

GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of Great Coates Village Council held at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall,
Cooks Lane, Great Coates 28th May 2015

Present

Councillors: Mrs S Thomas (Chair); Mr J Masterton; Mr K Redgrift; Mr K Green;
Mrs D Bradwell; Mrs Y Prest; Mr N Wherrett; Mr G Mumby

Officers: D Godfrey

APOLOGIES Ms L Cutting

NELC Councillors Apologies were received from Cllr. Sutton and Cllr Barber.

Public 5 members of the public were present.

Police No Police were present

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest

DISPENSATIONS:

There were no dispensations

15/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Full meeting of Council held on the 23rd April 2015 and of the Annual meeting of Council held on the 18th May were accepted as true and correct records of that which took place.

15/22 PUBLIC SESSION:

No issues raised.

15/23 CO-OPTION OF APPLICANTS TO FILL VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL

M. Neil Wherrett attended the meeting and stated his willingness to serve as a Councillor, there was no other applicants present and the clerk stated that he had not had any communication from any other individual regarding the vacancy for Councillor.

Proposed That Neil Wherrett be Co-Opted onto the Council.

Resolved Neil Wherrett was Co-Opted and signed the declaration of acceptance in the presence of the clerk the responsible officer.

15/24 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nothing to report as no committee meetings had been held

15/25 REPORTS BY HUMBERSIDE POLICE:

No police officer was in attendance and no reports had been received.

- 15/26** **REPORTS BY UNITARY COUNCILLORS:**
- Apologies had been received from the unitary Councillors who were attending a meeting of NELC.
- 15/27** **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**
- Nothing to report as no meetings had been held.
- 15/28** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**
- There were no planning applications to consider however the clerk raised the issue of planning applications being received shortly after meetings and due to the turnaround times of applications it was too late to bring them to Council for consideration. The clerk had spoken to the planning department and they had advised that each application should be considered on its own and a request made if necessary to put a hold on an application if it was anticipated that the Council had objections.
- Proposed** That the clerk circulate any notification of planning applications received by email to Councillors who will then advise if the Village Council wishes to put a hold on an application in order that it can be considered at the next Council meeting.
- Resolved** The clerk to email details of all planning applications to Councillors.
- 15/29** **WAR MEMORIAL**
- The clerk advised that the agreed planning application had not yet been progressed as the person dealing had been otherwise committed however it was now being progressed to the planning stage.
- 15/30** **CHRISTMAS EVENT**
- The clerk advised that he had consulted with a representative of the Great Coates Community Group (GCCG) and agreed the date this being the 5th December and the hall had been reserved from 5 pm until 9 pm that day. The GCCG were willing to stage the event if required as they had done the previous year.
- Resolved** That council invites different groups to work together with the councillors to make this event a great success and the volunteer councillors to update fellow councillors with the progress.
- 15/31** **HALL ACOUSTICS**
- This was an ongoing issue further research needed to be carried out into what could be done to carry out remedial action. It was thought that the Planning Department Inspectors at NELC may be able to give advice on the requirements.
- There was a request made as to if the contribution offered by GCCG (minute 14/101) to contribute £200 towards the boards had been paid to the Council, the clerk advised that at this time no contribution had been received.
- Proposed** That the clerk contact the GCCG to establish if the payment offered would be paid to the Council.
- Resolved** The clerk to contact GCCG.
- 15/32** **FINANCE REPORT**
- (i) Update on finance

The clerk who is also the Responsible Finance Officer for the Council had previously circulated details of the financial situation which continues to improve due to the revenue generated by the Village Hall.

(ii) Review of Budget Figures for 2015/16

The clerk reported advised that the budget for 2015/16 needed to be reviewed as it did not reflect the income generated and the commitments throughout the financial year. Issues of note included a commitment to the upkeep of the land at the rear of Allington Drive leading to Newlands Avenue which was now a concern. There was also a need to look at budget allocations for the War Memorial and staff costs, in the case of a number of budget headings this only meant the reallocation of funding not an increase in overall spending. The 2015/16 budget had been allocated based on an income generated by the hall set at a level prior to increased charges being introduced.

Proposed

That Council approve the quote already received to rectify the issues raised for the land that runs between Allington Drive and Newlands Avenue.

Resolved

That the Council approved the quote received as it was a Health and Safety issue which would only get worse the longer it was delayed. Further discussion on how to manage the area to take place at further meetings of Council.

Proposed

That the budget figures be reviewed for 2015/16

Resolved

The agreed budget figures for 2015/16 are to be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting of Council.

(iii) Review of Financial Regulations.

A review of the Regulations took place and subject to minor alterations to the document wording that do affect the Regulations themselves the document will be presented for approval at the next meeting of Council.

(iv) Update of Signatures for banking arrangements

Forms had been distributed by the clerk these needed to be completed by the new signatories and submitted together with the change request following the next meeting of Council.

(v) To approve the Schedule of payments

The schedule of payments had been circulated by the clerk prior to the meeting these were approved.

Meeting ended 9 pm

Signed.

Chair of Council

Dates of future meetings all to be held at Great Coates Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates:

Great Coates Village Council Thursday 25th June 2015 at 7 pm
