

## Minutes of the Great Coates Village Council - Annual Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm at the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Grimsby, DN37 9NW on 27 May 2021

Present: Cllr J. Masterton (Chair), Cllr M. Huntley, Cllr K. Green, Cllr L. Cutting, Cllr M. Stewart, Cllr K. Redgrift,  
Cllr R. Lawrance, Cllr C. Barber, Cllr E. Stiles,  
In Attendance: PCSO Eckley, C. Thomas (Clerk),  
Members of public present: 2

- 1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 1077**  
None
- 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: 1078**  
Cllr E. Stiles declared an interest in Item 14C
- 3 Election of Chairman for 2021/22 - Ref: 1079**  
One nomination was received.  
Cllr J. Masterton was elected as Chairman for 2021/22
- 4 Election of Vice Chairman for 2021/22 - Ref: 1080**  
One nomination was received  
Cllr K. Green was elected vice chairman for 2021/22
- 5 Appointments to Personnel Committee - Ref: 1081**  
Cllrs L. Cutting, K. Green and E. Stiles were appointed to the Personnel Committee
- 6 Appointments to Village Events Committee - Ref: 1082**  
Cllrs C. Barber, L. Cutting and E. Stiles were appointed to the Village Events Committee
- 7 Appointments to Great Coates In Bloom Committee - Ref: 1083**  
Cllr M. Stewart was appointed to the Great Coates in Bloom Committee
- 8 To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 22/04/21 - Ref: 1084**  
Cllr L. Cutting asked for her apologies to be recorded as she had no signal to formally offer apologies.  
Item 4D required the seconder to be amended.  
Subject to the amendments it was resolved to approve as a true record  
Proposed: Cllr C. Barber Seconder: Cllr K. Green All in favour
- 9 To approve draft minutes of the In Bloom Committee held on 19/05/21 - Ref: 1085**  
It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.  
Proposed: Cllr M. Stewart Seconder: Cllr C. Barber
- 10 Public Session (15 minutes) - Ref: 1086**  
A resident raised concerns that yellow line parking was not being enforced through the village but primarily around Newbury Avenue and Newbury Terrace where there had been two incidents of damage due to poor parking. PCSO Eckley explained the enforcement was now civil, managed by NELC. It was agreed to contact NELC to discuss increased enforcement and re-painting of yellow lines.

A resident raised the issue of the garages on Newbury Avenue. The Chairman brought this item on the tracking report forward and discussed at this point.

The Clerk explained that we had really got to the end of the road with NELC as the land is private and any action and costs would fall upon existing owners, most of which had maintained their garage to a good standard. NELC had offered joint proposals to clear the area which was for now not being pursued because of a lack of confidence in that it would be a long term solution. The Clerk was aware of a residents group being formed by garage owners and there had been a suggestion of gating the entrance which would alleviate some of the problems being experienced and mitigating any safety risks to the poor, unmaintained garages. A

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residents management committee was suggested which was a possibility.

The Clerk advised that he had now found the name of the owner of the land which is used to access the garages who is a private individual and legally he is responsible for the maintenance and security of this land.

It was resolved to contact the land owner in a positive manner to try and reach an amicable solution.  
Proposer: Cllr J. Masterton Seconder: Cllr L. Cutting All in favour

A resident who lives alongside land owned by the village Council speak to relation to item 14C. He had maintained the land for 19 years. Originally Chartdale (Lindum) had erected a fence which was later replaced because of fly tipping. He circulated photographs of what he has done and what remains to be completed. He requested that should the council resume maintenance of the land he required the fence to remain in place to avoid fly tipping, dog walkers and children playing and damaging fencing.

Proposed: Cllr J. Masterton Seconder: Cllr L. Cutting All in favour

## **11 Finance Report - Ref: 1087**

### **a) Financial report for period ending 30/04/21 - Ref: 1088**

It was resolved to approve the Accounting Statements dated 30th April 2021 as a true record

Proposed: Cllr E. Stiles Seconder: Cllr K. Green All in favour

### **b) To approve Schedule of payments - Ref: 1089**

It was resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments totalling £2127.00.

Proposed: Cllr K. Green Seconder: Cllr C. Barber All in favour

### **c) To approve internal audit report 2020/21 - Ref: 1090**

It was resolved to approve the Internal Audit report.

Proposed: Cllr K. Redgrift Seconder: Cllr E. Stiles All in favour

### **d) To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 - Ref: 1091**

It was resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement

Proposed: Cllr E. Stiles Seconder: Cllr C. Barber All in favour

### **e) To approve the Annual Accounting Statements 2020/21 - Ref: 1092**

It was resolved to approve the Annual Accounting Statements.

Proposed: Cllr C. Barber Seconder: Cllr J. Masterton All in favour

## **12 To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 1093**

### **a) Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 1094**

PCSO Eckley provided a verbal report advising of 63 crimes within the Freshney Ward of which 2 occurred in Great Coates both being burglary and 5 on the industrial estate.

He advised that the local Police Officers would be performing speed checks within the village.

The Police had also been undertaking door to door visits in connection with Humber Talking to establish residents view of issues. This was an ongoing exercise which was currently showing residents had no concerns in Great Coates expressing in was a quiet, pleasant village to live in. The two main issues raised was anti social behaviour and children playing football in the streets.

### **b) Reports by Unitary Councillors to include updates on items raised at the last meeting - Ref: 1095**

No councillors were present because of a full North East Lincolnshire Council meeting.

