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GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on 20th June, 2019 commencing at 7.08pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Flynn (In the Chair), Bailey, Boatman, Bottomley, Harrison, Head, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Marshall, Moiser, Moore, Raspin, Turner, Walker, Whithead and Vause.

OFFICERS: Mr. B Robertson (Town Clerk)
Mrs C. Brophy (Admin Assistant)

PR1833 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Penn.

PR1834 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE**

Councillor Moore declared a non-pecuniary interest in item **PR1837** as Branch Chair of the GMB Union.

PR1835 **MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources meeting held on 23rd May, 2019 approved at Council on 6th June, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair (Councillor Flynn).

This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Head and **SECONDED** by Councillor Turner.

PR1836 **REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER**

Members were in receipt of the following report.

A. Internal Audit Report 2018/19

Members were requested to approve the Internal Audit Report for 2018/19.

Councillor Flynn queried the amount in Reserves asking whether this is usual.

The Town Clerk replied that this is not the General Reserve, where three months' cash flow is advised.

Councillor Moore questioned paragraph C 'The Council assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of these.' He asked what risks?

The Town Clerk informed Members that he would speak to the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) on her return from leave, and get a written response.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the Internal Audit Report for 2018/19.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Internal Audit Report for 2018/19.

PR1837 **REPORT OF COUNCILLOR BAILEY – GOOLE MARKET PROPOSAL**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Bailey discussed the report stating that utilising the precinct for a Market could have a knock on effect for the shops along there as it would attract people to the precinct.

Councillor Head stated that this was a report rather than a proposal. She explained that it could be considered by a future meeting of this committee. She said more work was required on it and suggested setting up a working party comprised of Councillor Bailey and two other Councillors.

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Councillor Walker stated that while he welcomed the idea, there are lots of unanswered questions.

Councillor Moiser agreed with Councillor Walker.

Councillor D Jeffreys stated that it is an excellent idea.

Councillor Moore agreed, however he informed Members that this had been attempted previously and had been refused by ERYC. He said that ERYC currently had money in the pot to revitalise town centres.

Councillor Moore informed Members that he is opposed to removing any trees. The CCTV is only a minor problem, the lower branches could be removed by ERYC. He asked whether questions needed putting in writing prior to the working party.

Councillor Bailey informed Members that a working party was a good idea and all Councillors were welcome to attend.

It was **RESOLVED** that a Working Party be established at the next Full Council Meeting.

PR1838

REPORT OF COUNCILLOR MOORE – AUDITORIUM ACCIDENT

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Moore discussed the report with Members informing them that luckily the accident was not more serious and the elderly gent was not too badly injured. He informed Members that he had raised concerns regarding the matter of hand rails with the Arts & Leisure Manager (ALM) eighteen months ago. He was told that due to the retractable seating hand rails could not be installed.

Councillor Moore informed Members that he had contacted S. Birchall Engineering company regarding the installation of hand rails.

Councillor Head read out a letter from Members of the Public concerned about the lack of hand rails in the Theatre, a petition signed by 117 people was also enclosed.

Councillor Moore informed Members that the letter had been received after he had raised the issue as an Agenda item.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the matter is not being ignored and the ALM is very aware of the issue. He said that to put it into context all Health and Safety and building regulations are complied with and that this is the only significant incident in the almost 10 years of Junction's operation.

Councillor Moiser stated that he also had concerns, however he could not see how a hand rail can be fitted.

Councillor Bottomley stated that a survey should be carried out to see what can be done.

Councillor Turner said that he believed a hand rail which could be lifted out, could be fitted. He mentioned contacting JDA Engineering and S. Birchall.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that the Arts and Leisure Manager investigate the matter further and report back to this committee.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Head.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Arts and Leisure Manager investigate the matter further and report back to this committee.

PR1839

REPORT OF COUNCILLOR RASPIN – CAR BOOT SALE

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Raspin informed Members that this began as an idea which gained lots of positive interest on Social Media, especially as there are currently no car boot sales in Goole. He explained that he had discussed

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the matter with The Operations Manager – Amenities (OMA), who was happy for West Park to be used. The Car Boot sale would be situated on the large grassed area in front of the café. This area will hold between 60 to 100 cars.

Councillor Head praised Councillor Raspin and Councillor Turner, who had put the report together, for a good report stating that 'their enthusiasm is commendable.' She asked whether anyone had spoken to David Gibbins of the Green Team.

