

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 5th September, 2019 at 7:09pm

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

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

GTC2773 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Turner, Vause and Walker.

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, 120, Centenary Road, Goole - Chairman of Goole AFC Ltd wished to speak on Agenda item GTC2776.

Mr Wilson stated that Councillor Head had addressed the Council Meeting saying that all stakeholders are involved in the CIC, as the largest user of the ground GAFC have not been represented. He said that the Athletics Club, Rugby etc have contributed £2,000 income to the upkeep of the ground, GAFC have contributed £33,000. He said that Councillor Head is wrong saying that GTC is subsidising GAFC and that the football team is actually subsidising others.

Mr Wilson said that Councillor Head has not attended any meetings and that the club had just received a grant. He said that the clubs Ltd status has never been questioned. He stated that had the Council not reneged on its decision made at the Policy & Resources Meeting on 21st June 2018, he would now be in the process of turning the club into a Community Interest Club as had always been the intention.

He also said that Councillor Head was wrong when she said that there is only one Shareholder as there are actually 23 Shareholders.

Mr John Frost of 19, Wells Grove, Goole, also wished to speak on Agenda item GTC2776. He stated that although the movement to a CIC is fair in principle, it is unfair to the Football Club to strip their assets. He said that this had never previously been raised at GTC and that the club had initially been given twelve months licence and had continually survived and made money. Mr Frost said that the club had saved GTC £22,000.

Mr Frost said that the idea of a CIC would have been good if in the early stages the general public had been invited to attend. He requested a copy of Stakeholders in the CIC and informed Members that after seeing this he would like to come back and speak on the issue again.

The Chair, Councillor Head agreed to send a copy of the Stakeholders to Mr Frost.

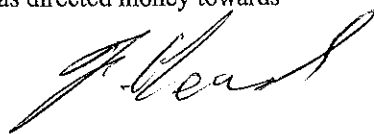
GTC2774 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE**

Councillor Head declared an interest as Interim Chair of The VPG CIC.

Councillor D Jeffreys, Councillor Bottomley and Councillor Raspin declared an interest as Members of the VPG CIC.

GTC2775 **HANNAH PATTAN, NEW VICAR OF ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH TO INTRODUCE HERSELF TO MEMBERS.**

Miss Pattan introduced herself saying that she wanted to attend the Meeting to say hello to Members. She said that she has been in Goole since May and told Members that she loves Goole and its people. She explained that the Diocese of Sheffield, Church of England, has directed money towards



Goole as Goole has huge potential particularly with the Church. She said that she wants there to be more for the town and the Community.

She informed Members that they are currently recruiting a team of people. There will eventually be three vicars, she will be the Priest in Charge, they are also recruiting an Administrator and a Children and Families worker. She said that the aim is that the Church is the hub of the community becoming more involved in what is happening in the town. They are also aiming to make the Church more accessible to families by way of family friendly services. She finished by saying that all were welcome at the Church.

Councillor Head thanked the Vicar for attending.

GTC2776

**LIZ PHILPOTT AND HELEN HOULT FROM THE LOCAL GROWTH PARTNERSHIP
ADDRESS MEMBERS ON THE 'PLACE MAKING' OF GOOLE AND THE GOOLE LOCAL
GROWTH PLAN**

Helen Hoult introduced herself and her colleague and gave out leaflets explaining what the Local Growth Partnership is and does. It comes from a Government Strategy in terms of industrial strategy and is concerned with people, infrastructure, skills and places in partnership with local Authorities and the private sector.

She explained that within the East Riding four priorities have been identified to respond to the Government's Industrial Strategy at a local level. She said that a housing growth has been predicted for Goole and affordable housing is one of the priorities. She also informed Members that Goole has the youngest age working population in the East Riding. She stated that Goole is the "powerhouse of the East Riding" with the great outdoors, the waterways and canals. She told Members that the East Riding Economic priorities are Business Growth, Lifelong Learning, Quality Locations and Sustainable Economy.

Helen informed Members that a bid had been made to the Government High Street Fund which gives lots of money to regenerate town centres. This bid had however been unsuccessful. She said that some money had recently been secured from the Humber Net and that a second bid has been made to HSHAZ (High Streets Heritage Action Zones) and they are awaiting the outcome. If successful the main areas to focus on are the Clock Tower, Market Hall and precinct. She said that the Clock Tower was built in 1926 to celebrate Goole being 100 years old and as Goole celebrates its Bicentenary in 2026, this provides a focal point for delivery of the town centre vision.