The Clerk advised that nothing had been fed back of any issues.

## **13 Reports from committees of the Village Council - Ref: 1096**

### **a) Personnel Committee - Ref: 1097**

No personnel committee meetings had been held. The Hall Caretakers were now working to a more detailing cleaning schedule and the new floor cleaner was working well with one caretaker needing a little more

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encouragement.

**b) Village Events Committee - Ref: 1098**

No committee meetings had been held with the next scheduled event being the Scarecrow Competition in July.

**c) Great Coates in Bloom Committee - Ref: 1099**

Cllr Stewart advised that the group had undertaken displays and events in relation to Captains Tom 100 weekend raising £273 and displays to commemorate 100 years of the Royal British Legion which had been received well. Additional flower boxes had been placed along Newbury Avenue and a community orchard consisting of 5 fruit trees had been planted alongside Newbury Avenue.

**14 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 1100**

**a) Village Council Magazine / Newsletter - Ref: 1101**

Cllr Green confirmed the magazine was hoping to be available for distribution over the weekend of 5/6 June.

**b) Great British Spring Clean - Ref: 1102**

It was agreed to host the annual litter pick event on Saturday 5th June 2021.

**c) Village council owned land - Ref: 1103**

The Clerk had circulated a chronology of the situation in which a number of residents on Allington Drive had moved fencing prior to 2009. The land was subsequently purchased by the Village Council in 2013 which then followed a lack of maintenance until 2019. The Clerk provided his advice and opinion in that Adverse Possession law now applied and that any legal action would be a false economy as it was highly unlikely any action would be successful such as more than 12 years had now elapsed. Two councillors disagreed with this advice. It was resolved to contact the original solicitor to seek formal advice in respect of emergency access and the legal position of residents moving fences.

Cllr M. Huntley had left the meeting at 20:20 and did not take part in this vote.

Proposed: Cllr R. Lawrance Seconder: Cllr L. Cutting For: 7 Abstain: 1

**d) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 1104**

Cllr Huntley re-joined the meeting at 20:23

**1975 - Newbury Avenue Garages**

This had been discussed at Item 10

**5801 - Hall Improvements - Remainder of Hall Painting**

Two quotes had been received. One additional quote was expected.

**5804 - Hall Improvements - Exterior Wood Panels**

The structural surveyor had confirmed there was no problem installing cladding. The original quotes were now being revised and an additional contractor was also quoting.

Cllr E. Stiles left the meeting at 20:22

**6369 - Policy Review - Health & Safety Policy**

**6370 - Policy Review - Lone Working Policy**

**6373 - Policy Review - Non Payment Policy**

**6374 - Policy Review - Scheme of Publication Policy**

All four policies were adopted.

Proposer: Cllr C. Barber Seconder: Cllr J. Masterton All in favour

**8381 - Steam Cleaner**

This was progressing well with one caretaker needing a little more persuasion. It was hoped that a proposal to purchase a smaller machine would be available shortly.

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**8563 - HGVs in Village**

The posts for the new signs had been erected and it was hoped the new signage would be in place shortly.

**14070 - Cooks Lane**

NELC had reported that works were completed which was disputed by The Clerk who had invited representative and the Ward Councillor down as the road had not been improved.

**14889 - Graffiti Along Robin Walk**

Greenbelt had denied any responsibility for the graffiti. The Clerk was proposing to talk to the resident to get his views but it may be that to remove the graffiti would be at the expense of Great Coates Village Council.

**15 Clerk's Report - Correspondence Received - Ref: 1105**

**a) AW - Planting of fruit trees along Herbert Rollet Way - Ref: 1106**

A resident had raised concerns following the planting of the fruit trees along Newbury Avenue as they would block his light. The Clerk had discussed with him to advise that they were to be managed in order that residents can obtain the fruit and it was highly unlikely that any light would be affected. He was happy with this.

**b) MK - Parking on pavements - Ref: 1107**

A resident had complained about parking on pavements who had made a similar complaint around a year ago. The Clerk had spoken to NELC parking team who confirmed that we could obtain a Traffic Regulation Order to restrict verge and footway parking which would take approximately 18 months and enforcement would visit. However, the Clerk in talking to two other Clerks found that enforcement was limited and they spent a considerable period of time dealing with complaints from residents due to a lack of regular enforcement. It was generally felt that there wasn't a problem throughout the village with some areas of the village having a lack of roadway parking such as Newbury Avenue, Osprey Drive and surrounding roads, Ferndown, Old Road and Pine Close. There was also concern that restricting verge parking could create traffic issues along Woad Lane.

It was resolved to seek further advice from NELC to improve the verges along Woad Lane and to discuss signage options to politely ask residents not to park on verges and footways.

**16 Planning applications and decisions received - Ref: 1108**

**a) Enzygo - Development of graphite purification and anode production facility. - Ref: 1109**

No objections

**b) Grimsby West relief road and associated housing developments - Ref: 1110**

Concern was raised by all councillors of this development which was outside of the adopted Local Plan. Any additional traffic caused by the development would create serious problems for Great Coates as a village and consideration needs to be given to creating a road from Europarc to the new relief road between Pyewipe and Stallingborough.

A letter would be written to NELC expressing the Council's concerns.

**17 Next meeting will be Thursday 24/06/21 at 7 pm  
- Ref: 1111**

Items for the agenda by 17/06/21

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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