

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 8th November, 2018 at 7.02pm

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

OFFICERS: Mr Brian Robertson (Town Clerk)
Mrs Carol Brophy (Admin Assistant)

GTC2732 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blackburn, Crawford and Harrison.

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 wished to speak.

GTC2733 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE.**

No declarations of interest were received.

GTC2734 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MONTHS MAY TO OCTOBER, 2018**

Councillor Walker asked Members for any comments.

When asked what the Mayor's nominated charity is, he confirmed that it is Goole Gymnastics Club.

GTC2735 **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 Moore **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th October, 2018 be accepted as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Frost.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th October, 2018 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Walker.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 11th October and 25th October 2018 be signed as a true record subject to amending the numbering on the Minutes to PL1533.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 11th October and 25th October, 2018 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Moore subject to the above amendment.

Councillor Frost **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 25th October, 2018 be signed as a true record subject to item PR1766 being amended to read 'existing covenant'.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moore.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 25th October, 2018 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Frost subject to the above amendment.

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JULIAN HARRISON, PRINCIPAL OF DELTA ACADEMY TO SPEAK TO MEMBERS.

Councillor Walker introduced and welcomed Julian Harrison.

Mr Harrison thanked Members for inviting him to speak at the meeting. He told Members that he had been wanting to introduce himself and inform them what is happening within school. He also said that he wanted to learn more about the Community.

Mr Harrison informed Members he was aware that the school had been in difficulties for a number of years. He joined Delta Trust, having not previously worked for them, after seeing the advertisement for the Goole school.

He has previously worked at Wakefield Horbury school and more recently at Cathedral Academy in Wakefield, a school with difficulties. He explained that he had helped to quickly turn it around and it is now a high achieving school.

Mr Harrison explained that he believes Delta as a Trust is very well run. He explained that he had started in school five weeks prior to the Summer holidays. During the holidays many improvements were carried out at the school including curriculum areas being moved to enable faculties to be linked together. The school has also been fully decorated throughout. Underutilized space has been walled off in order to create a new library and IT room and the top floor has been turned into a maths room where learning and IT take place to maximize progress.

Mr Harrison informed Members that he is working closely with the Trust and its Directors which includes many Education specialists. He holds meetings every Thursday to discuss the year 11 students' progress. The school is currently undergoing restructuring of Staff including teachers and support staff. He believes that the school now has the good leadership and staff that it needs to move forwards. He has two Vice Principals working alongside him, one from the Trust and one he has worked with before. He is feeling very positive and optimistic for the future of the school.

When questioned about the untidy state of the front of the school, which reflects badly on the town, Mr Harrison answered that he is aware of it and it has already been seeded. He explained that he had seen pictures of how the school looked and is aiming to have it looking good again. He said that the old fence had been taken down so that the old Grammar school could be seen. He informed Members that the old building is not currently used as much as it could be as it is ineffective due to bowed floors etc. It is however, used for exams.

Mr Harrison said that the Director of Children and schools from the local education authority has visited the school and has been told his vision for moving forwards. He would eventually like the school to include a sixth form. The priority at the moment however is results. He also said that he would eventually like to turn the old tennis courts into an astro turf area which could benefit the community and that he would like to improve all sports facilities.

Councillors questioned Mr Harrison about behavior at the school as this has been an issue over the past six years. He agreed that there had been exclusions for bad behavior but assured Members this was a rapidly improving area. He said that the school has very high uniform standards and he has bought an array of uniforms for pupils to wear for the day if they don't turn up to school in the correct uniform.

Mr Harrison said that the school needs a personalized learning centre. He stated that alternative provision within the East Riding is not good and that this is something he has discussed with the Director of Children and Schools.

When asked about the possibility of the Trust cutting back on the curriculum in things like Drama, Mr Harrison said that there are no plans to narrow the curriculum.

He was also asked about the Governing body and how the Trust worked with them. This is an area of concern as previously the finances at the school have been a problem. Mr Harrison explained that he has discussed the school's finances with the Chair of the Governing Body and that the finances will be looked at in every Governors meeting. He informed Members that the finances are currently healthy.

Councillors spoke to Mr Harrison regarding the school fence and safeguarding. Mr Harrison stated that this was a huge issue. He expressed his concern that once people were through the gates they had

access to the school. He has created separate reception areas for students and visitors, which is helping control who gets into the school. He would like to fence off more of the school.

Councillor Head expressed concern with the situation when pupils are leaving school as there is no crossing on the road. She said that it is 'frightening'. She stated that a crossing had previously been proposed but the Council had been unhappy with it as it created issues for the houses opposite. When they had looked at putting one near the crossroads it had been considered to be too near the junction.

Mr Harrison agreed that it is very worrying. He feels that a low fence is needed alongside the road. He informed Members that he has had council officers attend when the pupils leave school and they didn't see a problem.

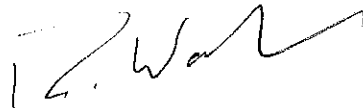
Councillor Hungtington informed Mr Harrison that he is involved with Friends of Oak Hill and had met with the previous trust trying to get the students involved. He said that they had been promised lots but nothing had happened. He asked how Mr Harrison felt about it.

Mr Harrison said that it could possibly be added to the KS3 curriculum, where a six week programme could be undertaken, however a risk assessment would need undertaking.

Councillor O'Neil thanked Mr Harrison for attending.

The Full Council meeting concluded at 7.50pm.

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