

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2013 AT 7.00 PM AT GREAT COATES VILLAGE HALL, GREAT COATES

Present: Cllr. Cutting (in the Chair)
Cllrs. M. Frankish, Bagley, B. Winterburn, MRs. L. Winterburn,
Redgrift and Souter-Smith

Apologies: Cllrs Maasdam and Mrs. C. Frankish

In Attendance:

There were 2 members of public + Stephen McGrath (NELC)

13/115 To receive and accept apologies

Apologies received from Cllr. Maasdam and Mrs. C. Frankish due to illness/family illness – accepted.

Resolved: That apologies be received and accepted

13/116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Code of Conduct 2012)

Cllrs. Cutting and Winterburn declared personal interest as members of WI on any WI matters and also personal interest as members of Village Hall Committee. The Clerk asked Cllr. Souter-Smith if circumstances had changed and if not, then he would need to declare a prejudicial interest in GRASS due to his previous declarations – Cllr. Souter-Smith declared a prejudicial interest in any matters connected to GRASS due to his membership of the organisation.

13/117 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes as circulated, agreed as true record of meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting be accepted as true record

13/118 Police Report for information

No police presence and no written report or information received.

13/119 Highways/Footpaths

To receive Clerk's report on general highways/footpaths/traffic issues

Cllr. Cutting had raised issue of garages off Newbury Avenue and it was agreed to pass the matter to NELC. Clerk advised they may be in private ownership and not Council managed.

Resolved: That enquiry be made of NELC

Public Break

Resident asked about budget for hall and expenditure and income from revenue and how items such as acoustic boards would be funded.

13/120 Great Coates Village Hall

a) To receive minutes/report from Village Hall Committee Meeting And to consider any recommendations made and agree any necessary actions

Committee Report given and posters for next event had gone out and been distributed. Selling tickets in advance and receipts to be submitted etc. Would report back at next meeting.

b) To receive initial quotation for acoustic boarding installation and to agree any further actions

Clerk had received quotation for installation of acoustic boarding as result of discussion at previous meeting – quotation was unsolicited. Cllrs. agreed that price seemed very competitive and asked Clerk to obtain further information/prices and report back to next meeting for consideration for inclusion in budget.

Resolved: That Clerk obtain further prices and report back

c) To receive correspondence from NELC re wild flower seeding

Letter received from NELC asking if planning condition for hall build had been complied with for provision of wild flower seeding. Cllrs. unaware of condition and Clerk to contact Architect and report back.

Resolved: Clerk to obtain further information and report back

13/121 Planning Matters

The following planning applications were considered -

DM/0838/13/FUL 22 Cooks Lane, Great Coates
Demolish part of existing extension and erect single storey ext to rear
No objections.

To consider any other planning matters and/or receive correspondence
None.

13/122 Great Coates War Memorial

To receive update on correspondence/information sent to NELC, Further information received re possible design Proposal and quotation and agree any necessary action

Information received from specialist conservators based in Lincoln area showing quotations for remedial repair work and also reinstallation works etc. Quotation received from local memorial mason for solid granite memorial along design lines discussed at site meeting with NELC, with cost quoted as over £50k for solid granite and such cost agreed as completely prohibitive to project. Clerk had forwarded all information through to NELC and asked for advice on next action.

13/123 Future Dates

Next Meeting Date – Thursday 23rd January 2014
Any further future dates

13/124 Reports

To receive report from Personnel Committee – 17.12.13

Cllr. Cutting advised that minutes would be circulated shortly. Cllr. Redgrift advised minutes had been prepared. Closing date would be extended for vacancy of Caretaker/Cleaner as

agreed at Committee meeting and Personnel Committee to meet again in January 2014 to progress matters discussed.

NELC Community Governance Review Meeting – 19.12.13

Held that day and Cllr. Cutting had represented the VC in place of Chairman. Members were not clear on outcome of meeting and final resolution passed. Mr. McGrath from review present and Chairman asked for his assistance. Mr. McGrath advised that an action plan would be formulated in the New Year with assistance from ERNLLCA and in liaison with the Village Council.

Any other reports

None.

13/125 Parish Matters

To receive update on any further correspondence with GRASS And agree any necessary actions

No further correspondence yet received.

13/126 Information Update

Information received from NELC, ERNLLCA

All in circulation bag as usual.

Input from Ward Councillors if present

Cllr. Sutton had sent apologies.

13/127 Great Coates Community News

Next edition – February/March 2014 - Closing date – 15.01.13

Cllrs. agreed that a Know Your Councillor feature should be re-run with Council members – Clerk to send out example and agreed Chair or Vice-Chair should start with first article. Agreed need for readable and interesting articles and Cllrs. to try and source etc. Clerk to ask Nursery if they would like to give a regular update and Cllr. Bagley to send article regarding Bellringers.

Resolved: That above features listed be run in the Newsletters

13/128 Finance

To approve cheques for authorisation as per list presented

List circulated and all accounts approved for payment.

Resolved: That payments be made as per list distributed

To receive invitation to request precept for fy 14/15 from NELC And to agree any necessary actions

Clerk advised letter received requesting precept figure from the VC for the year 14/15.

Agreed that this would be agreed as part of budget process.

To receive financial information from ERNLLCA on local auth grants

Circulated.

Budget

To consider and agree budget figures for fy 2014/15 based on Budget figures for current financial year and to consider And agree precept requirement for Great Coates for fy 14/15 to notify NELC and agree any further actions

Clerk had circulated all up to date financial information including account reconciliation for 9 months to December 2013. Agreed in absence of Chairman that budget setting be c/f to January meeting. Clerk also had additional information to obtain re rateable value for Hall and water usage costs etc.

Resolved: That budget and precept setting be carried forward for decision at January 2014 meeting of the Village Council

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.19 pm