

GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Great Coates Village Council held at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates on 23rd February 2017

Present:

Councillors S Thomas (chair) , Cllr Redgrift, , Cllr Y Prest, Cllr Bradwell, Cllr Masterton, Cllr Cutting, J Waite (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

1 To Receive apologies and reasons for absence, Ref 17/34

Cllr Mumby, Cllr Green, Cllr Sutton, 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 17/35

Cllr Masterton declared an interest in planning application for 50 Station Road.

3 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2017. Ref 17/36

Resolved to approve as a true record of the meeting held on 23rd February 2017.

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

To approve the draft minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 28th February 2017.

Resolved to approve as a true record of the meeting held on 28th February 2017.

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

4 Public Questions. Ref 17/37

No questions.

5 Parish matters – To receive any report or consider any appropriate action. Ref 17/38

a) Newsletter - Date for submissions for next issue is May 12th 2017.

To include a list of meeting dates for the council for the next year.

b) War Memorial - The memorial is now in situ at the nursery school. A blessing service is to be arranged, hopefully to coincide with VE Day.

c) Casual Vacancy - Notices are now on the boards.

d) Village Hall Ceiling. Cllr Masterton has tried to obtain a third quote for the work, but as yet none have been received. Quote are also being sort to install a sound system at the same time.

If all three quotes are in place for the April meeting on 27th, a decision will be taken and arrangements made for work to start, as this will be in the new financial year when the project has been budgeted for.

6 Committee Reports. Ref 17/39

Cllr Redgrift circulated a report from Liaison Panel meeting held at BASF on Wednesday 16th March 2017.

Cllr Thomas attended the Town and Parish Council Liaison meeting.

7 Clerks Report. Ref 17/40

Council resolved to enter this years Best Kept Village Competition.

The email received from a resident about the continued problems caused by coaches using the village as a cut through route was discussed. Matter to be passed to NELincs Highways.

A request for any stories / information regarding the village has been received from the local Estuary TV. Clerk to contact when arrangements have been made for war memorial blessing service.

One quote has been received in respect of the ground maintenance works at Allington Drive / Estate Road 5. Two more quotes are to be sort. Handyman has strimmed the area of Estate Road 5 and this is to be removed from the quotes. Look in to the possibility of purchasing a new strimmer.

A request for information has been received from the monitoring office at NELincs. This was in respect of the email sent by GCCG to the Ward Councillors in January 2017, requesting the same information. This had already been dealt with by council, in line with council policy, and a copy of this reply was sent to the monitoring officer. The matter is now closed.

A small area of the car park matting has been taken up to investigate the surface underneath. It appears the matting has not been correctly fitted. Council to contact the original fitters about compensation. Quotes are to be sort in respect of the possibility to tarmac the car park.

Quotes are to sourced to plant a hedge along the fence line of the hall and the field.

Problem reported with the external lights not working.

7 Finance. Ref 17/41

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

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

The Council Tax bills that have been received by residents show the Village Council precept as a 5% increase, which equates to £3.71 over the year. Council had intended to set a 0% increase but because of the way the previous Clerks have shown the precept in the accounts the figure submitted to NELincs included the previous years Council Tax Base Grant. Great Coates have been given a CTB Grant this year and this has not been included in the budget. Item to be placed in newsletter asking residents what they would like a proportion of this money spent on, the rest to be ring fenced to go towards next years precept.

The External Auditors have requested more information on 3 areas, this has been supplied.

A budget update was given.

8 Planning Application Received. Ref 17/42

DM0195/17/FUL - No comments or objections.

DM1045/16/FUL - No comment or objections.

Meeting ended 9.15pm

Date of next meeting to be held at Great Coates Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Thursday 27th April at 7.00pm.