

GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Great Coates Village Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates on 21st December 2017

Present:

Councillors Cllr S Thomas,(Chair), Cllr K Green, Cllr Masterton, Cllr Redgrift
Cllr Lawrance, J Waite (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

1 To Receive apologies and reasons for absence, Ref 17/153

Cllr Cutting, Cllr Mumby, Cllr Sutton

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 17/154

none given.

3 To approve the draft minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd November 2017. Ref 17/155

Resolved to approve as a true record of the Meeting held on 23rd November 2017.
Proposed Cllr Masterton, seconded Cllr Redgrift . All in favour.

4 Public Questions. Ref 17/156

Concerns raised about motor bikes speeding through the village.
Request for the 1918 - 2018 centenary of the end of World War 1 to be remembered throughout the village.

5 Parish matters – To receive any report or consider any appropriate action. Ref 17/157

a) Council magazine - submission date for the next issue is February 16th 2018. Cllr Green would like to thank all those who have contributed this year, and especially fellow councillors for their hard work to deliver each issue around the village.

b) War Memorial - A consultation report is being written in terms of the listing application. There is a meeting at the end of January 2018 to discuss the possible closure of the nursery.

c) Casual Vacancy - There are currently two vacancies to fill. One name has been nominated, Mike Stewart. Mr Stewart was invited to speak to council.

Proposal to co opt Mr Stewart to Great Coates Village Council.
Proposed Cllr Masterton. Seconded Cllr Redgrift. All in favour.
Mr Mike Stewart was duly co opted on to the council.
This leaves one vacancy to fill.

d) Christmas Carols - December 9th - was well attended, and thank you to all involved in the organising. £35.50 was collected in refreshment donations and £124.00 was collected in raffle money.

After some discussion as to what this money could be used for, it was proposed to put towards a defibrillator to be made available on the outside wall of the village hall. This has been requested by several residents in emails to the council over the last few months.
The clerk will contact LIVES to see what schemes and types of unit are available.
The clerk to contact Network Rail about the possibility of installing a second unit at the station for the residents at the far end of the village.

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

It was proposed to hold a music night in February 2018 to raise further funds.
A planning meeting to be arranged in January to plan the event for february 10th 2018, to coincide with Valentines Day.

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

The christmas tree is to be taken down on 2nd January, and the safety barriers collected. Lights to be stored at the hall.

e) Grounds maintenance - The problem with the thermostats/heating has been investigated, and a quote received. Work to go ahead after the christmas break.

The notice board by Newbury Avenue has rotten through, and the handyman has been asked to make a repair if possible, but this may need replacing.

f) Quotes have been asked for from 3 companies for the new council website but so far only one reply has been received. To be discussed in January.

6 Committee Reports. Ref 17/158

No reports received.

7 Clerks Report. Ref 17/159

Waste collections from the hall after large parties are costing extra , all bookings to be reminded that they need to remove their own bin bags from the hall.

The fire extinguishers in the hall are due for servicing - Clerk to arrange.

Broken window - quotes are now with the insurance company.

Email received from the organiser of the monthly quiz, there was a problem last month when someone slipped and hurt themselves. A request for better lighting in the car park has been made. There is an accident book for staff at the hall.

Due to resignations of previous councillors, the Personnel Committee is now short of the required members. Currently the committee is Cllr Mumby (chair), Cllr Masterton and Cllr Green. Cllr Lawrance will join the committee.

The committee will meet in January to discuss the budget for staff salaries for 2018/19.

8 Finance. Ref 17/160

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

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

Precept to be resolved at the January meeting, after the Personnel Meeting.

9 Planning Application Received. Ref 17/161

None received.

Meeting ended 8.55pm

Date of next meeting to be held at Great Coates Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Thursday 25th January 2018 at 7.00pm.

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