

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 7th November, 2019 at 7:10pm

PRESENT: Councillors Head (In the Chair) Bailey, Boatman, Bottomley, Flynn, Harrison, Moore, Penn, Raspin, Turner, Vause and Walker.

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

GTC2785 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Marshall, Moiser and Whitehead.

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

GTC2786 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE**

There were no declarations of interest.

GTC2787 **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 Moore **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10th October, 2019 be accepted as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Turner.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 10th October, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Head.

Councillor Turner **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 10th and 24th October, 2019 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Penn.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 10th and 24th October, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair Councillor Turner.

Councillor Penn **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 24th October , 2019 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Walker.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meetings held on 24th October, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Flynn.

GTC2788 **HILLS COMMUNITY PLAY AREA**

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor Head explained that this play area has been a source of aggravation for years. She said that as an East Riding Councillor the problems with the park seemed unsolvable due to the adult drug abusers and the bad behaviour of certain adolescents.

Councillor Turner informed Members that he had met with the Operations Manager Amenities (OMA) at the park the previous day to look at the condition of the equipment as ERYC had agreed to resite two goals. The goals however are in too bad a condition for GTC to use. He said that there is however a significant amount of equipment which could be used elsewhere in Goole including a bench worth £500, a bin and some excellent security fencing.

Councillor Head said that some equipment had been resited to Old Goole.

Councillor Bailey asked where the funding came from.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the funding had been acquired from the Countryside Agency. The funding was given on the understanding that GTC maintained and insured the park. Unfortunately many of the residents who were involved at the time have now moved away. On expiry of the lease, responsibility was vested in the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Councillors discussed the fact that children will no longer use the park due to the irresponsible acts of adults.

Councillor Moore informed Members that he would be concerned if the park was removed as the area contributes to the community.

Councillor Penn asked whether a camera was being put on the bridge.

East Riding Councillor Nick Coultish answered that when this was first looked into they were told that unfortunately the park will not reopen and will be sold as Commercial land. Should the land not sell it will become wasteland. He said that this is a lose-lose situation for residents.

East Riding Councillor Ann Handley informed Members that the college could possibly take on the refurbishment of the equipment.

Councillor Head stated that she is all for doing away with the park. She said that the residents have to put up with a terrible noise from the skatepark and footballers. She said that the park over the bridge can be accessed on foot. She informed Members that she has asked East Riding Councillors to look out for any equipment that GTC can use.

East Riding Councillor Ann Handley told Members that she has looked into this and been told that the equipment is not fit for purpose.

Councillor Head said that an area for Mums and toddlers with a bench and small climbing frame would be useful.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members had no objections to the closure of the play area and that any useable equipment be acquired for use in other amenity areas in Goole.

The Full Council meeting concluded at 7.25pm.

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