

**GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 commencing at 7.21pm.**

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

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

**PR1877** **APOLOGIES**

All Members were in attendance..

**PR1878** **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE**

Councillors Bottomley, Raspin and D Jeffreys declared an interest in Agenda item PR1892 as they are Trustees of the VPG CIC.

Councillor Head declared an interest in Agenda item PR1892 as she is the interim Chair of the VPG CIC.

**PR1879** **MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 approved at Council on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair (Councillor Flynn).

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

**PR1880** **REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER**

Members were in receipt of the following reports.

(a) Monthly Payments – September, 2019

Councillor Penn asked when the cctv contract runs out.

The Town Clerk informed Members that there is approximately three and a half years to run on the contract.

Councillor Penn queried the amount of £1,355.00 paid to Sammy Rowan Fabrications.

The Town Clerk informed Members that this was probably for repairs. He said that he would ask the Amenities Manager.

Councillor Penn asked about the £111.55 payable to Paycare.

The Town Clerk informed Members that this is a low cost health insurance policy for Staff which covers some Dental and Opticians costs. This has proved to promote wellbeing and is a cheaper alternative to previous Schemes.

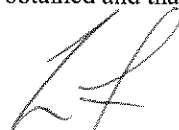
Councillor Head asked whether this is available to all staff and whether it is a contributory scheme.

The Town Clerk explained that the scheme is available to all staff and is non-contributory.

Councillor Bottomley asked whether redecoration costs go out to tender.

The Town Clerk informed Members that a minimum of three quotes are obtained and that local companies are used where possible.

Councillor Flynn queried the amount of £744.00 paid for a trailer.



The Town Clerk informed Members that the trailer was acquired for grounds maintenance.

When asked whether the cost of the skip for clearing The Mission Hall would be passed on, The Town Clerk said that the cost of the skip would not, but all other costs would be.

Councillor Flynn asked about the £7198.80 paid to Stiga.

The Town Clerk informed Members that this was the purchase of a ride on mower.

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for September, 2019.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for September, 2019 totaling £114993.76.

(b) Monthly Income & Expenditure – September, 2019

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report.

(c) Monthly bank reconciliation & Bank statement September, 2019

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation for September, 2019.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation for September, 2019.

**PR1881 REQUEST BY RESEARCH GROUP TO DISPLAY POSTERS AT THE CENOTAPH**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Stephen Walker from The Goole First World War Research Group informed Members that for the last few years they have been researching the men named on the WW1 boards on the Cenotaph. There are still seven men they know nothing about. The Group is seeking permission from GTC to attach two articles to the railings at the Cenotaph in the run up to the Armistice asking for help in identifying the seven local men.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** that the Group be allowed to attach two articles to the railings at the Cenotaph for a week prior to and a week after Remembrance Sunday.

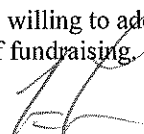
This was **SECONDED** by Councillor D Jeffreys.

It was **RESOLVED** that The Goole First World War Research Group be allowed to attach two articles to the railings at the Cenotaph as detailed above.

**PR1882 ADOPTING THE COAT OF ARMS FOR THE FORMER BOROUGH OF GOOLE**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Stephen Walker from The Civic Society informed Members that they had spoken to GTC previously regarding a Coat of Arms for Goole. The College of Arms has advised that the cost to the Civic Society would be £12,500 and would be less than that to GTC. He asked GTC whether it would be willing to adopt the Coat of Arms if the cost is significantly lower than £12,500. He mentioned the possibility of fundraising.



Councillor Head informed Members that she has mixed feelings regarding the Coat of Arms as she likes the existing logo featuring the 'salt and pepper pot'. She stated that the Vikings are more in keeping with York.

Councillor Moore stated that when the Society were last here he thought that it had been agreed to keep the logo.

The Town Clerk informed Members that this is a Coat of Arms for Goole and will not replace the Goole Town Council logo.

Councillor Head asked who would be funding the Coat of Arms?

Mr Walker informed Members that GTC is being asked to readopt the Crest, sort the paperwork and look into the feasibility of adopting the Coat of Arms.

A discussion took place with Councillors voting unanimously to look further into the possibility of adopting The Coat of Arms.

The Town Clerk will write to The College of Arms to pursue the matter.

Councillor Head expressed a concern with the 'Mayoral Chain'. She said that the gilt has gone and there is no engraving left. She said that the Goole Borough Regalia is currently in the possession of ERYC, being kept in a display case in Goole Library. She informed Members that she would like to request the Goole Borough Regalia back for GTC.

Councillor Marshall informed Members that she had tried to get the Regalia back when she was Mayor for the first time. She said that GTC paid £1000 for the display case for the Regalia as GTC could not afford the insurance to keep it and had nowhere to display it.

PR1883

**REPORT OF COUNCILLOR D JEFFREYS - TO NOMINATE AN ARMED FORCES COVENANT REPRESENTATIVE (FORMERLY COUNCILLOR CRAWFORD)**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor D Jeffreys informed Members that someone from GTC is required as an Armed Forces Covenant Representative. This is particularly important at the current time as lots of events are coming up.

Councillor D Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Councillor Turner be the Armed Forces Covenant Representative for GTC.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Marshall.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Turner be the Armed Forces Covenant Representative for GTC.

PR1884

**REPORT OF COUNCILLOR TURNER AND COUNCILLOR RASPIN – CAR BOOT SALE**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Turner informed Members that the feedback from the car boot sales had been very positive. He said that the Community Spirit had been good despite the bad weather at the last one. He asked whether it could continue over the winter months as a table top sale in the Market hall. There is plenty of room to empty cars and then park in Escourt Street.

Councillor Head asked The Town Clerk if there was any reason the Market Hall couldn't be used. She said that GTC had the lease until 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

The Town Clerk informed Members that there is no reason it can't be used.

Councillor Marshall informed Members that in her opinion they should agree it from November until March and then revert to West Park in April. She said that the stalls are already there and cafes in town could also benefit.

Councillor Head said that a contribution of £20 should be made to GTC to cover the cost of cleaning the Hall and toilets.

Councillor Penn said that it was a good idea to utilise the empty building whilst protecting the park from damage during the Winter.

Councillor Whitehead stated that there is also free parking in Wesley Square in December. She asked about the possibility of a Christmas Market in December which would hopefully encourage more people into Goole.

Councillor Moore asked whether public liability is covered?

The Town Clerk stated that it is covered.

A discussion took place regarding costs. Councillor Head suggested reducing the cost to £8.00 with no food included.

Councillor Turner **PROPOSED** that the Car Boot sale be held in the Market Hall during Winter.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Raspin.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Car Boot sale be held in the Market Hall during Winter.

**PR1885**      **REPORT OF COUNCILLOR BOATMAN – HOME START GOOLE & DISTRICT**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Boatman informed Members that there is an ongoing issue for Home Start trying to secure funding as well as that from the Lottery. She asked if anyone is aware of any funding streams.

Councillor Head asked whether ERYC would provide funding.

Councillor Boatman answered that as they are doing such a good job dealing with referrals from GPs and with many others being sent to them ERYC is not providing any funding. They have however got someone from ERYC involved now.

Councillor Moore stated that this should be referred to the two East Riding Councillors.

Councillor Head informed Members that she is a big believer that Charity begins at home and as such her belief is that local charities should benefit from The Mayors Fund. She assured Councillor Boatman that she would look into it. She said that GTC would instruct Councillor Handley and Councillor Coultish to work alongside Councillors B and D Jeffreys on this issue.

**PR1886**      **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – SOUTH PARK TOILETS**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

The Town Clerk discussed the report informing Members that the cost of fully refurbishing the toilets would be approximately £24,000. He asked Members to consider what they wished to happen with the building.

Councillor Head said that she agreed that the toilets are in an appalling state but she is concerned that previously lots of money has been spent and the toilets have been vandalised. She suggested that the cost of hiring portaloos be looked into for events. If the toilets are required for daily use, Councillor Head suggested a quick paint job and tidy up which would not cost anything like £24,000.

Councillor D Jeffreys said that a lady in Old Goole has offered to open and lock the toilets. She is awaiting DBS clearance.

Councillors asked where the quote of £24,000 came from.

The Town Clerk informed them that the quote came from a local builder. He said that it would be cheaper to buy

a second hand transline portakabin and fit it out with disabled toilet packs which would cost around £2,500.

Councillor Flynn said that the issue could possibly be considered in January when the Budgets are set. A discussion took place regarding using volunteers to sort the toilets out by scraping and painting. Various options were mentioned including 'Art Work' by Councillor Penn and the Community Payback Service who are currently undertaking work at the VPG.

Councillor Penn suggested that his company might be willing to fund such a Community project and agreed to report back.

**PR1887 PROPOSED REMOVAL OF PUBLIC PAYPHONES – CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Members discussed the report with Councillor Flynn stating that the only one that affects us is Dempster Road.

Councillor Moore informed Members that BT has looked into this previously. He said that payphones are a vital service which could save someones life.

Councillor Head stated that as a child her life was saved by a payphone in Old Goole. She said that there are only two payphones left in Old Goole which should be kept as the mobile signal is not good there.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that option 3 of the report be put forwards to ERYC.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Boatman.

It was **RESOLVED** that option 3 of the report be put forwards to ERYC.

**PR1888 REPORT OF COUNCILLOR B JEFFREYS – REQUEST TO PURCHASE A LITTER BIN FOR SWINEFLEET ROAD**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor D Jeffreys informed Members that the issue has now been resolved as a second hand bin has been found and is going to be fitted free of charge.

**PR1889 REQUEST OF THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION TO PLACE CLOTHES COLLECTION BANKS AT WEST PARK AND RIVERSIDE GARDENS**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Head asked why clothes banks were needed at the areas suggested. She said that there is already one in Tesco carpark which not only looks untidy but is also a fire risk.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** to decline the request to place clothes collection banks at West Park and Riverside Gardens.

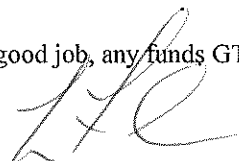
This was **SECONDED** by Councillor D Jeffreys.

Members **RESOLVED** to decline the request to place clothes collection banks at West Park and Riverside Gardens.

**PR1890 HULL & EAST RIDING CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH COST OF REDECORATION**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Turner stated that although the Citizens Advice Bureau does a good job, any funds GTC have are needed for its own facilities.



Councillor D Jeffreys informed Members that the Citizens Advice Bureau nationally is given £167,000,000 Government funding and also Lottery grants. He agreed that they do a wonderful job but our Budget cannot afford to assist them.

Councillor Walker agreed that GTC can't afford to fund others when struggling to fund its own needs.

Councillors agreed unanimously that no contribution would be made to assist with redecoration costs.

**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.**

**PR1891 MONTHLY DEBTORS – SEPTEMBER, 2019**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Head wanted to know why Debtor A is on the list.

The Town Clerk informed Members that it is to do with the timing of the report.

Councillor Head asked why the amount for Debtor C has risen.

The Town Clerk informed Members that Debtor C has been billed for damage and repairs. GTC is trying to recover the full amount therefore the money will continue to rise until paid. If it remains unpaid GTC will take action using Money Claims On Line.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the Officer's Report.

**PR1892 VPG FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Head explained the report stating that she had spoken to Lea-Ann Wright, Commuted Sums Officer at ERYC who had agreed that ERYC will pay for the fee proposal. GTC has to formally request ERYC to fund a feasibility study.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** that GTC write to ERYC with a formal request to fund a feasibility study.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

Members voted unanimously to write to ERYC with a formal request to fund a feasibility study via Commuted Sums.

**Meeting concluded 8.15pm**

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