

# GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Great Coates Village Council held in the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, 27th November 2014

---

Present

**Councillors:** S Souter Smith (Chair); Ms L Cutting; Mrs S Thomas; Mr J Masterton; Mr K Redgrift; Mr G Mumby; Mr K Green; Mr N Wherrett

**Officers:** J Mansfield

**APOLOGIES** None

**In Attendance** Cllrs. Sutton (Ward Cllr., NELC)

**Public** 2 members of the public were present.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Redgrift declared an interest ref the item on the Great Coates Nursery proposal

**DISPENSATIONS:** None

**14/83 CONFIRMATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES**

Meeting of 23rd October 2014

**Resolved** That the minutes will be approved as a correct record after the meeting.

**14/84 APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.**

There were none

**14/85 REPORTS BY UNITARY COUNCILLORS**

There were none.

**14/86 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

Cllr Redgrift updated on the meeting of the Parish Council Liaison Panel which he had attended at the CATCH building in Stallingborough on 26<sup>th</sup> November. The meeting was a useful opportunity to meet colleagues from Stallingborough Parish Council and representatives from local businesses incl Humber Bank factories. Humberside Police had attended and given an update which included a report on the increase of burglaries; and a current seasonal campaign to identify people speeding and/or drink driving

**Resolved** That the update be noted

14/87

**GREAT COATES NURSERY PROPOSAL**

A report was received from the Priority School Programme.

Resolved

That the report be noted

14/88

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were none

14/89

**REPORT ON HALL REPAIRS**

Cllr Masterton reported as he has been liaising with relevant parties. He gave an update saying that we are still waiting for panel replacements; he has raised concerns over the plaster cracking in the corners which he has been told is due to seasonal reasons and will not be rectified; also the entrance to the Hall is gravelled which is a breach of NELC planning requirements. There was a vote held on the proposal for the Council to accept responsibility of the gravel sweeping. This was not upheld.

Resolved

That Cllr Masterton would advise the architect on behalf of the Council saying that they do not accept responsibility of the gravel sweeping and that the Chair will check the contract details

14/90

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Cllr Thomas introduced this subject. She proposed that the Council need to look for funding to help with the ongoing costs of the Village Hall; to look for help with the funding towards the reinstatement of the Village Litter Picker; and to identify what help is available to assist local community groups esp those who say that they are struggling to afford to pay to rent the charges of the Village Hall, including the option of requesting financial help from local ward councillors. The Clerk advised that the Village Council is unable to use the Clerks time to support the sourcing of funding for third parties. However the Clerk made the suggestion that VANEL are able to offer this kind of support; and also suggested that attendees at the Parish Council Liaison Committee could raise the issue of support from local businesses rather than the Clerk writing individually to them all. A vote was held and a majority were in favour of identifying and making available information on potential funding sources

Resolved

- That the Councillors would identify and make available information on potential funding sources.
- That the Clerk would contact VANEL on behalf of the Council to make arrangements to join the organisation and to receive relevant advice especially that relating to funding.
- That Councillor Redgrift would raise the issue of local businesses supporting the provision of the reinstatement of a village Litter Picker and possible contributions in relation to the Village Hall at the next meeting of the Parish Council Liaison Committee

14/91

**FINANCE REPORT**

**(i) NELC Loan Proposal**

Details of the Recommendations presented to special meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 13 November 2014 were presented:.

It was confirmed that it was resolved: –

(1) That subject to Great Coates Village Council demonstrating financial sustainability over the next few years and providing reassurance over parish councillor training, as referred to in Resolution (2) below, it be confirmed that the requirements of the Community Governance Review have been complied with.

(2) That grant funding of up to £2,000 ring-fenced to provide mandatory Member and Clerk training to support the Village Council to become financially stable and well governed, be approved.

(3) That a further report on the matter of a loan of up to £18,000 be referred to Council by the Cabinet accompanied by a full business case, options appraisal, repayment plan and analysis of the impact on the Village Council's precept to be worked up by Council officers and the Village Council together as soon as practicably possible.

**Resolved**

That the Council note the contents of the report and plan on how to undertake this piece of work

**(ii) Schedule of Payments**

The Council received the Schedule of Payments

**Resolved**

The Council agreed the contents of the Schedule

Meeting ended 19.37hrs

Signed.  
Chair of Council

---