

GREAT MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Great Moulton Parish Council Ordinary Meeting
held in the Coronation Hall Carr Lane Great Moulton NR15 2LA
on Thursday 16 February 2023 at 19:00

Present: Cllrs Johnson-Allen, Chair, C Bailey Vice-Chair & Acting Clerk, K Bailey, Devlin, Hammond, House and Timms

Cllr B Duffin, County Cllr and Cllr S Ridley, District Cllr

There were three members of the public in attendance

1. Apologies for absence:

There were none.

2. To record Declarations of Interest from Council Members in any item to be discussed:

There were none.

3. To sign the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 12 January 2023

The Minutes were duly agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 12 January 2023

Cllr Hammond asked for clarification regarding the contradictory remarks concerning avian flu published in the Great Moulton Times. Cllr K Bailey explained that in one article from DEFRA we were asking people not to feed birds but in our wildlife report we were encouraging the feeding of birds during the winter months. Cllr Hammond gave her thanks for the explanation.

The Acting Clerk also confirmed that the Precept request had been lodged with SNDC and duly acknowledged.

5. Reports from County and District Councillors

County Councillors Report: Cllr Duffin reported that the County Council had received two grants, one regarding family hubs and the other air quality. He hoped he would be able to provide more detail at the next meeting.

Cllr Duffin also reported that the 'in principle' County deal was progressing and there would be 18 public meetings around the county, and he would send details to the Acting Clerk. If people cannot attend in person there will also be a web link available for details.

With regard to the Integrated Care System there is currently a bus travelling the county to help people with healthcare but there are no visits local to the village.

District Councillors Report: Cllr Ridley reported that the SNDC budget setting meeting would take place on 22 February 2023 with their part of the Council Tax being frozen at last years amount. Also reported was the availability of grants in connection with Coronation parties etc.

6. To note the dog bin outside the Coronation Hall is in place

The Acting Clerk reported the dog bin had been in place since shortly after the January meeting and had been placed on SNDC's emptying schedule.

7. Noticeboard – to receive an update from the Acting Clerk

The noticeboard had been ordered and the Acting Clerk had approved the artwork so the noticeboard could be made. She informed Council the noticeboard should be delivered within two weeks.

8. To discuss and resolve, if necessary, any plans for the Coronation of King Charles III

The Chair reported he had been in conversation with the Chair of the Coronation Hall Committee who would like to hold an old-fashioned Afternoon Tea Party on the afternoon of Sunday 7 May. As the Hall is for both Aslacton and Great Moulton it would be good if both Councils were involved, and Aslacton Parish Council would be approached to see if they are interested. More details of this will follow as soon as they are available.

The Chair also asked Cllr Hammond if she was still in possession of the second bench that had not been used, which she was but stated it would need some cleaning. The Chair proposed the bench be cleaned and sited with the new noticeboard on the small piece of green on Frith Way immediately opposite the Fox & Hounds. The Chair also proposed that a commemorative plaque for the Coronation of King Charles III be put on the bench. These two items were duly agreed by Council.

9. To discuss and resolve that the Parish Council undertake online banking

Following the resignation of the Clerk, the Acting Clerk had requested the Council discuss this item.

Cllr Hammond said she remembered the Council having discussed this item previously and did not understand why the Council had not moved forward with this.

The Chair proposed that online banking be instigated and voting in favour was unanimous.

Cllr Hammond kindly agreed to visit the local Barclays Branch to move this item forward as soon as possible.

10. Great Moulton Times Report

Cllr Hammond reported she already had a few items for the next issue including a wildlife report, a business profile, a request from St Johns Badgers for a write up and advert but would still require further items. Suggestions included an item on the Coronation party, a County Broadband update and an item explaining the changes being made to voting at the election to include the provision of photo ID. Further suggestions would be welcomed.

11. Coronation Hall – to receive a verbal report from Cllr C Bailey

Cllr Bailey reported that the Hall had been fairly quiet since Christmas, but regular clubs had continued.

The Coffee morning for February would be Coffee and Pancakes as it was Shrove Tuesday. A further quiz with supper was taking place on Saturday 18 March.

The Hall was also planning a celebration for the Coronation on the afternoon of Sunday 7 May as Buckingham Palace was asking people to hold their 'Big Lunch' on that afternoon. The event would be a Vintage Tea and the Council's participation had been discussed at Item 8 of this agenda.

12. To receive the Footpath Wardens Report

The Footpath Warden stated there was not much to report but that he was currently carrying out as much work as possible.

13. To receive the Wildlife Wardens Report

The Wildlife Warden reported that he had retrieved all the water bowls around the village that had been used for the birds. He further reported that as spring is just around the corner, he would encourage everyone to put up a bird nesting box if at all possible as well as providing food for the birds.

He also asked about the possibility of wildlife signage at the entrances to the village and Horse & Rider signage at appropriate places as there were a number of local riders in and around the village.

The Acting Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility and cost of signage and report back to Council.

14. Public Participation

The Acting Clerk reported she had received notice of a road closure in Muir Lane so a diversion was in place.

15. To approve the date of the next Meeting of Great Moulton Parish Council and to accept items for the agenda

Cllr House requested an item on the agenda to discuss the proposed closure of the Black Mill Lane level crossing.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday 16 March 2023 at 19:00

There being no other business the meeting closed at 19:34

SIGNED:

DATED: