

GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Great Coates Village Council held in the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, 23rd October 2014

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 12 members of the public were present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Thomas declared an interest ref the Co-option candidate

DISPENSATIONS: None

PUBLIC SESSION: Residents queried financial issues and the war memorial. Clerk confirmed that Great Coates Community Group would receive a cheque on the night as agreed at previous Council meeting. Chair confirmed that there was financial information on the website and that the war memorial was an agenda item

14/72 CONFIRMATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of 25th September 2014

Resolved That the minutes will be approved as a correct record after the meeting.

14/73 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Karl Green introduced himself and the Council voted in acceptance

Resolved that Karl Green is co-opted and welcomed to the Council

14/74 APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.

None

14/75 REPORTS BY UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Sutton updated all present on NELC arrangements ref local flooding; the on-going NELC budgetary process, including the proposed library closures, and asked any residents with concerns to stay behind to discuss them.

14/76

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Cllr Thomas updated on the visit from FOCUS who were advised on the Village facilities.

Resolved

to note for information

14/77

VILLAGE HALL HIRE CHARGES

A discussion took place following the previous submission of a Rescission Notice. The arrangement below was agreed following a discussion:.

Resolved

“that a hire charge of £15 per hour is implemented for all hirers, with 15 minutes free time prior to hire period starting to set up and 20 minutes after the hire period to allow for clearing up for private parties of 2 or more hours, and this is all to take effect for new bookings immediately and for regular pre-booked users from 1st Jan 2015”.

14/78

VILLAGE HALL EQUIPMENT

As the Hall continues to be used more facilities are being identified that are needed to meet the needs of the users. The Council discussed 3 separate elements, External lights; Bins; Cigarette Butt Container/Sand Buckets

Resolved

That Cllr Masterton is dealing with the external lights; that Cllr Thomas will work with the Clerk to look at other suppliers; that the Clerk will order a receptacle to deal with cigarette butts

14/79

WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk has contacted the original architect ref the possibility of resubmitting the application (which has been approved by the War Memorials Trust) for a different location, and is awaiting a costed response.

Resolved

That the Clerk will continue with this and the Chair will contact Sutton Estates to ask about the freehold of the site at a later date once planning permission has been granted.

14/80

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered 3 applications.

Resolved

The Council has no comment on either of the applications DM/1045/14/FUL and DM/1066/14/FUL. Ref the third for Plot C , Great Coates Industrial Park, Moody Lane, it was agreed that the Clerk will send a response to NELC noting that as the facility will result in an increase in commuting traffic through the village that the Council look to prioritise the improvement of the traffic flow through the village which already is a major issue and will only be made worse if this proposed development takes place.

14/81

CLERK UPDATE

The Council were updated on the current position. Dave Jackson had

previously been acting as interim Clerk in a voluntary capacity until his resignation from this on 18.09.14. The Council wanted to thank him for all his hard work and support. Jane Mansfield is formally confirmed in the substantive post from 17.10.14

Resolved The Council will organise relevant paperwork

14/71 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS
The Council received the Schedule of Payments

Resolved The Council agreed the contents of the Schedule

Meeting ended 19.35hrs

Signed.
Chair of Council