Liz Philpott addressed Members mostly reiterating what Helen had said. She said that there are a multitude of Government initiatives to help with the regeneration of town centres. She discussed the unsuccessful bid saying that it was largely due to high demand and said that they were working strategically at several levels and hopefully the 2nd bid would be more successful.

Councillor Head expressed her concern that Goole is identified as the most needy area in the East Riding yet receives nothing. She said that help and assistance is needed for the town and she hopes that the next round of funding bidding is more successful. She said that the news that Sports Direct is coming to Goole is good and we need more like them.

Councillor Whitehead informed Members that it was good to hear the passion that Helen still has for Goole. She said that she is pleased that they continue to strive to move forwards and are adapting to the changes in the town.

Councillor Moore informed Members that he shared the view of Councillor Head that although Goole is considered a needy area, it doesn't feel as though Goole is being treated right by the East Riding. It is a both a deprived and low paid area and needs better quality and higher paid companies coming into the town.

Councillor Head informed Members that she wished to make it clear that she doesn't mean that Goole has been let down by the East Riding. She thinks that the East Ridings view of Goole has improved tremendously over recent years especially with the Siemens Factory contract. She does however feel let down that Goole has not been able to obtain funding from some of the other sources.

Councillor D Jeffreys informed Members that he welcomed the likes of Croda coming to Goole more money was needed to encourage more high quality stores to come to Goole. He said that when grants are applied for the process seems to take forever and seem to bypass Goole. He said that we need to

know what funding is available and how to obtain it. He worries that Goole could become a satellite town.

Councillor Head thanked Helen and Liz for attending.

GTC2777

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 Head **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 4th July, 2019 be accepted as a true record subject to an amendment to **GTC2771** which states 'It was agreed that a working party be established. It should also read that Councillor Head said that the Lead Councillor would be Councillor Bailey.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Flynn.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 4th July, 2019 be signed as amended as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Head.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 4th and 25th July and 15th August, 2019 be signed as a true record.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4th and 25th July and 15th August, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair Councillor Turner.

Councillor Penn **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meetings held on 25th July and 15th August, 2019 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meetings held on 25th July and 15th August, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Flynn.

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 they contain 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.

GTC2778

REPORT OF COUNCILLOR HEAD – VPG (CIC)

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** that this item be moved to an exempt item.

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

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that the general public should be allowed to stay for this item.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Boatman.

Members voted 11 – in favour 3 – against

It was **RESOLVED** that this and the following item be moved to exempt items.

Councillor Moore asked whether there is confirmation in writing from ERYC that a 'peppercorn rent' is still payable.

Councillor Head answered that we do have confirmation in writing. She stated that GTC were losing £22,000 under the old system.

Councillor Head informed Members that she had forgotten to put in the report that when ERYC award a lease it has to be awarded to GTC who can then sublease.

Councillor Moore asked what assets the VPG have and about all that GAFC has done at the ground.

Councillor Head answered that the only portable asset is the portakabin. She said that GAFC will continue to use the assets as all fixtures and fittings belong to the VPG.

Councillor Moore expressed some concern as to whether GAFC would still have income streams from the bar and catering.

GTC2779 DRAFT LICENCE AGREEMENT VPG (CIC)

Members were in receipt of the the above report.

Councillor Head informed Members that this is a draft copy which if GTC are happy with can be passed on to the CIC for their views.

Councillor Moore queried the charges saying that he had heard that they were being raised from £50.00 per game to £250.00.

The Town Clerk informed Members that they GAFC have never paid £50 per game, they pay an annual fee which costs just over £8,000.00. He said that they will now pay per game the same as all other users.

Councillor Moore asked what the cost per game is going to be.

Councillor Jeffreys said that he understood it would be £60 per hour, £240 for 4 hours per game.

Councillor Harrison asked whether the fees are the same for charity events.

Councillor Head answered that Charities do not pay the same fees.

Following further discussion, Councillor Head asked whether all Members agree that the draft licence be offered to the VPG CIC for viewing

Councillor Moore informed Members that all involved need to be onboard especially GAFC.

Councillor Head and Councillor Jeffreys stated that they attended a meeting with fans and most fans are on board and excited at what is happening.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** that the Draft Licence be offered to the CIC.

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

Members voted 12 – For and 2 – Abstained

Members **RESOLVED** to offer the VPG CIC the Draft Licence

The Full Council meeting concluded at 8:15 pm.

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