

# GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Great Coates Village Council held at 7pm in the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015

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Present

<b>Councillors:</b>	<b>S Souter Smith (Chair); Mr J Masterton; Mr K Redgrift; Mr N Mumby; Mr N Wherrett; Ms Cutting</b>
<b>Officers:</b>	<b>D Godfrey</b>
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>Councillors Mrs S Thomas; Mr K Green</b>
<b>NELC Councillors</b>	<b>Apologies were received from Cllr. Sutton; Cllr Barber who were both attending a meeting of NELC.</b>
<b>Public</b>	<b>3 members of the public were present plus a representative from Hudson's architects.</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>PCSO Michael Eckley</b>

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest

## **DISPENSATIONS:**

There were no dispensations

## **PUBLIC SESSION:**

The following issue was raised by members of the public.

**14/112**

There was concern about the volume of traffic going through the village and the speed of some drivers.

The Clerk reported that Councillor Barber had also raised the issue and had requested a meeting between himself, a member of the highways authority and village Councillors. The Clerk had also contacted Humberside Police to request details of any previous action taken and any action planned for the future.

PCSO Eckley reported that he was unable to report on previous speed checks at this time, or if any checks were planned for the future. There had been no reported accidents in the recent past other than the fatalities that occurred at the railway crossing however he had highlighted the issue within force and he may have an update at future meetings.

**Resolved**

**Councillors would meet with Councillor Barber from NELC and a highways representative to discuss the issue of traffic volumes and speeding.**

**14/113**

## **CONFIRMATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES**

Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015

**Resolved**

**The minutes were approved and adopted as a true record.**

**14/114 APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.**

There were none

**14/115 REPORTS BY UNITARY COUNCILLORS**

In the absence of the unitary Councillors the Clerk reported that he had received updates from Councillors Barber and Sutton regarding the dumping of rubbish in Great Coates bins not being emptied and polystyrene boxes in the dykes which could lead to flooding.

The Operations and team managers' from NELC Doughty Road depot had directed staff to attend the areas of concern and removed the reported refuse and spoken to the factory management about the polystyrene boxes. They had reported the areas were now cleaned and they gave assurances they would continue to monitor the situation.

**14/116 REPORTS FROM HUMBERSIDE POLICE**

PCSO Eckley from Freshney Neighbourhood Policing Team reported that there had been 3 crimes reported to the force during the period 1 January to 26 February 2015. These were a Burglary to a garage overnight, damage to a fence and theft from a motor vehicle.

He advised that that the force was going through reorganisation and as yet he was unaware of what affect this would have on the policing teams in the future. He gave details of the current contacts for Freshney ward and advised that the team was available to any member of the public who wanted to report issues of concern.

Contact details for the Freshney team are as follows:

Police Constable 2419 Anderson

[Paul.anderson@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Paul.anderson@humberside.pnn.police.uk)

PCSO 7535 Mike Eckley

[Michael.eckley@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Michael.eckley@humberside.pnn.police.uk)

PCSO 7714 Steph Widgery

[Stephanie.widgery@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Stephanie.widgery@humberside.pnn.police.uk)

Members of the public are reminded that the non emergency number for Police is now 101

**14/117 WAR MEMORIAL**

The representative from Hodson's architects reported on the position to date and produced visuals to assist in the decision process.

A member of the public raised concerns about the proposal to have a seating area and the design of the hedge as it was felt that it would encourage youths to congregate and there would be insufficient space for attendees on Remembrance Day. It was proposed that the area should be semi circular to allow more room for attendees.

A discussion took place around the proposal it was proposed that option 2 with a semi circular fence and no seat be adopted.

**Resolved**

Option 2 as proposed be adopted Hodson's to produce a further visual and calculate the number of people the area could accommodate.

14/118

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The planning application DM/0051/15?FUL which was available for public viewing at the meeting submitted by Novartis, Moody Lane, Grimsby relating to the removal of soil for treatment on site and returned to the excavated area was discussed.

**Resolved**

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

14/119

## REPORT ON HALL REPAIRS

Cllr Masterton reported he has been liaising with relevant parties, the planned works had been completed however there were still outstanding planning issues which included the violations in respect of the wild flowers and the gravel at the entrance to the car park.

14/120

## FINANCE REPORT

### (i) Finance Report

Great The Clerk submitted a report to Council outlining the estimated financial situation at the year end this indicated approximately a £10,000 surplus against the budget for 2014/15 to be held in reserve, this was against the previously notified overspend predicted of £5,000.

The Clerk made a number of recommendations in the report concerning the village hall which was generating income above that expected and all indications were this would continue into the next financial year these included:

- a. An increase in hours for the caretakers as they were exceeding their agreed hours due to the number of bookings now being taken, this amounted to an additional 2 hours in total per week (8 hours per month).
- b. That one of the caretakers to be paid an additional hour per week between the period 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> September for ground maintenance this included cutting the grass around the hall, this would also entail the purchase of a lawnmower for the village hall.
- c. That approval is given for a temporary member of staff subject to Personnel Committee approval to provide cover in the case of sickness and leave in the event that the remaining caretaker is unable to cover any absence.

A discussion took place regarding the report and it was proposed by the chair that the staff matters be remitted to the Personnel Committee for decision, this included the issue of outstanding contracts for the Caretakers which should reflect the Bank Holiday working arrangements.

**Resolved**

### **A meeting of the Personnel Committee be convened to discuss the proposals and report back to the full Council**

#### (ii) Village Hall hire rates Bank Holidays

This Clerk advised that staff were entitled to take leave on Bank Holidays and this did affect the availability of the hall for hire and he was already receiving enquires for bookings on Bank Holidays. He requested that hire rates for Bank Holiday working be reviewed.

**Resolved**

**Village Hall hire rates for Bank Holidays be dealt with by the meeting of the Personnel Committee be convened any proposals to be reported back to the full Council of the Personnel Committee.**

**(iii) The Clerk advised that a decision was still required for the proposed acoustic boards.**

A discussion took place around the purchase of boards and it was agreed that the Clerk make enquiries into type and cost involved before it could be progressed.

**(iv) Great Coates Community Group had made a request for the use of the village hall in order to raise funds to purchase items for the benefit of those using the hall.**

A discussion took place as to the benefits of allowing the group to use the Village hall free of charge..

**Proposal**

**That Great Coates Community Group be allowed free use of the Village Hall four times during the year.**

**For the proposal        2                      Against        3**

**There being no further amendments to the proposal the motion failed**

**(v) Schedule of Payments**

The Council received the Schedule of Payments

**Resolved**

The Council agreed the contents of the Schedule

Meeting ended 8.10 pm

Signed.  
Chair of Council

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