

**Minutes of the Great Coates Village Council held at 7.00 pm  
at the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Grimsby, DN37 9NW on 25 November 2021**

Present: Cllr J. Masterton (Chair), Cllr K. Green, Cllr C. Dunn, Cllr L. Cutting, Cllr M. Stewart, Cllr K. Redgrift,  
Cllr C. Barber,  
In Attendance: C. Thomas (Clerk), Cllr C. Procter (NELC),  
Members of public present: 0

**1 Public Session - Ref: 1399**

No members of the public present

**2 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 1400**

Cllr R. Lawrance

**3 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: 1401**

Cllr Masterton and Cllr Cutting in item 11(g)

**4 To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 28/10/21 - Ref: 1402**

It was resolved to approve these as a true record.

Proposer: Cllr K. Green Seconder: Cllr C. Dun For: 5 Against: 1 Abstain: 1 Carried

Cllr Redgrift was asked why he had voted against and advised that part of the meeting reference to the In Bloom Chairman vote of confidence was not recorded. The Clerk confirmed that it was at point 12(c). Cllr Redgrift was unhappy that the conversation between Cllr Lawrance and Cllr Cutting was not recorded and the Clerk confirmed that Councillor discussions would not be recorded in minutes unless it was required to confirm any decisions.

Following several complaints made by Cllr Lawrance at the meeting held on 28th October the Chairman confirmed that he and the Clerk had spent considerable time investigating his complaints including discussions with hall hirers, caretakers and members of the in bloom committee. Everybody spoken to was happy and had no complaints. It was therefore concluded that there was no substance whatsoever to the complaints made by Cllr Lawrance.

**5 To approve draft minutes of the Village Events Committee held on 17/11/21 - Ref: 1403**

It was resolved to approve these as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr C. Barber Seconder: Cllr K. Green For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

**6 To approve draft minutes of the In Bloom Committee held on 17/11/21 - Ref: 1404**

It was resolved to approve these as a true record.

Cllr Redgrift queried the date which was amended at the meeting. Subsequent to the meeting it was confirmed that the date was correct as originally recorded.

Proposed: Cllr M. Stewart Seconder: Cllr C. Dunn For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

**7 Finance Report - Ref: 1405**

**a) Financial report for period ending 31/10/21 - Ref: 1406**

The Clerk had previously circulated the Accounting Statements for the period ending 31/10/21

It was resolved to approve these as a true record.

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

**b) To approve Schedule of payments - Ref: 1407**

It was resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments totalling £2924.44

Proposed: Cllr K. Green Seconder: Cllr M. Stewart All in favour

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**c) 2022/23 Budget - Ref: 1408**

The budget planning meeting was scheduled for 15th December at 7 pm.

**8 To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 1409**

**a) Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 1410**

The Clerk read out a report from Humberside Police detailing 58 offences on the Freshney Ward of which 1 assault was recorded in Great Coates and 4 offences on the industrial estate.

**b) Reports by Unitary Councillors to include updates on items raised at the last meeting - Ref: 1411**

Cllr Procter confirmed that ward funding of £1500 had been awarded to Great Coates in Bloom and £500 towards the village Christmas Event.

Councillors pressed Cllr Procter on improvements to the footpaths along Woad Lane which were in a dangerous condition.

**9 Reports from representatives to external organisations - Ref: 1412**

**a) Freshney Forward - Ref: 1413**

No meeting had taken place. The Clerk confirmed that thanks to Freshney Forward and Co op refreshments for the Christmas Event had been provided for up to 100 people.

**10 Reports from committees of the Village Council - Ref: 1414**

**a) Personnel Committee - Ref: 1415**

No meetings had taken place

**b) Village Events Committee - Ref: 1416**

Cllr Barber advised that the Christmas Event and Santa Visit Great Coates were in hand. The Christmas Event was full and events through 2022 had been planned.

Councillors raised concern that some residents hadn't received tickets for the Christmas Event. The ticketing arrangement had been fair with all residents being given priority and it was shame that the events had proved too successful with more children in the village than capacity at the hall. The hall was limited to a maximum capacity of 120. This could only be increased by installation of an additional fire exit which would be investigated.

