GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 4th July, 2019 at 7:05pm

PRESENT:

Councillors Head (In the Chair) Bailey, Boatman, Bottomley, Flynn, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys,

Moiser, Moore, Penn, Raspin, Turner, Vause, Walker and Whitehead.

OFFICERS:

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

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Harrison and Marshall.

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.

Mr Alan Wilson from Goole AFC addressed Members. He said that at the Policy & Resources meeting on the 20th June, it was unanimously agreed to grant Goole AFC a one year licence for the VPG. This he said, would save GTC £25 to £30,000 per year. There was a joint press release stating that the club was professionally run and sustainable. The licence was agreed from July 2018 and Goole AFC have complied with the agreement. Currently, GTC are back to managing the ground.

Mr Wilson asked what sort of Council specify criteria, which when agreed with do not comply.

Councillor Moore said that he was not aware that GTC had broken the agreement.

The Town Clerk stated that the licence ran out on the 30th June and no agreement had been broken.

Councillor Head informed Members that the Community Interest Company (CIC) is taking over the licence.

Councillor Moore asked what happened to the promise?

Councillor Head replied that Mr Wilson has declined to remove Limited from the name which creates a barrier. The VPG is actually the CIC. The CIC can access grants.

Councillor Walker queried whether an extension to the licence had been discussed at the previous meeting.

Councillor Head informed Members that the report to extend the licence was withdrawn and a proposal that the CIC be granted the licence was put forward.

Mr Wilson left the meeting at this point.

Margaret Hicks-Clarke from the Civic Society stated that at the last Policy & Resources meeting, the possibility of holding a market in the precinct instead of the Market Hall was discussed.

She informed Members that the 'Love your High Street' fund offers money to shopkeepers and various other organisations to help bring footfall and events to the town centre. The Civic Society have looked into it and grants of up to £5,000 are available for individuals. She expressed an interest in people joining together to access funds and regenerate Goole.

The Town Clerk informed Members that non-Councillors can be co-opted on to the proposed Working Party into the the flexibility of operating an outdoor market and the future of the market hall.

B. Head

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TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE

No declarations of interest were received.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS GTC2769

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 Penn PROPOSED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6th June, 2019 be accepted as a true record

This was SECONDED by Councillor Moiser

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6th June, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Head.

Councilor Turner PROPOSED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 6th and 20th June, 2019 be signed as a true record.

This was SECONDED by Councillor Penn

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6th and 20th June, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair Councillor Bailey 6th June and Councillor Turner 20th June.

Councillor Flynn PROPOSED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 20th June, 2019 be signed as a true record subject to an amendment to Minute PR1838 which should have stated that Councillor Moore contacted S. Birchall Engineering regarding the installation of hand rails.

In addition, Agenda item PR1841 should have stated that Councillor Moore informed Members that Parish Councillors are not allowed to issue fixed penalty fines.

This was SECONDED by Councillor Penn

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meetings held on 20th June, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Flynn subject to the above amendments.

COUNCILLOR JANE EVISON, PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY GTC2770 GROWTH AND PROSPERITY TO ADDRESS MEMBERS

Councillor Evison introduced herself informing Members that in May she had been given the portfolio for local economic development. She explained that she had previously worked on various issues in Goole. She wanted to meet up with GTC and the ward Councillors in order to work together to achieve more. She said that Goole has a lot of good things going for it.

One of the issues that Councillor Evison wished to discuss was a Goole Town clean up. She knows that this has happened previously but she is talking about targeting smaller streets. She informed Members that she has spoken to the Director who has agreed to send someone in for one day in order to assist the clean up, this does however rely on people working together. Councillor Evison said that there needed to be a 'keep the town clean campaign'.

She suggested that ERYC and GTC establish a Community Group. This has been done in other areas including Bridlington and Driffield. Involving local people and schools encourages people to take a pride in their area. ERYC will help to start the clean up, provide the required equipment and collect the bin bags.

Councillor Head stated that a clean up had previously taken place in the Jackson Street, Weatherill Street area. She informed Members that as Councillor Moiser has shown an interest in this issue previously, he should take the lead for GTC.

Coucillor Evison said that she would like to meet with GTC to establish what needs organising and SHead where to target.

Councillor Head stated that Old Goole should be included.

Councillor Moore agreed, saying that Old Goole has been one of the areas most ignored. He asked Councillor Evison about the possibility of an amnesty on fly tipping with free collection of large items by the ERYC.

Councillor Evison replied that although this is a possibility, people need educating regarding the disposal of rubbish.

Councillor Penn informed Members that the Scouts used to clean up the Town a few years ago along with Councillor M Boatman. He agreed that more education is needed and also expressed concerns regarding needles as previously this had been reported to the Police as ERYC were not interested.

Councillor Evison stated that by establishing a group there would be a name to contact and by working in partnership with ERYC they would be aware of what was taking place and where.

Councillor D Jeffreys asked Councillor Evison about the Future High Street Fund. He asked what budget was set, what money Goole could expect and when would the money be available?

Councillor Evison informed Members that this was Government not ERYC funding. ERYC put Goole forward to receive funding. She explained that Love Your High Street is an ERYC scheme aimed at businesses and regenerating the High Street. Grants of up to £5,000 are available which require match funding.

Councillor Head asked who was going to sort things out initially. It was agreed that the Ward Councillors, Councillor Moiser, Councillor Vause and Councillor Evison would meet up with other involved people.

GTC2771 TO ESTABLISH A WORKING PARTY ON THE FUTURE OF THE MARKET BUILDING

Councillor Bailey presented Members with a handout for the proposed Market building.

Councillors Handley and Coultish informed Members that they wish to be involved with this.

It was agreed that a working party be established. This would consist of Councillors Walker, D and B Jeffreys, Vause, Handley, Coultish and Margaret Hicks-Clarke of the Civic Society.

Councillor Head stated that Councillor Bailey would be the Lead Councillor on the working party.

GTC2772 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON GOOLE SOUTH WARD FROM COUNCILLORS D AND B JEFFREYS

This Agenda item was withdrawn.