

Minutes of the Village Council Meeting Of Great Coates Village Council held at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates on 27th June 2019

Present: Cllr J. Masterton (Chair), Cllr R. Lawrance, Cllr M. Huntley, Cllr K. Redgrift, Cllr K. Green, Cllr L. Cutting, Cllr M. Stewart, C. Thomas (Clerk)
Cllr C. Proctor (NELC), PCSO Eckley
Members of public present : 1

1 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence - Ref 19/229

Cllr S. Thomas, Cllr C. Barber (NELC)

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 19/230

None

3 To Approve The Draft Minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 15th May 2019 – Ref 19/1231

Resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Lawrance Seconded Cllr Huntley All in favour

10 To Approve The Draft Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting held on 15th April 2019 – Ref 19/232

Resolved to approve as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Lawrance Seconded Cllr Huntley All in favour

11 To Approve The Draft Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting held on 5th June 2019 – Ref 19/233

Resolved to approve as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Huntley Seconded Cllr Lawrance All in favour

12 To Approve The Draft Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting held on 19th June 2019 – Ref 19/234

Resolved to approve as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Huntley Seconded Cllr Lawrance All in favour

13 Public Session – Ref 19/235

No public questions.

14 Finance Report – Ref 19/236

a) The Clerk had previously circulated the financial report for the period ending 31st May 2019.

b) The Clerk had previously circulated the Schedule of Payments and supporting invoices for June 2019.

It was resolved that the financial report represented a true record and to approve the schedule of payments.

Proposed: Cllr Huntley Seconded: Cllr Lawrance All in favour

15 To receive any reports from external organisations. Ref 19/237

a) Humberside Police

PCSO Eckley reported 3 offences in the village and 4 on the industrial estate.

Insp Martin Hopper is the new inspector for the Freshney Ward covering Great Coates.



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PCSO Eckley advised that they visit Great Coates normally twice on a shift when walking and 4 to 5 times when in a car. Concerns were raised regarding cyclists and motor cyclists on footpath 49 and a request was made that the issues are taken to the Chief Constable. PCSO Eckley agreed to take the issues to his superiors. CCTV was questioned but this has to be applied for and is based on the number of complaints. To his knowledge few complaints had been received. Councillors explained that residents feel intimidated and aggrieved that no action is being taken and soon somebody will be hurt.

b) Reports from Unitary Councillors

Cllr Furneaux confirmed that a meeting was to take place shortly regarding the Newbury Avenue garages and was working through the handover report given by the Clerk of matters in progress. Recycling collections were now back on schedule and had been for 3-4 weeks.

16 To receive reports from representatives of external organisations – Ref 19/238

a) Freshney Forward

Cllr Lawrance confirmed a meeting was taking place with DEFRA which he was supporting. The YMCA had withdrawn funding of the youth club which will now close.

17 To receive reports of committee meetings of the Village Council – Ref 19/239

a) Reports from Council Committee Meetings - Personnel

Cllr Huntley requested a meeting to be set up with Council staff for appraisal review.

b) Reports from Council Committee Meetings - Hall Management

The Summer Fayre was to clash with Armed Forces Day but hoped for a good attendance. £300 had been agreed as a budget for the event.

Tickets were now available for the soul/Motown evening in August and encouraged sales.

Cllr Lawrance proposed the hall to be used for a Vintage Tea Room once a month or fortnight with any profits benefiting the hall.

Proposed Cllr Lowrance Seconded Cllr Huntley All in favour

c) Reports from Council Committee Meetings – Great Coates in Bloom

Cllr Stewart advised that the In Bloom Group was now one year old and now had 17 members. He thanked everybody for the contribution and particular the residents, Dr Thomas and NELC for their kind donations to the group.

A donation of £250 had been received from Dalkia Waste Energy who also donated compost.

Summer plants were shortly to be re-planted into the planters throughout the village and hanging baskets were now hanging on the island on Great Coates Road.

The Nursery school were happy for the wreaths to remain in place.

Proposed that £50 to be allocated for prize giving at the Scarecrow event from Great Coates In Bloom funds.

Proposed Cllr Stewart Seconded Cllr Cutting All in favour

20 Parish Matters

a) Councillor Casual Vacancy – Ref 19/240

There continues to be one casual councillor vacancy.

b) **Village Council Magazine – Ref 19/180**

The next Village Magazine's was now scheduled to be published in September.

Concern was raised regarding print size and this was being addressed.