**c) Great Coates in Bloom Committee - Ref: 1417**

Cllr Stewart confirmed that all autumn planting had been completed and that the Poppy displays had received many favourable comments. He confirmed that two tiered planters had been obtained to compliment the Village Hall and it was agreed that these to be planted as the discretion of the In Bloom Group. Plans were also in place for a memorial garden at the hall to include a water feature.

**11 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 1418**

**a) Village Council Magazine - Ref: 1419**

Cllr Green advised that delays continue to be experienced from the printers and whilst the magazine was pretty much ready to print it was unlikely to be available until 5/6 December.

**b) Book swap (MS) - Ref: 1420**

Cllr Stewart request consideration towards a "book swap" facility possibly by including an old red telephone box. The cost of the telephone box would be a significant investment and for this reason would not be pursued.

**c) Discuss sponsorship with local companies - Ref: 1421**

The Clerk had previously circulated a proposal to engage with local companies to seek sponsorship aiming to provide additional financial resource to the In Bloom and Event Committees. After a discussion it was resolved to proceed along the proposal but removing the Exclusive Package but including potential advertising opportunities on the reverse of flyers.

Proposed: Cllr C. Dunn    Seconder: Cllr K. Redgrift    All in favour

**d) Name of Village Hall - Ref: 1422**

After a discussion it was resolved to rename the village hall 'The Venue in the Village'. A new logo would be sought.

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Proposer: Cllr K. Green Seconder: Cllr C. Dunn For: 3 Against: 2 Abstain: 2 Carried

It was resolved to circulate a flyer to all businesses in Great Coates advertising the Village Hall.

Proposer: Cllr J. Masterton Seconder: Cllr K. Redgrift For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 Carried

**e) Storage at Village Hall - Ref: 1423**

It was resolved to offer no storage facilities to hall hirers other than to the hirers with existing historical agreements agreed shortly after the hall was originally opened.

Proposed: Cllr J. Masterton Seconder: Cllr L. Cutting For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 2 Carried

**f) Publication of meetings (LC) - Ref: 1424**

It was resolved to advertise all meetings other than Personnel Committee meetings on Facebook to be administered by Cllr Cutting

Proposer: Cllr L. Cutting Seconder: Cllr K. Green All in favour

It was resolved to circulate all councillors into committee meetings and not just members.

Proposer: Cllr J. Masterton Seconder: Cllr K. Redgrift All in favour

**g) Hall Cladding - Ref: 1425**

The Clerk had circulated a revised proposal and confirmed that planning permission was expected shortly with work planned for January 2022. Costs had increased to the raw materials and it was resolved to approve a total of £17,950 for the cladding, £259 for planning and a contingency of £2000 totalling £20,209. This would be funded from reserves,

Cllrs Cutting and Masterton had declared an interest and did not vote.

Proposed: Cllr K. Green Seconder: Cllr K. Redgrift For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

**h) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 1426**

**14070 - Cooks Lane**

No work had been undertaken and Cllr Furneaux was progressing with NELC Officers.

**18569 - Defibrillator**

No sites had been located and a decision was currently awaited from Northern Rail to locate at the railway station.

**18688 - Village Signs**

The Clerk had met with a graphic designer who was coming up with some ideas.

**18689 - In Bloom Storage Area**

Further quotes were being sought

**19055 - 20 mph Speed Limit in Village**

This matter was with NELC and a decision was expected until mid summer 2022.

**12 Clerk's Report - Correspondence Received - Ref: 1427**

**a) NF - Parking & Driving in The Avenue - Ref: 1428**

This was in respect of illegal parking and vehicles travelling the wrong way down the Avenue. This matter was referred to NELC who were investigating junction changes and had deployed enforcement officers apparently on a daily basis.

**13 Planning applications and decisions received - Ref: 1429**

**a) Planning: DM / 1021 / 21 / FUL - Icelandic, Est Rd No 2 - Variation of existing planning approval to amend layout and elevations. - Ref: 1430**

No objections

**b) Planning: DM / 0899 /21 / FUL - Install solar farm - Ref: 1431**

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No objections

**14** **Next meeting will be Thursday 16/12/21 at 7 pm**  
**Items for the agenda by 9/12/21 - Ref: 1432**

Agenda items to be received by 09/12/21

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm