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Minutes of the Great Coates Village Council held at 7.00 pm at the Venue in the Village, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Grimsby, DN37 9NW on 28 July 2022

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

1 **To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 1787**

Cllr Stewart, Cllr T. Furneaux (NELC), Cllr T. Brastad (NELC)

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: 1788**

None

3 **Public Session - Ref: 1789**

No members of the public present

4 **To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 1790**

a) **Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 1791**

Freshney LPT had given apologies for not attending but submitted a report via the Clerk indicating 51 crimes within the Freshney Ward with 1 crime in Great Coates being a theft.

b) **Reports by Unitary Councillors to include updates on items raised at the last meeting - Ref: 1792**

No reports were available

5 **To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 23/06/22 - Ref: 1793**

Cllr Redgrift raised an objection in that item 1 was biased towards the Clerk.
It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr J. Masterton Seconder: Cllr L. Cutting For: 5 Against: 2 Abstain: 0

6 **Finance Report**

a) **Financial report for period ending 30/06/22 - Ref: 1794**

The Clerk had circulated the accounting statements prior to the meeting.
It was resolved to approve these as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr K. Green Seconder: Cllr C. Barber For: 6 Against: 1 Abstain: 0

b) **To approve Schedule of payments - Ref: 1795**

It was resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments totalling £7420.40
Proposed: Cllr C. Barber Seconder: Cllr J. Masterton For: 6 Against: 1 Abstain: 0

7 **Reports from representatives to external organisations - Ref: 1796**

a) **Freshney Forward - Ref: 1797**

No reports were available.
It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda.
Proposed: Cllr C. Dunn Seconder: Cllr K. Green For: 4 Against: 2 Abstain: 1

8 **Reports from commitees of the Village Council - Ref: 1798**

a) **Personnel Commitee - Ref: 1799**

No meetings had taken place

b) **Village Events Commitee - Ref: 1800**

Cllr Cutting reported that the Event Committee were now working with a theatre group to push events to another level with a particular focus on Halloween and Christmas this year.

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c) Great Coates in Bloom Commitee - Ref: 1801

Cllr Dunn read a report detailing the East Midlands in Bloom judging day and how the group was engaging more with the community. He reported that an anonymous passer-by had given a £100 cash donation to the group. Thanks went to all volunteers of the group for sterling efforts in watering and preparation prior to the EMIB judging. Particular thanks were given to Cllr Mike Stewart, Chair of the committee, and Carl Thomas for organising the judging and production of the portfolio.

9 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 1802

a) Village Council Magazine - Ref: 1803

Both the editor and Clerk had had personal issues in June resulting in the magazine production being delayed. It was agreed to cancel the June magazine.

b) Installation of outside tap at hall - Ref: 1804

It was resolved to install a 25mm outside tap linked direct into the water main up to a maximum of £1000.

Proposed: Cllr C. Dunn Seconder: Cllr L. Cutting For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

c) Village Hall hire - Ref: 1805

The Clerk advised councillors The Venue in the Village is nearing capacity and several requests to hire concurrently on a Wednesday evening had been declined owing to an existing booking on the last Wednesday of each month. In order to maximise revenue and widen the community benefit, the Clerk made communication with the current hirer of the last Wednesday of each month asking if they could move their hire to a Thursday evening for the reasons given above. This request was subsequently rejected.
Whilst councillors noted the good work this group had done, regarding the community and charity fundraising, they formally recognised their duty to maximise income from The Venue in the Village (potentially lowering the village precept) and appeal to the wider community through more varied activities and events at The Venue in the Village. Councillors considered various other alternatives to accommodate as many hirers as possible.

It was resolved to:
1. Only take midweek, single bookings on Thursdays, which must be booked and paid for in accordance with the existing terms of 6 weeks. A single booking would be defined as one not being repeated within 7 days of a previous booking by the same person / group.
2. Cancel the existing, single, Wednesday booking and offer the present hirer the available Thursday evenings as a direct replacement.
3. Amend the terms and conditions of hire allowing the Council to cancel a regular booking providing a minimum two months' notice.

Proposed: Cllr J. Masterton Seconder: Cllr L. Cutting For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

d) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 1806

18569 - Defibrillator at Railway Station
There was no further update available

18688 - Village Signs
This matter was currently on hold

18689 - In Bloom Storage Area
Ideas, grant funding and quotes were still pending.

18927 - Policy Review: Reserves Policy
It was resolved to adopt this policy
Proposer: Cllr C. Barber Seconder: Cllr C. Dunn For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

19055 - 20 mph Speed Limit In Village
This matter was still with NELC and a response expected around September 2022.

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19789 - Venue in the Village Logo
Various ideas were circulated and narrowed down with further amendments to be made to the text.

20343 - Vehicle Access To Village Hall
A further quote had been obtained and discussions held with NELC who were hoping to contribute.
Further enquiries to be made with NELC.

20358 - Village Hall - Possible Leak in Roof
This was being monitored prior to any action.

10 **Clerk's Report - Correspondence Received - Ref: 1807**
none received

11 **Planning applications and decisions received**

a) **Planning: DM / 0561 / 22 / FUL - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) - Adjacent To Vehicle Storage (Gas Engine Site B) Moody Lane Grimsby(20584) - Ref: 1809**
No objections.

12 **Next meeting will be Thursday 25/08/22 at 7 pm - Ref: 1810**
All items for the agenda by 17th August 2022

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm