

**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 26 February 2026**

Present: Cllr K. Green (Chair), Cllr J. Masterton, Cllr L. Cutting, 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**
To note the resignation of Cllr Mike Stewart - Ref: 3206
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: 3207**
None
- 3** **Public Session - Ref: 3208**
No members of the public present
- 4** **To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 3209**
 - a) Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 3210**
Freshney LPT reported 62 offences across the region with 3 in Great Coates and 3 on the Industrial Estate.
 - b) Reports by Unitary Councillors - Ref: 3211**
Cllrs S. Holland and P. Bright gave an update on the Grimsby West planning application and Local Government Organisation proposals.
- 5** **To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 18/12/25 - Ref: 3212**
It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr L. Cutting Seconded: Cllr S. Hall All in favour
- 6** **Finance Report - Ref: 3213**
 - a) Financial report for period ending 31/01/26 - Ref: 3214**
The Clerk had circulated the accounting statements ending 31/01/26.
Cllr L. Cutting queried the amount of money owed. The Clerk confirmed that the majority of funds owed was related to hall hirings in the future.
It was resolved to approve the statements as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr K. Green Seconded: Cllr J. Masterton All in favour
 - b) To approve Schedule of payments - Ref: 3215**
It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments totalling £8308.88.
Proposed: Cllr S. Hall Seconded: Cllr K. Green All in favour
 - c) To approve joining LALC Annual Training Scheme - Ref: 3216**
It was resolved to defer this until after the new clerk is appointed.
- 7** **Reports from committees of the Village Council - Ref: 3217**
 - a) Personnel Committee - Ref: 3218**
The Personnel Committee had met to discuss the Clerks vacancy and interviews were planned in the coming weeks.
 - b) Great Coates in Bloom Committee - Ref: 3219**
The Clerk explained that following the resignation of Cllr M. Stewart the committee was now lawful. However, the group continued to operate and wished to continue to operate and a Working Group was suggested with funding provided by the Council. This found favour with Councillors and a formal proposal and terms of reference would be presented to the next meeting.

These are draft minutes and have not been formally approved and adopted

8 Village Events - Ref: 3220

It was agreed to hold the Scarecrow Event on Sat 20 and Sun 21 June 2026.
It was resolved to hold a New Year event with the aim of securing artist for no more than £800.

Proposed: Cllr S. Hall Seconder: Cllr J. Masterton All in favour

9 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 3221

a) Village Council Magazine - Ref: 3222

The March magazine is expected to be distributed around 21 March.

b) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 3223

2079 - Policy Review: Internal Control System

2080 - Policy Review: Financial Regulations

2082 - Policy Review: Community Engagement - Statement of Intent

It was resolved to re-adopt the above 3 policies

Proposer: Cllr L. Cutting Seconder: Cllr S. Hall All in favour

23020 - Footpath Along Woad Lane

The footpath continues to deteriorate with minor repairs having been completed by NELC. The Ward Councillors together with GCVC would contact NELC again to request work is undertaken to improve the pavements and roads in the village.

10 Clerk's Report - Relevant Correspondence Received - Ref: 3224

None

11 Planning applications and decisions received - Ref: 3225

a) DM/1009/25/FUL - Land between A1136 and the A46 West of Grimsby, DN37 9NS - Ref: 3226

Hybrid planning application seeking: Outline application with all matters reserved except the link road access (see full application description below) for up to 3,500 dwellings, two mixed use local centres, associated open space, landscaping, infrastructure (including the link road bridge over the River Freshney) and services to include school facilities and care facilities for the elderly. Full permission for earthworks and strategic infrastructure provision to deliver development parcels on land to the South of the A 1136 and North of Aylesby Road, and to the North of the A46; and a detailed design of the proposed link road between the A 1136 and A46 including formation of the main access junctions onto the A 1136, the A46 and Aylesby Road (excluding details of the proposed road bridge over the River Freshney).

Concerns were raised with regards to the impact on Great Coates Village primarily around traffic, potential flooding, infrastructure of the village and overall need. It was resolved to formally object with the Clerk to prepare an objection and circulate to Councillors for final comment.

Proposed: Cllr K. Redgrift Seconder: Cllr L. Cutting All in favour

12 Next meeting will be Thursday 26/03/26 at 7 pm - Ref: 3227

Items for the agenda by 18/03/26

Meeting closed at 7.51 pm