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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 27 October 2022

Present: Cllr K. Green (Chair), Cllr J. Masterton, Cllr C. Dunn, Cllr L. Cutting, Cllr M. Stewart, Cllr K. Redgrift, Cllr C. Barber, Cllr S. Hall (joined 1938),
In Attendance: C. Thomas (Clerk), Cllr S.Holland (NELC),
Members of public present: 8

1 **To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 1917**

Cllr R.Lawrance

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: 1918**

Cllr L. Cutting in any item related to Cooks Lane

3 **Public Session - Ref: 1919**

Matters were dealt with under items 3b and 9a which were brought forward into the public session.

4 **To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 1920**

a) **Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 1921**

The Clerk gave apologies on behalf of the Local Policing Team.
There had been 66 crimes within the Freshney ward of which 4 where in Great Coates being 1xcriminal damage, 1xpublic order, 1xassault and 1xfraud.
There had been 4 offence son the industrial estate.

b) **Reports by Unitary Councillors to include updates on items raised at the last meeting - Ref: 1922**

Cllr S. Holland referred to 2 complaints from residents in respect of speeding along Cooks Lane and following a flyer he had received 4 emails. Cllrs expressed concerned as to how cars could speed along the lane. A member of the public present did not experience any issues but did raise issues with speeding whilst existing Blackthorne Drive.
The Parish Council was asked to install signage. Concern was raised by councillors as to responsibility and setting a precedent for other areas of the village which had a more prevalent safety issue. A formal TRO process would need to be undertaken for installation of such signage which Cllr Holland would investigate.
Cllr Holland was pursuing developments on a request for a 20 mph limit along Station Road from Great Coates Road to the Village Hall had started in October 2021.
Trees under the responsibility of NELC would only be investigated if it was a case of serious risk to safety.
Cllr Holland was looking into parking restrictions on the junction of Holme Farm Close and Woad Lane following several complaints and a recent accident.

5 **To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 25/08/22 - Ref: 1923**

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr K. Redgrift Seconder: Cllr C. Barber All in favour

6 **Finance Report - Ref: 1924**

a) **Financial report for period ending 30/09/22 - Ref: 1925**

The Clerk had previously circulated the Accounting Statements for the period ending 30/09/22.
It was resolved to accept these as a true record.

b) **To approve Schedule of payments - Ref: 1926**

Item 1156 was amended from 464.64 to 495.67.
It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments totalling £21431.07
Proposed: Cllr L. Cutting Seconder: Cllr C. Barber All in favour

7 **Reports from commitees of the Village Council - Ref: 1927**

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a) Personnel Commitee - Ref: 1928

No meetings had taken place

b) Village Events Commitee - Ref: 1929

Cllr Cutting confirmed that the Halloween Event had sold out out other than a few tickets remaining for Sunday evening. The Christmas Event would be held on Fri 2nd Dec and New Year event had so far sold 37 tickets. 2023 event planning was under way with several two ideas.

c) Great Coates in Bloom Commitee - Ref: 1930

Cllr Stewart proudly display the East Midlands in Bloom Gold certificate. In addition he confirmed that the Platinum Garden at the Village Hall had received a special judges award and that Cambridge Academy who worked with Great Coates in Bloom had also received a gold award together with overall winners of the schools category. Rose Cottage also won a silver gilt award in the garden competition. He thanked all members of the In Bloom team for so much hard work to achieve this coveted award.
The Mayor of North East Lincolnshire had donated a gift of £250 and wished to make an official visit to the village to view the work of the group.
The Macmillan Coffee morning had raised a total of £1109.17 and the Children In Need Walk attended by 20 walkers had raised £155.30.

The Chairman, Cllr Karl Green, gave a vote of thanks to everybody involved with Great Coates in Bloom on such a momentous occasion in achieving the gold award and for making the village look as good as it does.

