

# GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL

Minutes of Great Coates Village Council held at 7 pm in the Village Hall, Cooks Lane,  
Great Coates 26th November 2015

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Present

**Councillors:** Mrs. S Thomas; Mr. K Redgrift; Ms. L Cutting; Mrs. D Bradwell; Mr. G Mumby; Mr. J. Masterton; Mr. N Wherrett

**Officer:** D Godfrey Clerk

**APOLOGIES** Councillors Mrs. Y Prest; Mr. K Green; Humberside Police.

**NELC Councillors** Apologies submitted Cliff Barber; Ray Sutton.

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

**Police** Apologies sent written report submitted

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Mr. J. Masterton declared an interest in item 10 (i).

**DISPENSATIONS:** There were no dispensations.

**15/90 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

The minutes of the Full meeting of Council held on the 22nd October 2015 were accepted as true and correct records of that which took place.

**15/91 PUBLIC SESSION:**

**Proposed** Request from member of the public that one of the notice boards be re-sited at the front of the hall.

**Resolved** As the proposal would need planning permission and expenditure the Council would consider the request in its December budget meeting.

Complaints received from members of the public regarding the number of HGV vehicles using the village as a short cut to the Humber Bank.

**Resolved** The Clerk to contact NELC highways department.

An update on the reintroduction of the village newsletter was requested.

**Resolved** As previously advised this was to be discussed at the December budget meeting.

The 30 mile an hour speed sign situated near to the school was not working and concerns were expressed about the speed of vehicles driving through the village. It was suggested in common with other locations that a 20 mph limit was more appropriate.

**Resolved** The Clerk to contact NELC highways department.

**15/92 COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The minutes of the Personnel Committee were accepted as a true record and the recommendations contained within it relating to Public Complaints and Grievance Procedures were adopted by Council.

15/93

**REPORTS BY HUMBERSIDE POLICE:**

Report received from Humberside Police read out by the Chair of Council,  
A total of 5 crimes have been reported:

- 1 x Attempted Burglary in a dwelling – Woad Lane
- 1 x Assault on a constable – Station Road
- 1 x Theft from motor vehicle – Meadowbank
- 1 x Common assault & battery – Meadowbank
- 1 x Criminal Damage – Station Road
- 1 x Anti Social Behaviour – Ferndown. A Group of youths damaging hedge and running round in garden.

The chair reported that residents should be aware that following a number of attempt burglaries that markings on lampposts had been found near the property these appear to be a cryptic code to indicate potential targets for criminal activity. Residents should be aware and report any suspicions to the police.

15/94

**REPORTS BY UNITARY COUNCILLORS:**

No reports.

15/95

**REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

The Chair of Council reported that she had attended the Freshney Forward meeting in October when the Police Commissioner attended, issues of concern were raised by residents of the Freshney Ward the only issue directly related to Great Coates being the War Memorial.

15/96

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

No planning applications had been received by Council.

15/97

**WAR MEMORIAL**

The Chair of Council along with the Clerk and Ward Councillor Ray Sutton attended a meeting with NELC earlier that day to discuss the options available with the intention that the memorial be reinstated within the village as soon as possible.

While previous decisions had been made by Council to reinstate the memorial within the grounds of the village hall the costs involved were high and further options were being considered to ensure the costs did not impact on residents of Great Coates.

The options available were the Village Hall, St. Nicholas Church, and the area of land opposite the church. The option of affixing the memorial to the school was discussed and NELC has agreed to pursue this possibility and establish if it fell within permitted development and report back to Great Coates Council before the next meeting to be held on the 17th December 2015. Council will then seek the views of residents as to their preferred option.

**Proposed**

Further discussion was required by Council in relation to the breach of planning that took place in removing the memorial from the Reading Room wall and to what action can be taken against those responsible. It was proposed that this be an exempt item for discussion at the end of the public meeting.

**Resolved**

To be discussed as an exempt item after the public session.

**15/98 CHRISTMAS TREE EVENT UPDATE - VOLUNTEERS**

Great Coates Community Group (GCCG) gave an update and requested that volunteers would be very welcome to assist on the day. They were of the need to obtain insurance for the event and this was in hand. The Village Hall would be open from 6 pm and all are welcome.

**15/99 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

An internal audit had been carried out by the appointed auditor who has stated that all recommendations made by the external auditors appeared to have been implemented by the end of the first quarter. It was important that procedures and controls that have been implemented become integrated into the culture of the Council.

**Resolved** That thanks be given to the Clerk and the external auditor for the work carried out to date.

**15/100 VILLAGE HALL**

i) The Clerk had circulated a quote for consideration in the December budget meeting for improved lighting to be erected outside the hall as it was considered to be necessary to illuminate the car park area for the benefit of those attending the hall and the safety of the Caretakers.

**Resolved** To be considered in the December budget meeting.

ii) Council were advised that the new tables had been received.

**15/101 TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK**

**Proposed** Due to the retirement of the present Clerk it was recommended by the Personnel Committee that the appointment of the new Clerk be approved.

**Resolved** Appointment approved.

**15/102 FINANCE REPORT**

(i) To receive an update on finance from the Clerk.

The Clerk reported on the financial situation which remains healthy.

(ii) To approve the Schedule of Payments

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

**Part 2: Private Session**

**15/103 PUBLIC COMPLAINT - Private Property left in the Village Hall.**  
Legal advice being sought by Council as a member of ERNLLCA.

**15/104 WAR MEMORIAL - Breach of Planning Conditions**  
Legal advice being sought by Council as a member of ERNLLCA.

Meeting ended 8.45 pm

**Dates of future meetings all to be held at Great Coates Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates:  
Great Coates Village Council – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7 pm**

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