Councillor Raspin said that he had spoken to David who is happy to open the café earlier for the Car Boot sales.

Councillor Whitehead informed Members that she thought it was an excellent idea. She asked whether the area would be big enough. She also expressed concern at getting people and cars in and out of the Park. She asked whether permission to use Goole Academy as an overspill car park had been granted.

Councillor Raspin said that the OMA had agreed to give keys to the gates to volunteers and Marshalls. He said that rules would need establishing and it would need to be well marshalled.

Councillor Whitehead stated that she welcomed the report and the idea. She was unsure whether Car Boot Sales could be held at South Park, Old Goole in wet weather as there is no cover.

A discussion took place regarding South Park with Councillors agreeing to establish West Park first.

Councillor Head informed Members that the proceeds would be ring fenced to start other projects.

Councillor Marshall said that it was an excellent idea and although it clashes with other Car Boot Sales this was not an issue. She mentioned that a Car Boot Sale is held in Walkington which may be worth looking at from a Marshalling aspect.

Councillor Raspin informed Members that the OMA was looking into Public Liability insurance and such aspects. He said that initially 50 to 70 cars would be allowed.

Councillor D Jeffreys expressed concern at traffic getting in and out of the park, especially traders. He said that numbers should be limited until experience is gained. He asked whether Estcourt Street Car Park had been a consideration, especially in wet weather.

Councillor Head explained that Estcourt Street belongs to ERYC and a fee would have to be paid.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the fee is £20 per day per bay.

Councillor Bottomley expressed concern about damage to the grass at West Park. He is also concerned about dogs not on leads.

Councillor Head said that the OMA is happy with the grass situation and once a month should be fine.

A discussion took place regarding signs about dogs being on a lead.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the legal context is Dogs must be under direction and not on a lead. It was agreed that this was a matter for ERYC's animal warden service.

PR1840

LETTER OF COUNCILLOR VAUSE – DOG BINS FOR OLD GOOLE

Members were in receipt of the above letter

Councillor Vause explained that she had been approached by several residents in Old Goole about the lack of dog bins. She explained that there is currently only one in South Park compared to 15 in West Park. She has discussed this with the OAM who has told her that there are two spare bins.

The Town Clerk informed Members that a grant has just been acquired from ERYC for additional dog and litter bins.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** that Old Goole be granted four dog bins.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that four dog bins be provided for Old Goole.

PR1841 **REPORT OF COUNCILLOR TURNER –DOG FOULING**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Turner highlighted the problem of dog fouling, particularly in West Park and his willingness to undertake training in order to be able to issue fixed penalty fines.

Councillor Moore informed Members that Parush Councillors are not allowed to issue fixed penalty fines.

The Town Clerk explained that only Councillors of the Authority introducing dog control orders could be empowered to issue fixed penalty fines. He added that Members could be trained to take witness statements, which would satisfy Court requirements and suggested that a training course be organised for neighbouring parishes.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Town Clerk's suggestion.

It was RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded for the following items under the public bodies (admission to meetings act) 1960 in that it contains commercial or personal information as defined under the local government act 1972 schedule act 12a the divulgence of which may be detrimental to the council.

PR1842 **MONTHLY DEBTORS REPORT**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor D Jeffreys queried the amount paid by Debtor C.

The Town Clerk agreed to request an explanation from the Responsible Finance Officer(RFO).

It was **RESOLVED** to note the Officer's report.

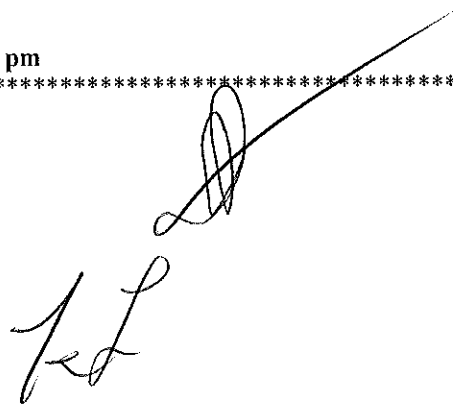
PR1843 **PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LICENCE TO OPERATE VPG**

Members were in receipt of the above report advocating that a licence to operate the Victoria Pleasure Grounds be granted to a newly formed Community Interest Company with effect from 1st July, 2019.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Head and **SECONDED** by Councillor D Jeffreys that a licence to operate the Victoria Pleasure Grounds be granted to the VPG CIC with effect from 1st July, 2019.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** Councillor Head's proposal.

Meeting concluded 8.15 pm

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