

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on 6th June, 2019 at 7:20pm

PRESENT: Councillors Head (In the Chair) Bailey, Bottomley, Flynn, Harrison, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Marshall, Moiser, Moore, Penn, Rospin, Vause, Walker and Whitehead.

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

GTC2759 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Boatman and Turner.

The Chair (Councillor Head) 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.

GTC2760 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE**

No declarations of interest were received.

GTC2761 **MR RICHARD DIXON, INTERNAL AUDITOR TO ADDRESS MEMBERS**

Councillor Head introduced Mr Dixon and asked him to explain his role.

Mr Dixon gave Councillors handouts of his Public Sector Audit booklets. He explained his background informing Members that most of his working life has been spent with various Councils. He has also worked with the Council's previous Auditor, Alan Johnson.

He informed Members that since 2012 he has been carrying out Public Sector Audits for Town and Parish Councils. He knows what is required of an audit.

Councillor Head asked Mr Dixon when an Internal Audit would be carried out.

Mr Dixon said that an interim audit was moveable but normally takes place in September or October. This enables any issues to be put right prior to the final Audit. He explained that he will flag up any new issues such as new legislation. He also explained the format of the reports which will be issued in May and October.

Councillor Head stated that it may be advisable for Members to meet with Mr Dixon to gain a better understanding of the Audit process. She thanked Mr Dixon for attending the meeting.

GTC2762 **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 Marshall **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16th May, 2019 be accepted as a true record

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Penn.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16th May, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Walker.

Councillor Penn **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 16th and 23rd May, 2019 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Marshall.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16th and 23rd May, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair Councillor Moore 16th and Councillor Turner 23rd May.

Councillor Walker **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the AGM held on 16th May, 2019 be accepted as a true record subject to amendments to Items GTC 2762, GTC2763 which stated ' except for Councillors Boatman, Harrison, Moore and Walker who abstained from voting' this needs deleting.

In addition, item GTC2764 which states that 'Councillor Boatman **PROPOSED** Councillor Moore as Chair of Planning' and 'Members voted 4 – For and 13 – Against Councillor Boatman's **PROPOSAL**, On being put to the vote, all Members voted in favour of Councillor Head's **PROPOSAL** except for Councillor's Boatman, Harrison, Moore and Walker who abstained.' This needs deleting.

Councillor Walker also asked for an amendment to 'No other nominations were received' following the proposals for Deputy Chair of the Planning Committee. This needs deleting and ' Councillor Walker **PROPOSED** Councillor Moore as Vice Chair of Planning. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Boatman. Amendment lost 4/13. Original Motion then put to the vote, all Members voted in favour except for Councillors Boatman, Harrison, Moore and Walker who abstained.'

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the AGM held on 16th May, 2019 be signed as a true record by Councillor Head subject to the above amendments.

Councillor Flynn **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 23rd May, 2019 be signed as a true record subject to amendments to item PR1826 which states ' It was agreed that Councillor Harrison and Councillor B Jeffreys would pursue the matter further' this should read 'Councillors Harrison, B Jeffreys and Marshall.'

In addition, item PR1828 which states 'hopefully a compromise could be reached' this should read 'no compromise should be reached.'

In addition, item PR1831 which states 'Councillor Boatman informed Members that the British Legion cannot be political. Councillor Marshall wishes it to go on record that she was not the one who brought politics into the matter.'

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Bailey.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meetings held on 23rd May, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Flynn subject to the above amendments.

GTC2763 **TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE VPG WORKING PARTY BY THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR RASPIN INSTEAD OF COUNCILLOR BOTTOMLEY**

Councillor Head informed Members that there had been one alteration made to the VPG Working Party as above.

GTC2764 **TO APPOINT A PARISH TRANSPORT CHAMPION – FORMERLY COUNCILLOR SMITH**

Councillor Head explained that this was a group of Members from surrounding areas including Snaith, Airmyrn, Cowick and Rawcliffe and should include Goole as the principal town. She said that they are looking to establish better transport links such as a direct train to Leeds, and are working with Network Rail on this issue.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the Parish Champions is an East Riding of Yorkshire Council group which liases primarily by email mainly looking at buses. He said that this is unrelated to the other group.

Councillor Moore explained that he had been a former Transport Champion who helped to provide the Buses to LIDL.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** Councillor Whitehead as the new Parish Transport Champion.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Raspin.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Whitehead be a Parish Transport Champion.

GTC2765 **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR) FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2019**

Members were requested to formally **APPROVE** the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the AGAR) for the year ending, 31st March, 2019.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that Members formally **APPROVE** the AGAR.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Walker.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the AGAR.

GTC2766 **ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2019 (ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR 2018/19)**

Members were requested to formally **APPROVE** the Accounting Statements (Section 2 of the AGAR) for the year ended 31st March, 2019.

Councillor Walker **PROPOSED** that Members formally **APPROVE** the Accounting Statements.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Accounting Statements.

The Full Council meeting concluded at 7:54 pm.

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