

GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Great Coates Village Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates on 22nd March 2018

Present:

Councillors Cllr S Thomas, (Chair), Cllr K Green, Cllr Masterton, Cllr Redgriff, Cllr Mumby, Cllr Cutting, Cllr Lawrance, Cllr Stewart.

In Attendance J Waite (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

1 To Receive apologies and reasons for absence, Ref 18/29

Cllr Sutton, Cllr Barber

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 18/30

none given.

3 To approve the draft minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd February 2018. Ref 18/31

Resolved to approve as a true record of the Meeting held on 25th January 2018.

Proposed Cllr Masterton seconded Cllr Mumby . All in favour.

4 Public Questions. Ref 18/32

Concern raised again about speeding in the village.

Concern was raised about the state of the car park at the hall during wet weather, and the issues of cars getting stuck.

5 Committee Reports. Ref 18/33

None received.

6 Parish matters – To receive any report or consider any appropriate action. Ref 18/34

a) Council magazine - problems with the printers have delayed this issue, but it has now been distributed. Looking at quotes to possibly change the printers.

Councillors would like to thank Councillor Green for all his hard work and time putting each issue together.

The current invoice payment is to be held until the issues are resolved.

b) War Memorial - no feedback on the listing application has been received.

c) Casual Vacancy - There is currently one vacancy to fill.

d) Future village events - there is a village clean up / litter pick scheduled for April 7th. Meet at the hall at 10.00am. It was resolved to produce a flyer to promote this event.

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Suggestions for future events include a St Andrews day coffee morning, a Children in Need Walk, a 1940's music night, a civic day.

It was proposed to organise a Civic Day on June 16th, 9.00am to 5.00pm in the hall.

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

e) Grounds maintenance - The repairs to the boiler at the hall, and to the window at the hall have been completed.

Only one quote for re surfacing the car park has been received, more companies are to be contacted.

Quotes have been received for re painting the outside of the building .

Quote A £2820.00

Quote B £3970.00 exclusive VAT

Quote C £1695.00

Quote D £33500.00

It was resolved to accept Quote C, with the possibility that some boards will need to be replaced before work can start. It was also agreed to look at changing the colour of the hall to dark green.

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

There is a strip of land on the verge of Newbury Ave which has been identified as belonging to the council and this will need clearing before the handyman will be able to maintain it. Quotes are to be sort for this work.

A new hand mower is needed, and it was resolved to go ahead with this item.

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

f) new council website - to add a hall booking system to the new website would be a further £650, making a total of £13502 inc VAT set up cost, plus £150 maintenance charge each year.

Proposed to go ahead with this addition.

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

Clerk has requested to be included in any future planning meetings with the company.

g) Cllr Green has very kindly donated a memorial bench.

h) Storage areas at the hall were discussed. Another metal cupboard is to be purchased for the back of the hall, and also a triple length cupboard for the entrance way to the hall. Quotes being sort for next meeting.

7 Clerks Report. Ref 18/35

The de fib has its own battery supply and therefore will not need to be fitted by an electrician. It was decided to put a brighter light above where the cabinet is to be situated. There may be a delay in fitting due to re painting the outside of the building.

The notice board on Blackthorn Drive needs replacing.

8 Finance. Ref 18/36

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

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

There are still some outstanding payments for hall hire from a regular hirer. They will be contacted and asked to clear this situation by the end of March 2018, or the council will have to move to the small claims court to recoup the monies, and the hirer will be stopped from making future bookings.

Details of the original load agreement have still not been received.

9 Planning Application Received. Ref 18/37

Planning application DM/0094/18/FUL - No comments or objections.

10. Future management structure for the village hall. Ref 18/38

It was decided to set up a sub committee, and to review terms of reference for this, to manage the day to day running of the hall.

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

The terms of reference of the Personnel Committee are to be reviewed at their next meeting.

Chair closed the meeting and moved to closed session.

Meeting ended 9.20pm

Present:

Councillors Cllr K Green, Cllr Masterton, Cllr Mumby, Cllr Thomas (Chair), Cllr Cutting, Cllr Lawrance
Cllr Redgrift, Cllr Stewart. J Waite (Clerk).

1 To Receive apologies and reasons for absence, Ref 18/39

None given.

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 18/40

None received.

3 To Resolve a response to the recent newspaper report about the high precept for Great Coates. Ref 18/41.

The precept has reduced by 7.1% for the coming financial year, and the present Council are committed to continuing to reduce the precept year on year.

Proposed Cllr Green. Seconded Cllr Mumby.

6 votes in favour.

1 vote against.

1 abstention.

Resolution carried.

4. To resolve the council's response to harassment of staff and councillors via facebook. Ref 18/42.

Advice has been sort from ERNLLCA as to the council's legal position in this matter. Continue to record all evidence.

Meeting Closed 10.00pm

Date of next meeting of the council to be held at Great Coates Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Thursday 26th April at 7.00pm

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