

**GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL**

**FULL COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held on 11th January 2018 commencing at 7. 10 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Walker (In the Chair) Blackburn, Frost, Flynn, Head, Holbrough, Huntington, Green, Marshall, Moore and O'Neil.

**OFFICERS:** Mr. B. Robertson (Town Clerk)  
Mrs. Stacey Howard (Finance Officer)  
Miss. Naomi Cotham (Admin Assistant)

**GTC2693** **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Boatman, M. Boatman, Crawford, Harrison, Jeffreys and Smith.

The Chair (Councillor Walker) reminded the public that under Standing Order 13A any elector of Goole will be afforded time at the beginning of this session to raise any matters of concern. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be allowed.

No members of the public expressed a desire to speak.

**GTC2694** **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE**

No declarations of interest were received.

**GTC2695** **MINUTES**

Councillor Head referred to the item of concern raised by the member of the public stating that she had suggested that the Civic Society could possibly put posters up in the windows of empty shops and that it appeared as though she had said that they should. She added that they did this in Beverley and other areas and also put laminated posters on the outside of the empty shop windows. Also she had not said that the windows should be repaired.

Members agreed to amend the minutes accordingly.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th December, 2017 be signed as a true record by the Chair (Councillor Harrison) as amended.

**GTC2696** **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the under- mentioned meetings be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted subject to any resolution contained below.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 7th and 21st December, 2017 be approved.

Councillor Marshall referred to minute PR1687 asking that it be amended to 'Councillor Marshall walked out of the meeting at 8.45 pm' as she felt that 'left the meeting' was too polite a choice of wording as she had left the meeting in disgust, that she had heard enough and the Labour Group would only do as they wished as always. She added that she had spoken to the Town Clerk who had confirmed this amendment.

Members agreed to amend the minutes accordingly.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 21st December, 2017 be approved as amended.

GTC2697

**GOOLE REGALIA**

Members were in receipt of correspondence from the Goole Civic Society suggesting bringing back the Goole Motto and Crest. A draft copy was enclosed.

Councillor Marshall stated that she did not like the design of the draft copy and **PROPOSED** that the design on the Mayoral Chain kept in the library is used as this related more to Goole.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Blackburn.

Councillor Huntington referred to the final comment on the correspondence stating that a Goole flag and the motto 'Advance' would catch the eye at the Tour de Yorkshire. He informed Members that the tour was not coming to Goole only passing by.

Councillor O'Neil queried the design of the draft copy although she was in favour of the proposed motto 'Advance Goole'.

Councillor Flynn stated that he was not in favour of the proposed motto 'Advance Goole' as it had connotations with the organisation that had been involved in the removal of two streets in Goole.

Councillor Marshall suggested the motto 'Aim High' which translates in Latin to Alta Pete.

Councillor Head agreed with 'Aim High' and suggested that this be in English and not Latin.

Members **RESOLVED** to pass on their comments to the Civic Society.

TC

GTC2698

**BUDGET AND PRECEPT PROPOSALS FOR 2018/19**

Councillor Frost gave Members a copy of the Labour Group's proposals for budget and Precept for 2018/19.

Councillor Green asked that if in future proposals could be circulated prior to the meeting to give Members more time to consider them.

Councillor Head gave Members a copy of the proposals for the budget and Precept for 2018/19 prepared by her, Councillors Flynn, Jeffreys and Marshall. She then spoke to the proposals in detail.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** Members **ACCEPT** these **PROPOSALS** for the Budget and Precept 2018/19.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Marshall.

Councillor Frost spoke to the Labour Group's proposals for the budget and precept for 2018/19 and **PROPOSED** an **AMENDMENT** that Members **ACCEPT** the Labour Group's **PROPOSALS** for the Budget and Precept 2018/19, totalling £914,500.00.

The proposal reflected the 2% increase in amenities charges recommended by the Responsible Finance Officer with the exception of the Cemetery fees, which would increase by 7% with the consequent additional income being ring fenced to fund cemetery improvements.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor O'Neil.

Councillor Head referred to the Labour Group's proposal stating that Goole Town Council's Cemetery costs being less in comparison with other Cemeteries was not justification to increase the charges and asked why the same comparisons had not been made with regard to precepts.

Councillor Frost stated that although there was money set aside for repairs to Cemetery paths the proposed increase in costs would allow for additional work.

Councillor Head stated that it appeared money could be found for the Bonfire Night Event but not for the Cemetery repairs.

On being put to the vote the **AMENDMENT** was **CARRIED** thus becoming the **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION** which was **CARRIED** as follows:

For: Councillors, Blackburn, Frost, Holbrough, Huntington, Green, Moore, O'Neil and Walker.  
Against: Councillors, Flynn, Head and Marshall.

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be a precept of £914,500.00 for 2018/19 RFO

**GTC2699**      **DRAFT PRECEPT LEAFLET FOR 2018/19**

Members were in receipt of a copy of the proposed Precept Leaflet 2018 -2019 as prepared by the Responsible Finance Officer.

Councillor Frost **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the Council Tax Leaflet 2018 -2019.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moore.

It was **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** Councillor Frost's **PROPOSAL**. RFO

The Full Council meeting concluded at 7.40pm

\*\*\*\*\***END**\*\*\*\*\*