

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 10th January, 2019 at 7:11pm

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

OFFICERS: Mr Brian Robertson (Town Clerk)
Mrs Stacey Howard (Responsible Finance Officer)
Mrs Carol Brophy (Admin Assistant)

GTC2741 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blackburn, Crawford, Harrison and Moore.

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.

GTC2742 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE.**

No declarations of interest were received.

GTC2743 **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 O'Neil **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6th December, 2018 be accepted as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor B Jeffreys.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6th December, 2018 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Walker.

Councillor O'Neil **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6th December, 2018 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Frost.

Councillor Huntington **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20th December, 2018 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Frost.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 6th and 20th December, 2018 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Walker.

Councillor Frost **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 20th December, 2018 be signed as a true record subject to an amendment to item **PR1777** which stated that Councillor Crawford declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item **PR1783**. This should have read pecuniary interest.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Holbrough.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 20th December, 2018 as amended, be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Frost.

TO RECEIVE BUDGET AND PRECEPT PROPOSALS FOR 2019/20

Councillor Walker informed Members that the decisions the Labour Party had made had not been taken lightly.

Councillor Head pointed out some discrepancies in the Labour Party Budget. She said that the Independent Councillors were confused with some of the wording.

Councillor Walker replied that because of the rise in inflation they were proposing a precept rise of 2.2% for Goole Town Council which would result in a 0.27% increase in Council Tax. He read out the Labour Party proposal suggesting a 2% increase in fees and charges across the board in line with the rate of inflation. He said that they had taken into account the possibility of the VPG being handed back and any costs which may be incurred for the Market until the dispute over the lease is resolved.

Councillor Walker **PROPOSED** accepting the Labour Party Budget and Precept Proposal.

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

The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) informed Members that she wanted to make clear that the budget figures previously circulated showed a 2% increase and the precept showed a 2.2% rise as in line with inflation.

Councillor Head praised the report from the RFO. She stated that the Independent Councillors don't like increasing charges and were confused as The Labour Party's proposal states an increase of 2.2%.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** an amendment to the Labour Party's Proposal of a 2.2% increase in precept and 2% on fees and charges with the exception of those relating to the cemetery which would be frozen.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor D Jeffreys.

Councillors voted on the amendment : 5 - FOR
8 - AGAINST

Councillor O'Neil replied that Goole's Cemetery charges are the cheapest in the East Riding and as there is a need to keep improving the site, she suggested increasing its charges in line with all other facilities.

Councillor M Boatman informed Members that he had spoken to the Operations Manager (Amenities) who had told him how labour intensive the Cemetery is. Access is not always available to machinery therefore manual digging is sometimes required. There are also drainage problems requiring pumps. In view of this he suggested increasing the Cemetery fees in line with inflation.

The amendment having failed, the Labour Group proposal became the Substantive motion and on being put to the vote was carried 8 – For and 5 - Against.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Labour Group budget and precept proposal resulting in a 2% increase in fees and charges and a precept for 2019/20 of £934,620.00.

The Full Council meeting concluded at 7.35pm.

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