

# GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Great Coates Village Council held in the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014

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Present

**Councillors:** S Souter Smith (Chair); Ms L Cutting; Mrs S Thomas; Mr J Masterton; K Redgrift; G Mumby

**Officers:** J Mansfield

**APOLOGIES** N Wherrett

**Public** 8 members of the public were present.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**DISPENSATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC SESSION:** Issue raised over belief that there was increased rubbish possibly caused by local industries and exacerbated by a lack of litter picker. Chair advised the Clerk would contact local companies

**14/62 CONFIRMATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES**

Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Resolved** That the minutes were approved as a correct record.

**14/63 TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.**

None

**14/64 REPORTS BY UNITARY COUNCILLORS**

None. Ward Councillors had given their apologies.

**14/65 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

2 Councillors gave feedback from their attendance at the ERNLCCA AGM

**14/66 VILLAGE HALL HIRE CHARGES**

The arrangement below was agreed following a discussion:.

**Resolved** "that a hire charge of £15 per hour is implemented for all hirers with half an hour free time either side of the hire period of 1 hour, and this is to take effect for new bookings from 1<sup>st</sup> October and for regular pre-booked users from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015".

**14/67 GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The Council received an update from NELC. "Stephen McGrath, Team Manager (Electoral Services and Scrutiny) from North East Lincolnshire Council, advised that the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel had considered an update on Great Coates Village Council's compliance with the Community Governance Review recommendations at its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

At that meeting, Members agreed that recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 had been fully complied with. There remained, relating to recommendations 2.3 and 2.4, a concern about the financial sustainability of the Village Council over the next few years; and how the new parish councillors' induction and future further councillors' training and development would be provided and funded.

Furthermore, the Panel agreed that all actions on ERNLLCA's action plan had either been completed, were being complied with or plans were in place to address them.

Upon being put to the vote, the Panel agreed the following recommendation:

"That subject to Great Coates Village Council demonstrating financial sustainability over the next few years and providing reassurance over Parish Councillor training, Full Council [at North East Lincolnshire Council] be asked to confirm that the requirements of the Community Governance Review have been complied with".

**Resolved** That the feedback be noted.

**14/68 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The Council considered appropriate arrangements for this day

**Resolved** That the Clerk organise a wreath.

**14/69 CHRISTMAS**

The Clerk considered plans for the festive season.

**Resolved** That the Council would support the request from Great Coates Community Group to provide a tree and party (6 Dec) for the village. The Clerk to arrange the refund of £110 by cheque.

**14/70 VILLAGE HALL INSURANCE**

The Council were updated on the outstanding invoice

**Resolved** The Clerk will organise payment of the invoice

14/71

NELC REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLANS

The Council received a consultative e-mail from NELC

**Resolved**

That the existing arrangements were satisfactory and accessible. The Clerk to respond as required to NELC

Meeting ended 19.35hrs

Signed.  
Chair of Council

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