GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Great Coates Village Council held in the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, 22nd January 2015

Present

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

Officers: D Godfrey

APOLOGIES Mrs S Thomas

NELC Councillors Cllr. Sutton; Cllr Barber

Public 4 members of the public were present plus a representative from Hudson’s architects.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest

DISPENSATIONS:

There were no dispensations

PUBLIC SESSION:

The following issues were raised by members of the public.

14/101 Through Cllr Cutting Great Coates Community Group had offered a £200 donation towards acoustic boards for the village hall.

Resolved Unanimous decision to accept the donation of £200 from the group with thanks.

14/102 Reports of litter and rubbish being dumped in areas around Great Coates and bins not being emptied, this was causing concern. Additional reports of tipping near the gates next to the railway lines and polystyrene boxes in the dykes which could lead to flooding if left were received.

14/103 CONFIRMATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of 18th December 2014

Resolved The minutes were accepted as a true record.

14/104 APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.

There were none

14/105 REPORTS BY UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Sutton advised that he would deal with the complaints made regarding the dumping of rubbish in Great Coates and would keep the Clerk advised of actions taken.
Cllr Barber stated there were still problems with speeding near to the primary school, he would also take up one of the issues raised by a member of the public around bins not being emptied.

14/105 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

There were no reports

14/106 WAR MEMORIAL

The representative from Hodsons architects reported on the position to date including the planning application. He requested details of the preferred site and suggested that production of visuals would assist in the decision process. The chairman stated the preferred sites were Cooks Lane junction between two trees or the pedestrian entrance to the Hall. He requested a costing for the work and £1,800 was quoted by Hodsons which includes production of the visuals within 2 to 3 weeks the full planning application should be completed in 4 to 6 weeks.

Resolved There being no objections to the production of the visuals and submission of the planning application Hodsons were asked to proceed.

14/107 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The planning application DM/1282/14/FUL which was available for public viewing at the meeting for a proposal to erect a conservatory extension to the rear of 17 Cooks Lane was discussed.

Resolved That the Clerk advise NELC Planning that there were no objections raised.

14/108 REPORT ON HALL REPAIRS

Cllr Masterton reported he has been liaising with relevant parties, there were a number of issues that still needed to be addressed and this work will be carried out over the next couple of weeks.

14/109 RECENT COMPLAINT REGARDING NOISE FROM PARTIES.

The Chairman reported that he had received a complaint from a resident about loud music coming from the hall during a recent private booking. He attended the hall and found that the double doors were open and requested the hirer to close them and turn down the music. He asked that the caretakers be advised that caretakers inform hirers that the doors must not be opened when there is a disco booked.

Resolved Quotes be obtained for noise limiters that can cut the electrical supply once noise levels reach a certain level.

14/110 PROPOSAL TO ENGAGE AN INDEPENDENT BUILDING INSPECTOR TO INSPECT AND PRODUCE A REPORT ON THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Masterton reported that he had been advised that the Architect was about to sign off the works as complete once the faults reported had been rectified. He stated that a decision then had to be made concerning the tender for an independent building inspector as agreed at the last meeting.
Resolved  That further action be suspended until such time as the architects sign off the works as completed when a final decision will be made as to what action to take.

14/111  FINANCE REPORT

The chairman stated he wished to take item (ii) before dealing with (i) first this was accepted by all present

(ii) To consider action needed to progress the loan/grant from NELC following the Governance Review.

A discussion took place around the need to progress the loan application, it was unknown what support could be obtained via grants etc to relocate the memorial once the planning application is approved then funding could be looked at.

Proposal  That Great Coates Village Council do not progress the loan from NELC.

Resolved  Unanimous decision not to progress the loan application from NELC.

(i) To set precept requirement for 2015/16

The chairman had circulated revised budget figures prior to the meeting. A discussion took place around the amended figures provided.

Proposed  There should be no increase in the precept for 2015/16

Resolved  Unanimous decision not to increase the precept for 2015/16

(iii) Schedule of Payments

The Council received the Schedule of Payments

Resolved  The Council agreed the contents of the Schedule

Meeting ended 20.20hrs

Signed.
Chair of Council