A discussion took place regarding a 'newsletter' being published to support the magazine with Council events and current news. It was proposed to trial this newsletter for two months.

Proposed Cllr Cutting Seconded Cllr Lowrance 4 in favour / 3 against – carried.issue.

c) **Orsted Community Funding – Ref 19/181**

Various ideas were discussed but concern was raised regarding the validity of any funding request based on the level of reserves. Quotations would be obtained for several suggested ideas and a decision would be taken in July whether to apply for any funding.

d) **Internal Audit Update – Ref 19/243**

Mr Alan Nesbitt presented the internal audit report and was happy to sign off the Annual Governance & Accountability Return. Minor recommendations would be presented to Councillors in July for action.

The Annual Governance Statement was read to Councillors and signed.

The Annual Accounting Statements were read to Councillors and signed.

It was proposed that the Annual Governance Statement and Accountability Return be submitted.

Proposed Cllr Masterton Seconded Cllr Redgrift All in favour

The Clerk confirmed that the public inspection of account dates be from 1st July to 9th August.

Standing orders were suspended at 2101

e) **Review Tracking report – Ref 19/183**

Ref: 19/003 – Christmas Tree On Village Green

The Clerk would contact Greenbelt to seek permission for the Christmas tree in Dec 2019.

Ref: 19/006 – Site For Allotments

The Clerk had written to NELC and was awaiting a reply.

Ref: 19/009 – Village Hall Car Park

Work was due to start on 15th July.

It was proposed to install two additional drainage at a cost of £840, re-site the bins to the rear of the hall at a cost of £560 and Top dress the entrance at a cost of £950.

It was resolved to approve the additional spend of £2350 for the additional work bringing the total to £18,850.

Proposed Cllr Masterton Seconded Cllr Redgrift All in favour

There was concern raised that the culvert circumventing the hall grounds was overgrown. The Clerk would make enquiries with NELC and Anglian Water to have this resolved.

Ref: 19/012 – Village Hall Heating & Broadband

The Clerk explained that British Gas had made a second visit to vit remote heating controls for the underfloor heating and due to the heating being controlled across three zones the Hive system would not work. Further enquiries would eb made with the underfloor heating manufacturers to find a solution.

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Ref: 19/013 – Hall Security (external lighting) and Toilet Hand Driers

This work was now complete.

The Clerk had requested further quotes which were received of £685 and £600 both exceeding the original quotation.

Ref: 19/039 – Communication Policy Review

A revised policy was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was resolved to approve this policy subject to an amendment that Councillors' personal details were kept private at all times.

Proposed Cllr Huntley Seconded Cllr Masterton All in favour

Ref: 19/039 – Complaints Procedure Review

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Proposed Cllr Masterton Seconded Cllr Redgrift All in favour

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Proposed Cllr Masterton Seconded Cllr Redgrift All in favour

f) **Neighbourhood Plan For Great Coates - Ref 19/184**

This matter was deferred until July 2019.

g) **Website**

Cllr Green confirmed that between Mar and Jun there had been 867 sessions on the website from 242 users with an average of 2 mins per visitor.

It was proposed that Cllr Green provide support to the Clerk in website maintenance.

Proposed Cllr Masterton Seconded Cllr Redgrift All in favour

h) **Footpath 49**

This matter was discussed with the PCSO during his report.

It was proposed to send a letter to NELC outlining concerns.

Proposed Cllr Lowrance Seconded Cllr Redgrift All in favour

i) **Town & Parish Council Liaison Committee**

Cllr Lowrance and Huntley would attend the meeting on 1st August.

j) **Great Coates Community Group Hall Hire Rate Review**

The group had requested the Council consider a reduction in the hire rate to the community group.

No hirers received any reduced or preferential rates.

It was proposed that no reduction be given in line with existing policy.

Proposed Cllr Masterton Seconded Cllr Stewart 0 in favour / 7 against – not carried



21 Clerk's Report – Ref 19/186

a) Correspondence Received

A resident had contacted the Clerk voicing concerns at dogs walking along Cooks Lane following the decision to restrict dog walking within the hall grounds. The Clerk explained that the decision would not be reversed and had requested further details of two issues raised by her in order to pursue. To date no further information had been received.

22 Planning Applications and Decisions Received – Ref 19/187

No planning applications had been received.

23 Items to be considered for next agenda – Ref 19/188

Any items to be given to the Clerk by 18th July 2019

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm