

**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 24 September 2020**

Present: Cllr Masterton (Chair), Cllr Huntley, Cllr Green, Cllr Cutting, Cllr Redgrift, Cllr Lawrance,
Cllr Barber, Cllr Stiles, C. Thomas (Clerk),
Members of public present: 0

1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 683

Cllr Stewart

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: 684

Cllr Masterton declared an interest in item 10 (e) and ref 5804 (Hall Improvements: Exterior wood panels)

3 To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 02/09/20 - Ref: 685

Minutes were not approved and would be placed on the next agenda.

4 Public Session - Ref: 686

No members of the public were present

5 Finance Report - Ref: 687

6 a) Financial report for period ending 31st August 2020 - Ref: 688

The financial statements ending 31st August 2020 had been circulated prior to the meeting.
It was resolved to approve these as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Green Seconder: Cllr Masterton All in favour

b) To approve Schedule of payments - Ref: 689

The schedule of payments had been circulated.

Cllr Green had previously queried the payment to Inland Revenue and had no further query.

Cllr Redgrift queried the payment to Inland Revenue and why interest had been added. The Clerk had previously provided an explanation prior to the meeting including information that the IR systems were not up to date due to the Furlough Scheme. The Clerk confirmed again that interest was not payable and was calculated to show what would be payable if the account is not paid. This was not accepted by Cllr Redgrift who wanted clarity which the clerk could not provide. The Clerk therefore suggested approving the maximum payment of £712.55 to prove this point.

Proposed: Cllr Green Seconder: Cllr Masterton All in favour

7 To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 690

a) Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 691

The Clerk had previously circulated a report provided by Humberside Police in respect of work towards the anti social behaviour problem in the village associated with motorcycles. High visibility patrols would continue together with additional measures in an attempt to apprehend the perpetrators.

A further report was read detailing 40 crimes within the Freshney Ward with 1 domestic related incident in Great Coates and 2 offences on the industrial estate. This was for the period 03/09/20 to 23/09/20.

b) Reports by Unitary Councillors to include updates on items raised at the last meeting - Ref: 692

Cllr Barber provided an update on tree damage, anti social behaviour with motorbikes on FP39 and re-cycle bins.

8 Reports from representatives to external organisations - Ref: 693

a) Freshney Forward - Ref: 694

Cllr Lawrance confirmed that no meetings had taken place. Telephone conversations had discussed motorcycle

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issues and it was hoped to resume meetings after the refurbishment of the Bishop King Centre.

9 Reports from committees of the Village Council - Ref: 695

a) Personnel Committee - Ref: 696

The Clerk left the meeting

Cllr Huntley provided a report on behalf of the committee following the increase in Clerks pay scales. Following a review it was resolved to (a) adjust the Clerks pay scale to SCP18 back dated from 01/12/19 to 31/03/20, (b) adjust the Clerks pay scale to SCP19 back dated from from 01/04/20 to date, (c) that the council adopt the single salary point SCP19 and review the salary annually. The Council accepted this recommendation.

The Clerk re-joined the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Green Seconder: Cllr Lawrance All in favour

b) Hall Committee - Ref: 697

Cllr Lawrance updated the meeting on events. Christmas and New Year was looking unlikely in view of Covid restrictions although no final decision had been made. It was proposed to run a Halloween event but concern was raised on Covid restrictions which was addressed by Cllr Huntley who read the new legislation including the rule of six change.

Final plans would be made and a newsletter would be produced to publicise this event.

Following a question asked by Cllr Huntley the Clerk agreed to amend the terms and conditions to reflect the changes to the 'rule of six'.

c) Great Coates in Bloom Committee - Ref: 698

The pony cart was not now being placed along Great Coates Road as NELC had refused permission. Other sites were currently being looked into.

Autumn planting would commence at the beginning of October. Wreaths would be taken down from the war memorial on 3rd October.

Poppies will be erected on lampposts around 24 October and removed 21st November. Poppy display would also be placed on the Cow Briars.

The groups litter pick would be concentrating at the industrial estate end of the village commencing 10 am on Sunday 27th September.

10 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 699

a) Village Council Magazine / Newsletter - Ref: 700

Cllr Green provided an update on the latest magazine including the purchase of additional copies to provide to advertisers and to be used to seek new advertising.

Concern was raised by two councillors in respect of content regarding a proposed fireworks event and that the magazine should represent the view of the Council. Cllr Green advised that it was a "proposed" event and that the event would have been a privately operated event.

Concern was also raised by one councillor in respect of terminology used in a motorcycle report and Cllr Green advised that the story represented the views of residents given to him.