8 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 1931

a) To discuss co-option application of Sarah Hall - Ref: 1932

It was resolved to co-opt Sarah Hall.
Cllr S. Hall duly signed the Acceptance of Office.
Cllr S. Hall joined the meeting at 1938.
Proposed: Cllr C. Barber Seconder: Cllr C. Dunn All in favour

b) Village Council Magazine - Ref: 1933

Cllr Green confirmed the next edition of the magazine would be December with a deadline for submissions being 18/11/22.

c) Insurance renewal - Ref: 1934

It was resolved to renew the insurance policies with Zurich Insurance on a 3 year long term agreement at a cost of £1406.19 per annum.
Proposed: Cllr C. Dunn Seconder: Cllr K. Redgrift For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

d) Village hall hearing loop system - Ref: 1935

It was agreed to investigate the cost of a hearing loop system.

e) Adoption of Events Committee revised Terms of Reference - Ref: 1936

This item was removed.

f) Adoption of new policy: Training & Development Policy - Ref: 1937

It was resolved to adopt the Training & Development Policy.
Proposed: Cllr J. Masterton Seconder: Cllr C. Dunn For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

g) Adoption of new policy: Safeguarding Policy - Ref: 1938

It was resolved to adopt the Safeguarding Policy
Proposed: Cllr C. Dunn Seconder: Cllr L. Cutting For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

h) Appointment of internal auditor 2022/23 - Ref: 1939

It was resolved to appoint Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils as the internal auditor for 2022/23
Proposed: Cllr J. Masterton Seconder: Cllr L. Cutting For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

i) Local Plan Review - Ref: 1940

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It was agreed to publicise the local plan review through the website and social media to encourage residents to comment directly.

j) Christmas lights - Ref: 1941

It was resolved to purchase two sets of christmas tree lights at a cost of £198
Proposed: Cllr K. Redgrift Seconder: Cllr K. Green All in favour

k) Blinds in the hall - Ref: 1942

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

l) Cooks Lane speed complaints - Ref: 1943

This item had been dealt with under item 4b

m) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 1944

1996 - Policy Review: Discipline Policy
8577 - Policy Review: Dignity at Work Policy
9154 - Policy Review: Grievance Policy
It was resolved to adopt all 3 policies above.
Proposer: Cllr K.Green Seconder: Cllr L. Cutting For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

18569 - Defibrillator
There had been no developments although work had recently been undertaken at the station which may have included electrical provision for a defibrillator.

20343 - Vehicle Access To Village Hall
The original contractor had retired and a third quote was being sought.
Equans had still not corresponded with the Council and Cllr Holland agreed to assist.

20358 - Village Hall - Possible Leak in Roof
Three contractors had been approached. One had provided a quote of £4735 and two were unable to quote. The matter was now urgent as two areas had been identified that were actively leaking. It was agreed to go outside of the Financial regulations in view of the urgent nature and appoint CRAM to undertake the work to overclad the roof at a cost of £4735.
Proposer: Cllr K. redgrift Seconder: Cllr J. Masterton For: 5 Against: 1 Abstain: 2

n) To discuss grant funding for storage area and/or hall sound system - Ref: 1945

It was agreed to combine all current projects into one grant application.

8 Clerk's Report - Correspondence Received - Ref: 1946

a) G&D Stitchers - Complaint and request for compensation - Ref: 1947

The hall hirer raised a complaint in respect of a hall hire on 08/10/22. It was agreed to deal with the matter through the Complaints procedure and a committee made up of Cllrs K. green, L. Cutting and S. Hall will convene to investigate and respond and respond directly.

9 Planning applications and decisions received - Ref: 1948

a) Planning: DM / 0800 / 22 / FUL The Grange, Aylesby Road, Great Coates North East Lincolnshire Erect seven dwellings with associated access, parking, landscaping and boundary treatments(20837) - Ref: 1949

Two councillors raised objections in terms of the size of the site, wildlife and archaeological concerns.
Proposed: Cllr M. Stewart Seconder: Cllr L. Cutting For: 2 Against: 4 Abstain: 2 Not carried

10 Next meeting will be Thursday 24/11/22 at 7 pm - Ref: 1950

Items for the agenda by 16/11/22

Meeting closed at 8.32 pm

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