

**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 25 January 2024**

Present: Cllr K. Green (Chair), Cllr J. Masterton, Cllr C. Dunn, Cllr L. Cutting, Cllr M. Stewart, Cllr K. Redgrift,  
Cllr S. Hall,

In Attendance: C. Thomas (Clerk), Cllr S. Holland (NELC),

Members of public present: 0

- 1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 2496**  
Cllr C. Barber  
Cllr L. Downes (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: 2497**  
None
- 3 Public Session - Ref: 2498**  
No members of the public present.
- 4 To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 2499**
  - a) Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 2500**  
56 crimes were reported within the Freshney LPT of which 6 were in Great Coates being 4xother and 2xharrassment.
  - b) Reports by Unitary Councillors - Ref: 2501**  
Cllr S. Holland advised that he was in discussions with Officers regarding highway improvements in Great Coates that had been promised but not included in future plans. He also provided updates on the nursery, local plan and devolution consultations.  
Councillors felt it was important to hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss the council's response to both consultations.
- 5 To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 21/12/23 - Ref: 2502**  
It was resolved to approve these as a true record.  
Proposed: Cllr K. Redgrift Seconder: Cllr K. Green All in favour
- 6 Finance Report - Ref: 2503**
  - a) Financial report for period ending 31/12/23 - Ref: 2504**  
The Clerk had previously circulated the accounting statements for the period ending 31/12/23.  
It was resolved to approve these as a true record.  
Proposed: Cllr J. Masterton Seconder: Cllr L. Cutting All in favour
  - b) To approve Schedule of payments - Ref: 2505**  
The Schedule of Payments had not been circulated. This matter was deferred to the following meeting.
  - c) To mention National Minimum Wage increase effective April 2024 - Ref: 2506**  
The Clerk advised councillors of the increase of 84p/hr in the minimum wage would affect council employees and was a statutory increase effective from April 2024.
- 7 Reports from commitees of the Village Council - Ref: 2507**
  - a) Personnel Committee - Ref: 2508**  
No meetings had taken place
  - b) Great Coates in Bloom Committee - Ref: 2509**  
Cllr M. Stewart informed councillors that Great Coates in Bloom had been nominated as a finalist in Britain in Bloom 2024 - a fantastic achievement having received two consecutive gold awards. This was on the back of

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another nomination from East Midlands Railway and Barton to Cleethorpes Rail Partnership for a Community Rail Award.

Work would commence on 29/01/24 to enlarge the King Charles III Garden at the railway station. The cart in The Avenue would need some repairs in the coming months and thanks were extended to Bush Tyres who kindly repaired the tyres on the trolleys free of charge.

A tree had been planted in the hall grounds in memory of T E Lawrance.

It was proposed that the Council pay for the plaque for this tree. Proposer: Cllr K. Green Second: Cllr J. Masterton All in favour

## 8 **Village Events - Ref: 2510**

Cllr S. Hall summarised the events planned for 2024 and event leads advised on plans for events they were leading.

It was resolved to increase the budget for the Casino Evening by £200 to £850.

Ideas were requested from councillors for the summer fete to be brought to the next meeting.

## 9 **Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 2511**

### a) **Village Council Magazine - Ref: 2512**

The Clerk advised that he was aiming for the March magazine to be ready by 23rd February to be distributed 28/29 February. If this deadline was not met the magazine would be distributed mid March.

### b) **External Hall lighting (LC) - Ref: 2513**

It was agreed to monitor external hall lighting to ensure it is lit up until 11 pm most evenings.

### c) **Review Tracking Report - Ref: 2514**

2082 - Policy Review: Community Engagement - Statement of Intent

It was resolved to adopt the above policy

Proposer: Cllr J. Masterton Second: Cllr L. Cutting All in favour

20647 - Storage Area

Planning permission had now been submitted.

20874 - Parking on Holme Farm Close / Woad Lane Junction

No further progress. Awaiting NELC Highways.

23020 - Footpath Along Woad Lane

A video walk of this path would be taken and submitted with a formal request that NELC take action.

## 10 **Clerk's Report - Relevant Correspondence Received - Ref: 2515**

### a) **Social Media: Dog mess / Bird scaring - Ref: 2516**

A complaint had been received regarding excessive dog mess within the village expressing that she spent 70% of the time on the road.

Councillors felt that this was not the case confirmed by the litter pick teams who walk the village every Monday.

A complaint had been received regarding the recent bird scaring activities. Cllr Cutting had also received a complaint. Some felt we couldn't win as a few months ago complaints were received about excessive birds.

The Clerk summarised legislation that bird scaring was perfectly legal but should only be used when justified, not sound more than 4 times an hour, not used before sunrise or after sunset, position so not to point towards or close to residential properties and was not a statutory nuisance. There was not set definition of a statutory nuisance but case law had defined this as a "material interference with the comfort and enjoyment of another's home".

## 11 **Planning applications and decisions received - Ref: 2517**

### a) **Planning: DM/ 1226 /23/DEM - RWE Grimsby CHP Moody Lane Grimsby North East Lincolnshire - Ref: 2518**

Prior notification to demolish existing Combined Heat and Power Station including all buildings and associated



plant, equipment and structures above ground(23070)  
No objections.

**12**      **Next meeting will be Thursday 22/02/24 at 7 pm - Ref: 2519**  
Items for the agenda by 14/02/24

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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