Concern was raised regarding a feature on a local business representing more of an advert. Cllr Green and The Clerk both explained that the magazine was to bring the community together and as a parish council we are here to represent residents and businesses within the parish.

It was resolved to purchase a supply of Cyril the Squirrel cuddly toys to be used as competition prizes.

Proposed: Cllr Green Seconder: Cllr Huntley 7 for 1 against - carried

b) Council recognition to two residents (KG) - Ref: 701

Cllr Green suggested official recognition to two residents.

Proposed: Cllr Green Seconder: Cllr Barber for: 2 against: 6 - not carried

c) Disabled ramp for village hall - Ref: 702

Cllr Cutting has suggested a disabled ramp to provide support in and out of the patio doors. The Clerk has suggested some options.

It was resolved to purchase a disabled ramp at a maximum cost of £100.

Proposed: Cllr Cutting Secunder: Cllr Huntley for: 6 against: 1 abstain: 1 - carried

e) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 703

1975 - Newbury Avenue Garages

An update had been requested from NELC but nothing had been received.

No further update could be provided.

1988 - Dignity at Work Policy Review

It was resolved to adopt the Dignity at Work Policy as circulated by the Clerk.

Proposer: Cllr Masterton Secunder: Cllr Green All in favour

2017 - Christmas Tree on Greenbelt Land

The Clerk confirmed that the licence to site the tree had been signed and was in place from 20/11/20 until 10/01/21.

2094 - Convex Mirror On Lampost opposite

Following advice provided by the Road Safety Engineer at NELC against placing convex mirrors on the highway the matter is to be taken no further.

The offer of speed survey would be taken up.

5800 - 2020 Audit

Conclusion of the audit was still awaited from the external auditor.

5801 - Hall Improvements - Remainder of Hall Painting

No further update

5804 - Hall Improvements - Exterior Wood Panels

Three quotes had now been obtained to replace. Concern was raised in respect of the building structure and further advice would be sought before the matter progressed,

5805 - Hall Improvements & Ornamental Trees & Tree Guards

Trees had been selected and was awaiting availability of all trees prior to ordering.

7267 - FP49 Motorbikes

The Police had made efforts to engage with the community and an effort to have more of a physical Police presence was to be made. The Police are to engage with NELC to see if they can agree an engineering solution. Sutton Estates had attempted to block off access to one of the their fields but this had been vandalised after 3 days. Letters had been distributed to selected streets within Great Coates to encourage reporting of incidents to the Police. A letter had also been sent to the Chief Constable.

7536 - Review Insurance Quotes

Instructions had been given to renew the insurance on same terms basis effective 1st October 2020.

8000 - Tree Complaint - Ruskington Place

Work to remove the tree would be completed on 30th September 2020.

8381 - Steam Cleaner

Clerk had obtained further advice from the manufacturers of the proposed steam cleaner. In view of the cost and

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concern at damage to the floor it was felt better to hire a steam cleaner to trial it.

8573 - HGVs In Village

In an attempt to reduce incidents of HGVs in the village and particularly Allington Drive where several had suffered great difficulties in turning round Cllr Swinburn and Engie Official had met with the Clerk. As an interim measure temporary signage was placed immediately at the industrial estate end of the village together with permanent signage to direct lorries away from Great Coates. Speed and traffic surveys were to be completed and investigations into an engineered solution to reduce HGV activity in the village and slow vehicles down entering the village.

Cllr Redgrift was not happy with the solution and the Clerk advised that this was a temporary solution completed within 2 days whilst a more permanent solution was investigated. Cllr Stiles advised that HGVs were still travelling through the village. The Clerk would continue to write to all known companies who's vehicles are travelling through the village. The Clerk would consult with Engie following concerns raised regarding parked vehicles along Estate Rd No 1 near the junction of Woad Lane which is causing traffic disruption.

8574 - CCTV at the Hall

This matter was not to be progressed

11 Clerk's Report - Ref: 704

a) Correspondence Received - Ref: 705

i) Karl Sampson - parking on Newbury Avenue

ii) Paul Parkinson - danger of "BMX track"

iii) Police & crime Commissioner - virtual Q & A meet up - Ref: 706

12 Planning applications and decisions received

None received - Ref: 707

None received

Following concern raised at last months meeting regarding traffic through Great Coates in the event of road closures in Stallingborough whilst servicing the proposed waste to power plant along Hobson Way the Clerk had consulted with the planning consultants who confirmed that any traffic would be diverted along any diverted route and couldn't comment on any diverted routes as any diversion is put in place by the authorities and would be dependant on what part of a road is closed.

Next meeting will be Thursday 22nd October 2020 at 7 pm - Ref: 708

Items for the agenda by 15th October 2020.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

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