

**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 22 June 2023**

Present: Cllr K. Green (Chair), Cllr J. Masterton, Cllr C. Dunn, Cllr L. Cutting, Cllr K. Redgrift, Cllr C. Barber,
Cllr S. Hall,
In Attendance: C. Thomas (Clerk), Cllr S. Holland (NELC), Cllr L. Downes (NELC),
Members of public present: 4

- 1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 2271**
Cllr M. Stewart
- 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: 2272**
None
- 3 Public Session - Ref: 2273**
No members of the public present
- 4 To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 2274**
 - a) Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 2275**
PCSO M. Eckley and PCSO S. Widgery attended and presented the crime report detailing 62 crimes within the Freshney Ward of which 4 were in Great Coates being 1 x malicious communication, 1 x harassment and 2 x assault.
 - b) Reports by Unitary Councillors to include updates on items raised at the last meeting - Ref: 2276**
Cllr Steve Holland updated the meeting on the road safety issues raised with Head Of Road Safety at NELC and a meeting is being held shortly to update ward councillors.
Cllr Redgrift raised concerns with the state of the footpath along Woad Lane and that it is being continually ignored. Cllr Holland would raise this at the meeting,

Item 9D was brought forward
- 5 To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 18/05/23 - Ref: 2277**
It was resolved to approve these as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr C. Barber Seconded: Cllr K. Redgrift All in favour
- 6 Finance Report - Ref: 2278**
 - a) Financial report for period ending 31/05/23 - Ref: 2279**
The Clerk had previously circulated the accounting statements for the period ending 31/05/23.
It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr K. Redgrift Seconded: Cllr S. Hall All in favour
 - b) To approve Schedule of payments - Ref: 2280**
It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments totalling £5245.20
Proposed: Cllr K. Redgrift Seconded: Cllr K. Green All in favour
- 7 Reports from committees of the Village Council - Ref: 2281**
 - a) Personnel Committee - Ref: 2282**
No meetings had taken place
 - b) Great Coates in Bloom Committee - Ref: 2283**
In the absence of Cllr Stewart the Clerk confirmed the summer planting had been pretty much completed and the In Bloom group was working extremely hard to ensure the village looked its best for the East Midlands in Bloom judging on 3rd July.

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8 Village Events - Ref: 2284

a) Review of budget - Ref: 2285

Cllr S. Hall presented a Village Events Report detailing events to be held through 2023 and 2024
Summary of event dates are annexed to these minutes.

It was resolved to accept this report and associated budgets for each event.

Proposed: Cllr S. Hall Seconder: Cllr C. Dunn All in favour

b) To discuss past and future events - Ref: 2286

as above

9 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 2287

a) Village Council Magazine - Ref: 2288

The June magazine had now been distributed and had received some favourable comments. The next magazine is planned for early September with submissions to be provided by the end of August.

b) Highway Scheme - Minor repairs and improvements - Ref: 2289

A request for highway ideas to utilise a budget of £15000 had been received from NELC with the budget being across the borough.

Suggestions to be submitted would include safety signage along Cooks Lane, repainting of The Avenue, bollards along Woad Lane near the railway station and yellow lines at the junction of Holme Farm Close.

c) To discuss storage units at the Venue in the Village - Ref: 2290

The Clerk submitted a report and following a discussion it was resolved to accept the storage units with a maximum potential spend of £1100 for the units subject to the requirement for planning permission to be checked.

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

d) To discuss proposed closure of Great Coates Nursery School - Ref: 2291

The Clerk outlined the consultation process and that a fact finding meeting had been held with Great Coates Nursery attended by Cllr K. Green, Cllr J. Masterton and the Clerk together with ward councillors and governors. The head, Mrs S. Bate, gave a brief presentation.

It was resolved to support the campaign to keep the nursery school open.

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

Following the resolution the Clerk advised that he would circulate a document providing a starting point to the objection and invited councillors to submit any comments as a matter of urgency in view of the consultation closing on 7th July.

e) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 2292

6879 - Policy Review: Communications Policy

8582 - Policy review: Complaints Procedure

9156 - Policy Review: Abusive, Persistent or Vexatious Complaints Policy

9378 - Policy Review: Member and Officer Protocol Policy

It was resolved to adopt all of the above policies

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

20343 - Vehicle Access to The Village Hall

The proposed date of works to commence in June has been delayed as the road closure permit had not been received from NELC.

The new proposed date was now 21st August 2023.

22438 - Railway Blocking The Crossing

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The new trains were now moving forward but unfortunately, not quite enough to activate the plate to lift the barriers.

Network Rail were to investigate whether the train can be moved slight further forward ti activate the plate but it was a possibility that this couldn't happen so it may a case of the crossing continually being blocked whilst trains stop at Great Coates. It was noted that the new trains are in fact a significant improvement to the old ones.

10 Clerk's Report - Correspondence Received - Ref: 2293

None received

11 Planning applications and decisions received - Ref: 2294

None received

12 Next meeting will be Thursday 27/07/23 at 7 pm - Ref: 2295

Items for the agenda by 19/07/23

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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