

**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 25 September**

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

- 1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 3089**
Cllr C. Walsh
- 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: 3090**
None
- 3 Public Session - Ref: 3091**
No members of the public present
- 4 To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 3092**
 - a) Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 3093**
Freshney LPT reported 78 crimes of which 4 were in Great Coates and 1 on the Industrial Estate.
 - b) Reports by Unitary Councillors - Ref: 3094**
No Ward Councillors were present.
- 5 To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 24/07/25 - Ref: 3095**
It was resolved to approve these as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr J. Masterton Seconded: Cllr K. Green All in favour
- 6 Finance Report - Ref: 3096**
 - a) To approve Accounting Statements for period ending 31/08/25 - Ref: 3097**
The Clerk has previously circulated the Accounting Statements for the period ending 31/08/25
Proposed: Cllr K. Green Seconded: Cllr L. Cutting All in favour
 - b) To approve Schedule of payments - Ref: 3098**
It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments totalling £16114.05
Proposed: Cllr C. Dunn Seconded: Cllr J. Masterton All in favour
 - c) To note pay award 2025/26 - Ref: 3099**
The National pay award was noted
 - d) To note conclusion of External Audit - Ref: 3100**
The conclusion of the External Audit was noted with no concerns raised.
 - e) To appoint Internal Auditor for 2025/26 - Ref: 3101**
It was resolved to agree to a 2 year commitment to Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils at a fee of £280 per annum.
Proposed: Cllr K. Green Seconded: Cllr K. Redgrift All in favour
- 7 Reports from committees of the Village Council - Ref: 3102**
 - a) Personnel Committee - Ref: 3103**
The Personnel Committee had met on 23/09/25 with no matters arising that needed to be brought to the Councils attention.
 - b) Great Coates in Bloom Committee - Ref: 3104**
Cllr M. Stewart confirmed that Cambridge Park Academy, who In Bloom work with, has achieved a Gold award at this years East Midlands in Bloom award ceremony. Several benches and box were due to be re-painted and

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that autumn panting was due to commence shortly.

8 Village Events - Ref: 3105

The Summer Fayre 2026 would be held on 15 or 22 August 26 subject to availability of vendors and entertainment. The date being confirmed at the next meeting.

9 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 3106

a) Village Council Magazine - Ref: 3107

The December magazine was planned for distribution the first weekend of December.

b) Memorial Bench & Tree in Hall Grounds - Ref: 3108

Cllr S. Hall had received a request from Blossom Home Care to create a memorial area including a tree and bench with all costs being covered. An annual memorial service would be held. Councillors were all in favour of the idea and Cllr Hall would meet with relevant parties to agree a location and bring it back to the next meeting.

c) 20 is Plenty campaign update and to agree purchase and installation locations for two speed indicator devices - Ref: 3109

The Clerk updated Councillors having received a positive response from NELC with data collection already started for a proposed 20 mph limit. New reactive speed signs with data capture capability had been received with thanks to funding from Humberside Police Commissioners Office and NELC,
Locations of the two new reactive speed signs were agreed being the first lamppost on the left hand side coming into Great Coates from the Industrial estate between Estate Road No 5 and Allington Drive and the second on the lamppost nearest to 31A Station Road.

It was resolved to purchase two Elan City Speed Indicator Devices at a cost of £5179.98 with funding of £2589.99 from Humberside PCC and £1295 from NELC.

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

d) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 3110

6369 - Policy Review: Health & Safety Policy

8577 - Policy Review: Dignity at Work Policy

8582 - Policy Review: Complaints Procedure

20856 - Policy Review: Safeguarding Policy

It was resolved to adopt all of the above policies

Proposer: Cllr J. Masterton Cllr K. Green All in favour

23020 - Footpath Along Woad Lane

The Clerk confirmed that following an unfortunate accident in July he had been informed that Officers were now actively looking at options to improve the pavement.

10 Clerk's Report - Relevant Correspondence Received - Ref: 3111

None

11 Planning applications and decisions received - Ref: 3112

None

**12 Next meeting will be Thursday 23/10/25 at 7 pm
Items for the agenda by 15/10/25 - Ref: 3113**

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm

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