July 2017.

Proposed Cllr Bradwell, seconded Cllr Cutting . All in favour.

### **4 Public Questions. Ref 17/107**

A question was received about hall activities not being advertised on the council notice boards. It was agreed to discuss making on of the boards for the hall and not council notices.

### **5 Parish matters – To receive any report or consider any appropriate action. Ref 17/108**

a) Council magazine - To be distributed to the village on September 16th.

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

b) War Memorial - No further information has been received.

c) Casual Vacancy - Mr Ray Lawrance has been nominated

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

Mr Lawrence was duly co opted to the council.

d) Contract for the work on new suspended ceiling - work has now been completed.

An event will be organised in September to allow everyone to see the work that will have been carried out. Flyers and leaflets are to be distributed, and the event cost of £150 in total was agreed.

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

e) Grounds maintenance - The lawn mowers and strimmer have now been serviced and repaired.

The quote to clear the area on Allington Drive, Newbury Drive was discussed  
The work will cost £456 plus VAT, and then £ 40 plus VAT to remove the cuttings.  
The cost to keep the area clear after this will be £28.50 plus VAT per hour.  
Quotes to be looked at in September.

The Council are to look into the possibility of giving this land back to the residents.  
Proposed Cllr Green. Seconded Cllr Mumby. All in favour.

## **6 Committee Reports. Ref 17/109**

Police - no report given.

Cllr Sutton reported that the Freshney Forward Funday had been well attended.

The speed signs on Station Road are obstructed by some trees and hedges, and this is to be dealt with.

The issue of large lorries and farm vehicles travelling through the village was discussed. Council have requested new signs at Estate Road 5 to make the weight restrictions clearer.

## **7 Clerks Report. Ref 17/110**

A freedom of Information request was received whilst the Clerk was on annual leave. A reply was sent by the Chair to make the requester aware of the fact that this would be dealt with on the Clerks return. Due to the time limits involved, the Clerk did take action about this WHILST on leave, and legal advice was sort.

The Clerk would like to remind residents that the hours of work are 12 per week, and annual leave is to be respected in future.

There is a Heritage Day at the Church on September 9th.

A service is to be arranged at the War Memorial for Remembrance Sunday.

GCCG have emailed to apologise to the Clerk and Council for the complaint made at the last meeting that the Clerk had advertised the incorrect date on the website for the summer fair. The date on the website was part of the 2016 newsletter, and the Clerk was not asked to advertise this years event.

## **8 Finance. Ref 17/111**

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

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

The insurance id due for renewal on October 1st 2017, and quotes are to be sort for the september meeting.

## **8 Planning Application Received. Ref 17/112**

No applications received.

**Chair closed the meeting and moved to closed session.**

Meeting ended 8.15pm

Present:

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

## **1 To Receive apologies and reasons for absence, Ref 17/113**

Cllr Redgrift

**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 17/114**

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. Ref 17/115**

Cllr Masterton and Cllr Lawrence are to draw up a statement for discussion at the meeting on September 28th 2017.

**4 To Resolve Council response to email complaints from and regarding GCCG. Ref 17/116**

The issue surrounding the use of the word UNFOUNDED in the mins of the meeting of May 2017, page 46 Ref 17/64 was discussed the council felt that this was the correct use of the word, as the Auditor found no case to answer, and all the issues addressed by the challenge were found to be in line with Standing and Financial Orders.

In regards to the complaint about the figures quoted in the newsletter about the referendum, this referendum was carried out by NELC and the figures quoted were given by them.

It was proposed to arrange a legal briefing meeting with ERNLLCA

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

Meeting Closed 9.05pm.

**Date of next meeting to be held at Great Coates Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Thursday 28th September at 7.00pm.**