

**Minutes of the Great Coates Village Council held at 7.00 pm
at the Venue in the Village, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Grimsby, DN37 9NW on 27 March 2025**

Present: Cllr K. Green (Chair), Cllr J. Masterton, Cllr L. Cutting, Cllr M. Stewart, Cllr K. Redgrift, Cllr S. Hall,
Cllr A. Mathews,
In Attendance: C. Thomas (Clerk), Cllr S. Holland (NELC), Cllr P. Bright (NELC),
Members of public present: 0

- 1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 2940**
Cllr C. Dunn
- 2 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 - being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members Register of Interests. - Ref: 2941**
None
- 3 Public Session - Ref: 2942**
No members of the public present
- 4 To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 2943**
 - a) Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 2944**
The Freshney Local Policing Team reported 69 offences of which 5 were in Great Coates being 1x assault, 2x theft, 1x criminal damage and 1x burglary.
 - b) Reports by Unitary Councillors - Ref: 2945**
Cllr S. Holland reported on the Government review of local councils and the potential scenarios/impact.
Cllr P. Bright advised of The Mayor of North East Lincolnshire's 24 hr litter pick.
- 5 To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 20/02/25 - Ref: 2946**
It was resolved to approve these as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr J. Masterton Seconded: Cllr K. Redgrift All in favour
- 6 Finance Report - Ref: 2947**
 - a) Financial report for period ending 28/02/25 - Ref: 2948**
The Clerk had previously circulated the accounting statements for the period ending 28th February 2025.
It was resolved to approve these as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr K. Green Seconded: Cllr K. Redgrift All in favour
 - b) To approve Schedule of payments - Ref: 2949**
It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments totalling £12661.83.
Proposed: Cllr K. Redgrift Seconded: Cllr J. Masterton All in favour
- 7 Reports from committees of the Village Council - Ref: 2950**
 - a) Personnel Committee - Ref: 2951**
The Personnel Committee had met and finalised the Clerks appraisal.
 - b) Great Coates in Bloom Committee - Ref: 2952**
Cllr M. Stewart confirmed that summer planting would commence mid June and themed red/white/blue.
The group were also improving the area at the junction of Allington Drive where the resident has taken down significant shrubbery.
He also asked if enquiries could be made as to why Ernest Reeves name was not on the village war memorial.
Enquiries would be made by the Clerk.
- 8 Village Events - Ref: 2953**
Plans were discussed for events through 2025 including the Summer Fayre and Scarecrow Weekend.

Signature:

It was resolved to allocate £1200 to the New Year budget with the hope that this event would pay for itself. Tickets would be increased to £17.50 each.

Proposed: Cllr J. Masterton Seconded: Cllr K. Green All in favour

9 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 2954

a) Village Council Magazine - Ref: 2955

The Clerk confirmed that the June magazine will be delayed to mid June.

b) Dog Fouling (LC) - Ref: 2956

Cllr Cutting raised concerns about dog fouling in the village. It was agreed to place new signage around the village and undertake a social media campaign together with patrols to monitor the situation.

It was resolved to allocate £150 to costs.

Proposed: Cllr L. Cutting Seconded: Cllr J. Masterton All in favour

c) Village Sign highlighting In Bloom success - Ref: 2957

It was resolved to purchase two signs for either end of the village at a cost of £154.83 each.

Proposed: Cllr J. Masterton Seconded: Cllr K. Green All in favour

d) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 2958

6371 - Policy Review: Data Protection Policy

6376 - Policy Review: Social Media Policy

6379 - Policy Review: GDPR - Privacy Policy

22432 - Policy Review: Risk Register Policy

It was resolved to approve all the above policies

Proposer: Cllr K. Redgrift Seconded: Cllr K. Green All in favour

23020 - Footpath along Woad lane

No further progress had been made although limited work had been undertaken along various areas.

It had also been noted that surveyors had been out marking numerous areas of both pavement and roads along Woad Lane.

23881 - Drainage In Village Potential Flooding Risk

NELC had undertaken surveys and camera analysis of the drains. No major issues were identified although a non return valve could assist which would need installing by Anglian Water. This cannot be instigated through the Council but must be requested by affected residents.

It was agreed to write to potentially affected residents giving them details to make this request.

e) Waste at Venue in the Village - Ref: 2959

Concerns were raised regarding waste around the bin at the Venue in the Village.

The Clerk explained the process of waste collection and to increase collections would increase costs by £1000. Staff were doing what they could to alleviate waste around the bin but on occasions circumstances beyond our control created the problem for which we had limited options.

f) Hall Maintenance - Ref: 2960

Concerns were raised that some minor repairs had not been undertaken at the hall and a damaged table had been re-used.

The Clerk confirmed that small jobs were saved to make it worthwhile and to justify bringing in a handyman. Some jobs were also not known to the Clerk and emphasised that he needed to be advised rather than assume he was aware. This also applied to any damaged furniture were this was returned to the store without being informed.

g) Chairs at Venue in the Village - Ref: 2961

It was agreed that the chairs needed to be replaced but limited funds precluded this at the moment. The Clerk confirmed that funds could be used from the 5 year capital project but consideration also need to be given to such things as the boiler which would need replacement at some point.

10 Clerk's Report - Relevant Correspondence Received - Ref: 2962

None

11 Planning applications and decisions received - Ref: 2963

a) Planning: DM/ 0146 /25/FUL - Great Coates House Cooks Lane Great Coates North East Lincolnshire - Ref: 2964

Erect single storey conservatory to rear(23920)

No objections

b) Planning: DM/0133/25/FUL - 22 Meadowbank Great Coates North East Lincolnshire DN37 9PG - Ref: 2965

Partial demolition of existing garage and demolition of existing conservatory to erect two storey side extension with garage at ground floor, erect single storey rear extension and various associated works(23943)

No objections

c) Planning: DM/ 0115 /25/SCO - Land Between A1136 And The A46 West Of Grimsby North East Lincolnshire, DN37 9NS - Ref: 2967

Request for EIA Scoping opinion for a Hybrid Planning Application

Concerns would be raised with NELC around potential flooding risk and traffic concerns.

d) Planning: DM/ 0155 /25/FUL - Church Farm 7 Station Road Great Coates North East Lincolnshire - Ref: 2968

Demolish existing brick and portal framed barns to erect nine residential dwellings including associated car ports, parking, private gardens, access roads and associated works.

Objections would be raised around additional traffic, flooding risk and over saturation of housing within the village.

11 Next meeting will be Thursday 24/04/25 at 7 pm - Ref: 2969

Items for the agenda by 16/04/25

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm