

**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 January 2020**

Present: Cllr Masterton (Chair), Cllr Huntley, Cllr Green, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Lawrance, C. Thomas (Clerk),
Cllr Barber (NELC), Cllr Furneaux (NELC), PCSO Eckley, PCSO Widgery,
Members of public present: 3

1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 392

Cllr Cutting, 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: 393

None

3 To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 18th December 2019 - Ref: 394

Resolved to approve as a true record

Proposed: Cllr Lawrance Seconder: Cllr Huntley All in favour

4 Public Session - 15 minutes - Ref: 395

A resident raised issues regarding the pavements being muddy and the poor condition of verges - This item would be further dealt with under item 10. a) iii).

A resident explained he had maintained some land owned by the Village Council for 16 years and asked if this could be adopted. The Clerk advised that a covenant was in place on the land which stated that the land had to be maintained as a public open space and until this was removed no consideration could be given. The resident asked if overgrown trees would be maintained by the Council and the Council confirmed they would.

A resident raised concerns regarding the poor fencing around houses as you enter Woad lane. The Clerk advised that the fencing was private and as such the Council had no responsibility. The Council agreed to write to the relevant home owners to ask they they are maintained and the front garden kept in good order.

A resident raised concerns regarding a pile of mud and damaged land. The Clerk confirmed that he was aware of this and dealing with the resident in respect of this.

5 Finance Report - Ref: 396

a) Financial report for period ending 31st December 2020 - Ref: 397

The Clerk had previously circulated the financial report. Cllr Huntley had raised some queries prior to the meeting which had been dealt with. The Clerk suggested changing banking facilities to take account of interest rates and it was resolved to move banks, suggesting TSB.

It was resolved to approve the accounts as a true record and to move banks to obtain better interest rates.

Proposed: Cllr Huntley Seconder: Cllr Green All in favour

b) To approve Schedule of payments for January 2020 - Ref: 398

It was resolved to approve all accounts for payment.

Proposed: Cllr Green Seconder: Cllr Masterton All in favour

6 To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 399

a) Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 400

PCSO Eckley & Widgery presented the crime report indicating 4 offences in Great Coates. 1 x shed burglary, 1 x attempted shed burglary and 2 x residential burglary.

Officers confirmed there were additional patrols, especially in the evening in view of a recent spate of night time offences which was affecting other areas of Grimsby in addition to great Coates.

b) Reports by Unitary Councillors to include updates on items raised at the last meeting - Ref: 401

Cllrs Barber and Furneaux gave updates regarding the Newbury Avenue garages, re-cycle bins and fly tipping.

7 Reports from representatives to external organisations - Ref: 402

a) Freshney Forward - Ref: 403

No meeting had taken place.

8 Reports from committees of the Village Council - Ref: 404

a) Personnel Committee - Ref: 405

No meetings had taken place

b) Hall Committee - Ref: 406

Cllr Lawrance gave thanks to the hall committee and ladies of the craft group for their help particularly with the Christmas and New Year events which were a great success. There were 4 planned events for 2020 and appealed for more volunteers for a small committee. It was suggested that the chairs at the hall be replaced and a funding application had been submitted.

c) Great Coates in Bloom Committee - Ref: 407

Cllr Stewart reported the the nativity display had proved popular over Christmas and was planning to meet with Carrs Nursery in Stallingborough to source plants for the summer. The group would be assisting the village nursery in tidying up their gardens and the church had agreed to help with the In Bloom competition. There were also plans to improve the railway station which was backed by Northern Rail.

9 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 408

a) Councillor Casual Vacancy - Ref: 409

There remained two casual vacancies on the Council.

b) Village Council Magazine / Newsletter - Ref: 410

The Spring edition was planned for distribution 7/8 March and final date for copy would be 21st February.

c) Speeding Enforcement - Ref: 411

Following a recent presentation by Wayne Goodwin of Humberside Police it was resolved to launch a Community Speedwatch Scheme in great Coates aiming to commence mid February.

Cllr Masterton was appointed as Scheme Co-Ordinator.

Proposed: Cllr Huntley Seconder: Cllr Green All in favour

d) Responses to Council emails - Ref: 412

The Chairman asked if the could be a more speedy response to emails sent to Councillors.

e) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 413

1918 - Christmas Tree On Greenbelt Land

This had now been removed and the area restored.

1926 - Traffic Through Great Coates

Contact was now being made direct with a Council Officer and the Clerk expected communication within a few days and would report back to the next meeting.

1928 - Water Butts / Outside Tap

The tap had now been installed.

1932 - Tree Complaint

The Clerk was awaiting a contractor to return from holiday.

1975 - Garages on Newbury Avenue

A communication channel was now very active between the Council and NELC and progress, albeit slow, was being made. A soft approach was being proposed to take into account owners circumstances to try and avoid formal enforcement procedures.

2001 - Uility Review

4 notices had been received from Councillors to reverse the resolution made on 18/12/19 (minute 387)

It was resolved to move the utility supplier to Octopus Energy.
Proposer: Cllr Huntley Seconder: Cllr Green All in favour

2007 - Re-Cycle Bins

The Clerk was awaiting a meeting request from NELC to discuss re-siting of the bins.

2008 - Amazon POD at Railway Station

Concern was raised with regards to potential safety issues following the installation of an Amazon Pod at the railway station. Clerk would write to Northern Rail to express concerns.

2019 - Boiler Repair

This had now been completed and remote heating was now operational.

2026 - Amendment of Bank Mandate

The Clerk confirmed an amendment to the bank mandate to remove Cllr S. Thomas

2028 - Review of Standing Orders

The Clerk had previously circulated the Standing Orders with no recommended revisions.
It was resolved to adopt the Standing Orders.

Proposer: Cllr Huntley Seconder : Lawrance All in favour

10 Clerk's Report - Ref: 414

a) Correspondence Received - Ref: 415

i) Amazon collection point on Great Coates railway station - Ref: 416

This matter had been transferred onto the Tracking Report under item 9 e.

ii) Fly tipping on Cooks Lane - Ref: 417

Complaints had been received over Christmas and dealt with by NELC in a timely manner.

iii) Parking on grass verges - Ref: 418

Two complaints had been received from residents and a resident made complaints at the meeting regarding the state of the verges particularly along Woad Lane caused by residents parking vehicles which was damaging the verges in wet weather with mud being transferred onto pavements and making some pavements impassable particularly for pedestrians with prams and push chairs.

Various options were discussed including advice from the Police and NELC Ward Councillors and it was agreed to initially write to residents along the affected road whilst other solutions would be considered including enforcement and maintenance of the verges to make them more suitable for parking.

11 Planning applications and decisions received - Ref: 419

a) DM/1044/19/FUL - 27 Woad lane - Erect single storey extension to rear of property. - Ref: 420

No objections raised.

**12 Next meeting will be Thursday 27th February 2020 at 7 pm
Items for the agenda by 20th February 2020 - Ref: 421**