

Minutes of the Meeting of Great Coates Village Council held at 7.00 pm at the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Grimsby, DN37 9NW on 23 July 2020

Present: Cllr Masterton (Chair), Cllr Huntley, Cllr Green, Cllr Cutting, Cllr Stewart, C. Thomas (Clerk),
Cllr T. Furneaux (NELC), Cllr C. Barber (NELC),
Members of public present: 0

1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 547

Cllr Lawrance and Cllr Redgrift

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: 548

None

3 To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 25th June 2020 - Ref: 549

Resolved to approve as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Huntley Seconder: Cllr Cutting All in favour

4 Public Session - Ref: 550

No members of the public present

5 Finance Report - Ref: 551

a) Financial report for period ending 30th June 2020 - Ref: 552

The Clerk had previously circulated the accounting statements for period ending 30th June 2020.

Cllr Huntley asked if the payments for the furloughed caretakers had been received and the Clerk confirmed two payments being received on 16th and 26th June.

It was resolved to approve these as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Huntley Seconder: Cllr Cutting All in favour

b) To approve Schedule of payments for July 2020 - Ref: 553

It was resolved to approve all accounts for payment other than invoice ref 343.

Proposed: Cllr Green Seconder: Cllr Cutting All in favour

c) Impact of coronavirus on village council finances - Ref: 554

The Clerk updated the Council with a further report and confirmed the Councils finances are currently not adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic due to the grant received.

d) To approve 2019/20 audit - Ref: 555

The Clerk had previously circulated the internal audit report and AGAR statements.

Cllr Huntley queried the 2018/19 salary figure which was incorrect due to not being apportioned correctly.

The Clerk advised that the figures couldn't be amended as the AGAR had been accepted by the external auditor who had raised no queries.

It was resolved to approve the internal audit report, section 1 and section 2 of the AGAR.

Proposed: Cllr Huntley Seconder: Cllr Green All in favour

6 To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 556

a) Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 557

The Clerk read out a report provided by Humberside Police. The Clerk confirmed the the Police had been informed and were actively trying to pursue the unlicensed motorbikes going through Great Coates and to talk to youths playing on the Greenbelt land following several complaints received.

b) Reports by Unitary Councillors to include updates on items raised at the last meeting - Ref: 558

Cllr Barber and Cllr Furneaux had nothing new to report and confirmed that issues raised had been minimal. Cllr Barber had been in discussions with NELC and the Police in respect of issues along FP49 but was making little progress. The Clerk confirmed the he was now encouraging residents to complain so a case could be built up to

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support changes to FP49.

7 Reports from representatives to external organisations - Ref: 559

a) Freshney Forward - Ref: 560

No meetings had taken place

8 Reports from committees of the Village Council - Ref: 561

a) Personnel Committee - Ref: 562

No meetings had taken place

b) Hall Committee - Ref: 563

No meetings had taken place

c) Great Coates in Bloom Committee - Ref: 564

Cllr Stewart advised that painting of fencing and gates leading into Robin Walk and at both ends of Herbert Rollett Way had been completed.

The group had decided to withdraw from the Haywain project due to a lack of confidence in it being moved intact. A joiner in the village had agreed to make a replica. The scarecrow weekend was a huge success and the group were now looking at displays for VJ Day on 14th August.

A coffee morning in aid of McMillan would be held at his home on 14th August.

9 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 565

a) Councillor Casual Vacancy - Ref: 566

Cliff Barber had applied to be co-opted onto the council.

It was resolved to appoint Mr Cliff Barber onto the Village Council.

The Chairman confirmed that a further resident had applied to be appointed in September 2020.

Proposed: Cllr Cutting Second: Cllr Masterton All in favour

b) Village Council Magazine - Ref: 567

Cllr Green confirmed that the September magazine was now full at 40 pages.

c) Re-opening of village hall review - Ref: 568

The Clerk had circulated a report providing the latest Government advice, a risk assessment on the hall opening and had undertaken work within the hall to make in Covid secure.

It was resolved to re-open the hall to regular hirers from Monday 27th July and to review opening for party hires at the end of August.

Proposed: Cllr Masterton Second: Cllr Huntley For: 4 Against: 1 Carried

c) Grass Cutting (MH) - Ref: 569

Cllr Huntley was not happy with the grass cutting mainly related to the hall in respect of grass cuttings being collected. The Clerk confirmed that last years contractor didn't collect the grass and the new contractor was not contracted to do so. Due to Covid the cutting had not been as frequent as we would have liked. On balance, most councillors felt the village and hall grounds looked good.

e) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 570

1975 - Newbury Avenue Garages

NELC enforcement had provided an update that an onsite meeting was being held with some residents who had raised questions. Residents who had not responded to the initial letters were to receive enforcement notices. Further update next month.

2017 - Christmas Tree on Greenbelt Land

The Clerk had requested a licence from 20 Nov to 10 Jan and was awaiting the licence to be sent for signature.

2087 - Hall Improvements: Patio & Fencing

The contractor had been unable to obtain the patio slabs required to start the work due to lack of supplies. Start date to commence was awaited.

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2094 - Convex Mirror

No progress had been made on this.

5801 - Hall Improvements: Remainder of Hall Painting

Cllr Huntley confirmed the main room in the hall had been completed and the reception area was awaiting completion.

5804 - Hall Improvements : Exterior Wood Panels

The Clerk and Cllr Masterton had met with two contractors and quotes were awaited together with samples of the cladding materials.

5805 - Hall Improvements: Ornamental Trees & Tree Guards

Cllr Huntley explained the difficulties with planting the trees and guards. It was agreed to plant the trees with wood frame initially to be replaced with tree guards when suitable.

6368 - Tree Complaint: 20 Allington Drive

Work was scheduled to commence on 30th July to remove the trees.

7268 - Adoption of A New Reserves Policy

It was agreed to defer this until August and The Clerk would provide suggested figures for the setting of the general reserve. Other Councillors were also invited to submit ideas for earmarked reserves.

7534 - Adoption of Revised Terms of Reference for Hall Committee

The Clerk confirmed that 3 Councillors had submitted a written request to have the motion carried in February 2020 (minute ref 457) rescinded. A further set of Terms of Reference to the Hall Committee had been circulated by email.

It was resolved to approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Hall Committee to include a budget of £500.

Proposer: Cllr Huntley Secunder:Cllr Masterton For: 4 Against: 3 Carried

7535 - Review Utility Suppliers

The utility review will be moved to May 2021 to align with the new contracts for gas and electricity being combined with Octopus.

7536 - Review Insurance Quotes

A three year deal was entered into in November 2020. The review would take place in respect of cover being appropriate next month to agree the 2nd year of the contract in September.

10 Clerk's Report - Ref: 571

a) Correspondence Received - Ref: 572

i) Sam Mantle - Osprey Drive

A complaint had been received in respect of road safety on Osprey Drive due to parked cars. The matter had been discussed with Cllr Furneaux and NELC would not review due to no accidents occurring.

ii) Joan Blandford - Speeding

The Clerk had written back explaining what the council were doing.

11 Planning applications and decisions received:

None received - Ref: 574

None received

12 Next meeting will be Thursday 27th August 2020 at 7 pm

Items for the agenda by 20th August 2020 - Ref: 575

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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