

GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Great Coates Village Council held at 7pm in the Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, 23rd April 2015

Present

- Councillors:** S Souter Smith (Chair); Mr J Masterton; Mr K Redgrift; Mr G Mumby; Ms L Cutting; Mrs S Thomas; Mr K Green
- Officers:** D Godfrey
- APOLOGIES** Councillor Mr N Wherrett
- NELC Councillors** Apologies were received from Cllr. Sutton; Cllr Barber who were both attending a meeting of NELC.
- Public** 5 members of the public were present.
- Police** PCSO Widgery
- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
- There were no declarations of interest
- DISPENSATIONS:**
- There were no dispensations
- PUBLIC SESSION:**
- The following issue was raised by members of the public.
- 15/01** A request was made regarding the proposed site of the war memorial as it was felt it should be in the grounds of the village hall.
- The chair replied that it needed to be accessible to anyone who wished to attend the site and by placing it in the grounds it would not be visible to anyone passing the site. A decision was made to position it in the area next to the fencing but set back to allow sufficient space for visitors to attend the area. A plan of the site was displayed for attendees to view at the meeting.
- 15/02** **CONFIRMATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES**
- Meeting of 26th March 2015
- Resolved** The minutes were approved and adopted as a true record.
- 15/03** **TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.**
- There had been no Committee meetings held and nothing to report
- 15/04** **REPORTS BY UNITARY COUNCILLORS**
- Nothing to Report
- 15/06** **REPORTS FROM HUMBERSIDE POLICE**
- PCSO Widgery from Freshney Neighbourhood Policing Team reported that there had been 9 crimes reported to the force since the last meeting of Great

Coates village Council. She reminded everyone to keep vehicles secure and property should be kept out of sight when vehicles were left unattended. Members of the public are reminded that the non emergency number for Police is now 101

15/07

REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

- a) The clerk reported that he had attended the North East Lincolnshire District Committee meeting of the East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire Local Councils Association on behalf of Great Coates Council on the 16th April 2015.

The main issues discussed were an update on the Transparency Code for small Councils and the local Councils Award Scheme in addition to questions about the forthcoming election. It was felt that the Council should work towards applying for the Foundation award in 6 to 9 months time when the new councillors and the clerk had received the appropriate training.

- b) The clerk also attended a meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks held at Withernsea on 21st April 2015.

Again the main issues of discussion being the forthcoming election and procedures to be adopted the one issue that affects Great Coates Council is the forthcoming changes in 2016 in relation to pensions that all staff employed by a Council have to be recorded on the Government website as employees who wish to avail themselves or opt out of the pension scheme available from 2016.

15/08

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications to consider

15/09

WAR MEMORIAL

The clerk advised that Hodson's architects are requesting a decision as to if the Council wished to proceed to the planning stage..

Proposed

That Hodson's are to proceed with option 2 that had previously been agreed at the meeting on the 28th February (minute 14/117) to the planning stage.

Resolved

That Hodson's be advised to proceed.

15/10

CHRISTMAS TREE

Cllr Thomas proposed that local companies and the Ward Councillors be approached to seek donations for the Christmas tree and the village hall event, if unsuccessful Great Coates Village Council to consider providing the funding needed. In addition a date for the booking needs to be agreed and reserved in the diary.

15/11

VILLAGE HALL SIGN

The clerk advised he had requested a village hall sign to be provided at no cost to the council by NELC.

15/12

OUTSTANDING ISSUES UPDATES

- a. Minute 14/123 26th March 2015, the clerk visited the member of the public and viewed the area, it was confirmed that trees were affecting the boundary fencing there was no damage at this time. The issue has been reported by the clerk to the trees officer of NELC in order that the whole area is reviewed before a quote can be obtained for the removal of any tree and maintenance of the area.
- b. Minute 14/80 23rd October 2014 the clerk had received an update regarding the objection raised about the proposed development of plot C at the corner of Woad Lane/Moody Lane submitted in November 2015. This update provided further information on traffic flows and the company acting on behalf of the applicant had requested that as the impact was so small that the objection be removed.

Proposed That NELC Planning be advised that the traffic flow census conducted related to 2013 and that there was a further proposal in the North East Lincolnshire area plan that to allow traffic from Immingham to use the road that runs past Courtauld's which will have a further impact on the village and they should note the objection from Great Coates Village Council.

Resolved The clerk to advise NELC Planning of the objection raised concerning the likely increase in traffic flows

15/13

FINANCE REPORT

(i) Finance Report

The Clerk reported on the financial situation to date and raised a number of issues that required a decision by Council.

- a) There was a requirement to purchase a lawnmower and strimmer with safety equipment, the clerk requests a budget of £380 in order to purchase the items and authority to obtain the signatures of two Councillors prior to the next meeting in May in order that he can be reimbursed.

Proposed That a budget of £380 be allocated to purchase the equipment required and the clerk be reimbursed prior to the next meeting of Council on the authority of two Councillors.

Resolved Budget agreed and authority to reimburse prior to the next meeting of Council.

- b) There was prior authority given for a budget of £400 to be allocated for the purchase of a computer and printer the clerk requests that he be allowed to purchase the items needed and authority to obtain the signatures of two Councillors prior to the next meeting in May in order that he can be reimbursed.

Proposed That authority be given to purchase the equipment required and the clerk be reimbursed prior to the next meeting of Council on the authority of two Councillors.

Resolved Budget agreed and authority to reimburse prior to the next meeting of Council.

- c) The clerk requested that future payments to utility companies be paid by Direct Debit as it assists in managing the budget and ensures they are paid on time. For this meeting authority was sought for water rates and electricity to be paid by this method a request has been made for the gas Direct Debit which is yet to arrive.

Proposed That the utility bills for water and electricity be paid monthly by Direct Debits.

Resolved Agreed payments to be made by this method and Direct Debit mandates signed..

(ii) Village Hall – Topcon Final Payment

Dealt with as part of the schedule of payments presented to Council

(iii) Schedule of Payments

The Council received the Schedule of Payments

Resolved The Council agreed the contents of the Schedule

Meeting ended 7.50 pm

Signed.
Chair of Council
