

## GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Great Coates Village Council Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates on 25th May 2017

Present:

Councillors S Thomas ( chair) , Cllr Redgrift, , Cllr G Mumby, Cllr K Green, Cllr Masterton, Cllr Bradwell, J Waite (Clerk ), 0 members of the public.

### **1 Election of Chairman for 2017/18. Ref 17/56**

Cllr Thomas was proposed as Chair.

Proposed Cllr Mumby. Seconded Cllr Green. All in favour.

### **Election of Vice Chairman for 2017/18.**

Cllr Mumby was proposed as Vice Chair.

Proposed Cllr Bradwell. Seconded Cllr Masterton . All in favour.

### **2 Election of Personnel Committee for 2017/18. Ref 17/57**

Cllr Green, Cllr Mumby ( Chair), Cllr Masterton, Cllr Bradwell.

All in favour.

### **3 To Receive apologies and reasons for absence, Ref 17/58**

Cllr Cutting, Cllr Sutton, Cllr Barber.

### **4 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 17/59**

None Given

### **5 To approve the draft minutes of the Meeting held on 27th April 2017. Ref 17/60**

Resolved to approve as a true record of the Meeting held on 27th April 2017.

Proposed Cllr Redgrift, seconded Cllr Masterton. All in favour.

### **6 Public Questions. Ref 17/61**

The Village Council wishes to record their sympathy and condolences to all involved in the recent Manchester terrorist attack.

No questions were raised.

### **7 Clerks Report. Ref 17/62**

The email from the Party Space company was discussed and it was felt that it was not appropriate to advertise with a commercial company.

Rev P Mullins is leaving the parish, Cllr Green has copies of the history of the people on the War Memorial . The Village Council would like to thank the Rev Mullins for all his hard work in the Parish.

A request has been received about costs for the re sighting of the memorial, including drawings and planning costs for the site originally proposed at the village hall.

A meeting with ERNLLCA and the Legal Department of NELincs is to be arranged to discuss ongoing issues surrounding the war memorial, vexatious and time wasting emails, and future challenges to the external audit which are based on the same questions raised this year.

Cllr Masterton is to obtain quotes for a new strimmer

### **8 Committee Reports. Ref 17/63**

no reports given.

### **9 Finance. Ref 17/64**

Schedule of payments was circulated and approved for payment. All payments were approved .

Council raised the question as to the high cost of the External Audit Fees. The cost of the audit was £300, and the remainder, £ 1215 plus VAT was the additional cost of the challenge made by members of GCCG, which was unfounded.

### **Arrangements for inspection of accounts 2016/17. Ref 17/65**

Inspection of the 2016/17 accounts will take place in the Village Hall, in the presence of Councillors as well as the Clerk. The person requesting the inspection will be charged for the use of the hall and any other expenses in relation to the inspection, in accordance with the inspection guidelines.

Proposed Cllr Masterton. Seconded Cllr Redgrift. All in favour.

### **Internal Audit. Ref 17/66**

This is ongoing.

### **External Audit Section 1. Ref 17/67.**

Council resolved to complete section 1.

Proposed Cllr Masterton. Seconded Cllr Mumby. All in favour

### **External Audit Section 2. Ref 17/68.**

Council resolved to complete section 2

Proposed Cllr Masterton. Seconded Cllr Mumby. All in favour

### **Result of Challenge made to audit 2015/16. Ref 17/69**

Copies of the report were circulated to all councillors. In summary, all allegations and objections were unfounded.

### **10 Parish matters – To receive any report or consider any appropriate action. Ref 17/70**

a) Council magazine - Latest copy ready to be delivered. Date for submissions for next issue is August 31st. 2017.

Council would like to thank Rev Mullins, Councillor Cutting and Councillor Mumby for their input to this issue.

The Councillors thanked Cllr Green for his hard work in taking on this project for the council.

b) War Memorial - A blessing service was held and well attended. The outstanding legal position needs to be resolved - Clerk to contact NELincs again.

c) Casual Vacancy - The date has now passed for election, so Council can now Co-opted a new member. Councillor Prest has resigned .The new vacancy has been advertised on the notice boards.

d) Contract for cutting grass on Allington Drive - only one quote received. Handyman to do Estate Road 5, and this to be removed from the contract, then more quotes sort.

**11 Planning Application Received. Ref 17/71**

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**Chair closed the meeting and moved to closed session.**

Meeting ended 8.25pm

Present:

Councillors S Thomas ( chair) , Cllr Redgrift, , Cllr K Green, Cllr Bradwell, Cllr Masterton, Cllr Mumby, J Waite (Clerk ).

**1 To Receive apologies and reasons for absence, Ref 17/72**

**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 17/73**

None received.

**3 To Resolve Council response to complaint from GCCG.**

The letter has been acknowledged by the Personnel Committee, and a request for more information sent. As nothing has been received, the committee now consider the matter closed.

**4 To Resolve To Offer Job Share for Caretaker Post.**

Council resolved to offer a job share for one of the caretaker posts, due to changes in circumstances for that current employee.

Proposed Cllr Masterton. Seconded Cllr Mumby.  
All in favour.

Meeting closed 8.45pm.

**Date of next meeting to be held at Great Coates Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Thursday 22nd June at 7.00pm.**