

**Minutes of the Great Coates Village Council held at 7.00pm
at the Venue in the Village, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Grimsby, DN37 9NW on 26 March 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),
Members of public present: 2

- 1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 3229**
Cllrs P.Bright (NELC), S. Holland (NELC)
- 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: 3230**
None
- 3 Public Session - Ref: 3231**
A member of the public expressed disappointment at the Parish Councils response to parking issues on Newbury Avenue. The Clerk explained the Councils position in that we have no powers of enforcement and the matter lies with NELC or the Police. The Police Officer in attendance agreed to talk to him.
- 4 To receive any reports from external organisations - Ref: 3232**
 - a) Reports by Humberside Police - Ref: 3233**
Freshney LPT attended and confirmed that there had been 72 offences across the ward with 5 in Great Coates all of which was more of personal issue and did not affect the wider community.
 - b) Reports by Unitary Councillors - Ref: 3234**
No reports were available
- 5 To approve draft minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on 26/02/26 - Ref: 3235**
It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr K. Redgrift Seconded: Cllr S. Hall All in favour
- 6 Finance Report - Ref: 3236**
 - a) Financial report for period ending 28/02/26 - Ref: 3237**
The Clerk had previously circulated the accounting statements ending 28/02/26.
It was resolved to approve these as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr J. Masterton Seconded: Cllr L. Cutting All in favour
 - b) To approve Schedule of payments - Ref: 3238**
The schedule of payments totalling £10984.89 were approved.
Proposed: Cllr K.Green Seconded: Cllr J. Masterton All in favour
 - c) To note increase in minimum wage effective 1st April 2026 - Ref: 3239**
This was noted.
 - d) To review bank mandate - Ref: 3240**
It was resolved to add Hannah Hepworth, Sarah Hall and Ambily Matthews to the bank mandate.
It was resolved to remove Carl Thomas.
Proposed: Cllr K.Green Seconded: Cllr J. Masterton All in favour
- 7 Reports from committees of the Village Council - Ref: 3241**
 - a) Personnel Committee - Ref: 3242**
The Committee met to interview for a new Clerk and Hannah Hepworth was offered the role and accepted to start in 1st April 2026.

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

b) Great Coates in Bloom Committee

To discuss conversion to a Community Group - Ref: 3243

The Clerk presented a proposal to create a Great Coates in Bloom Community Group.

It was resolved to approve the Terms of Reference with the addition of the Council supporting grant funding applications.

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

8 Village Events - Ref: 3244

It was resolved to approve the following budgets for 2026 events:-

Scarecrow - £1000

Summer Fayre - £500

Christmas Event - £550

New Year Event - self funding with a £15 ticket charge.

Proposed: Cllr J. Masterton Seconded: Cllr A. Mathews All in favour

9 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action - Ref: 3245

a) Village Council Magazine - Ref: 3246

Cllr S. Hall agreed to continue with the magazine with assistance from Carl Thomas and Karl Green.

g) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 3247

6371 - Policy Review: Data Protection Policy

6376 - Policy Review: Social Media Policy

6379 - Policy Review: GDPR - Privacy Policy

22432 - Policy Review: Risk Register

24808 - Policy Review: Document Retention Policy

24811 - Policy Review: Data Breach Policy

Proposer: Cllr A. Matthews Seconded: Cllr K.Green All in favour

23020 - Footpath Along Woad Lane

The Clerk had written to NELC for an update but had not received a response.

10 Clerk's Report - Relevant Correspondence Received - Ref: 3248

None

11 Planning applications and decisions received - Ref: 3249

None

12 Next meeting will be Thursday 23/04/26 at 7 pm - Ref: 3250

Items for the agenda by 15/04/2026

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm