

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 12th April, 2018 at 7.17pm

PRESENT: Councillors Walker (In the Chair), Blackburn, G Boatman, M Boatman, Crawford, Flynn, Frost, Head, Holbrough, Huntington, Marshall, Moore, and O'Neil.

OFFICERS: Mr B Robertson (Town Clerk)
Miss N Cotham (Admin Assistant)

GTC2704 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Green, Jeffreys, Harrison, 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.

Mr Colin Kane of Carr Lane raised an issue with the Fourth Avenue, Fountayne Street, and Coniston Way children's play areas, and asked why they were all locked up as there are children who would like to use them.

Councillor Blackburn informed Members that the Fountayne Street children's park is well used. He also informed Members that the other parks were previously locked as a resident of the area used to take ownership of a key to open and close the park each day, although as time passes and children grow up there is nobody to do that today. He informed Members that in order to open the parks a resident is needed to take ownership of the key.

Councillor Huntington informed Members that the Hills Community Forum Park is in his ward, and isn't actually owned by the Council but is owned by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. He also informed Members that as well as the key ownership reason, the park also closed due to systematic drug abuse.

Councillor Head informed Members that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council had spent a lot of money of the park on the Hills Community Forum Park, and resorted to involving the Police. She informed Members that they attempted to make the park friendlier to its neighbours and residents in the area as there were young adults using it as a place to meet up and use drugs, resulting in beer bottles and needles being found in the play area. She informed Members that there is still some good equipment in the park.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council had told him that it wasn't their policy to run skate ramps, so for this reasoning and the others mentioned it was shut.

Councillor Crawford suggested to Members making an appeal in the local press to attempt to find a key holder for the parks. He informed Members that if the town is to have children's parks then they should be used for that purpose, and if not the East Riding of Yorkshire Council should remove them.

Councillor Head informed Members that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council don't know what to do with the vacant land if the park were to be removed.

Councillor Blackburn suggested to Members that the Hills Community Forum equipment should be moved to the Fountayne Street playing field as the playing field is well used.

Councillor O'Neil stated that the same problems had been faced with the Fourth Avenue park, which had subsequently been closed and the equipment removed.

Councillor Frost **PROPOSED** that the Council approaches the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to have the Hills Community Forum equipment moved to the Fountayne Street Play area.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Blackburn.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council approaches the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to have the Hills Community Forum equipment moved to the Fountayne Street Play area.

GTC2705 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE.**

There were no declarations of interest.

GTC2706 **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.

Councillor Huntington **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8th March, 2018 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor G Boatman.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8th March, 2018 be signed as a true record.

Councillor Head referred to Planning Application 0071 from the 8th March, 2018 and informed Members that she did not say she would like to personally object.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 8th and 22nd March, 2018 be signed as a true record subject to the above amendment.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Blackburn.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 8th and 22nd March, 2018 be signed as a true record subject to the above amendment.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 22nd March, 2018 be signed as a true record.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 22nd March, 2018 be signed as a true record.

GTC2707 **REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Town Clerk informed Members that there are a few amendments to be made but this is the standard document that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council has provided. He informed Members that the non-pecuniary items had been expanded and the definitions amended slightly. He informed Members that they needed to vote on the document tonight and then it will be sent out to Members for completion and return. He also informed Members that completed registers will be posted on the Council's website.

Councillor Huntington **PROPOSED** to approve the revised code of conduct.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Holbrough.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the revised code of conduct.

The Full Council meeting concluded at 7.48pm.

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