

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 13th August, 2020 at 6.25pm via Zoom

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

OFFICERS: Mr Brian Robertson (Town Clerk)
Ms Stacey Norfolk (Responsible Finance Officer)

GTC2833 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors B Jeffreys, Marshall, Turner 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 Paul Woolsass of 13 Heber Terrace, Goole stated his intention to speak on agenda item 5.

GTC2834 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE**

Councillor Head declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 3 and 4 as Chair of the Victoria Pleasure Grounds CIC.

GTC2835 **GOOLE WINDFARM TRUST APPLICATION FOR VICTORIA PLEASURE GROUNDS**

Members were requested to authorize Julie Reed of Andrew Percy, MP's office to submit a bid on behalf of the Council to the the Goole Windfarm Trust in order to secure funding for the redevelopment of the Victoria Pleasure Grounds.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor D Jeffreys and **SECONDED** by Councillor Penn that the request be authorized.

It was **RESOLVED** that the **PROPOSAL** be **APPROVED**.

GTC2836 **AUTHORISATION FOR STEVE WELLS TO SUBMIT A BID TO THE FOOTBALL FOUNDATION ON BEHALF OF VPG CIC**

Councillor Head explained that formal approval is required in order that an external bid can be prepared for the redevelopment of the Victoria Pleasure Grounds. This would include preparing a development brief and submitting bids to external funders.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Moiser and **SECONDED** by Councillor D Jeffreys that the request be authorized.

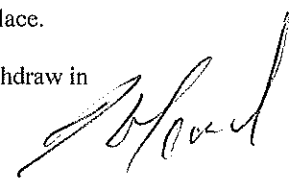
It was **RESOLVED** that the **PROPOSAL** be **APPROVED**.

GTC2837 **STORAGE OF AMMONIA NITRATE ON GOOLE DOCKS**

Mr Paul Woolass of 13 Heber Terrace gave details of the original application for the increased tonnage of ammonia nitrate to be stored on Goole docks, which was strongly opposed by the Town Council. He referred to the recent explosion in Beirut and explained that a similar explosion in Goole would be more catastrophic due to the close proximity of oil silos, which would trigger a chain reaction.

He added that the tonnage had been deliberately kept below 5,000 tons since the company was incapable of meeting the regulatory requirements for the higher amount. He also questioned which body is responsible for ensuring that breaches of the authorized amount do not take place.

He added that an application for the storage of ammonia nitrate had recently been withdraw in Southampton.



Councillor Bailey suggested that the site could be targeted by terrorists should security arrangements not be stringent.

Councillor D Jeffreys referred to photographs of unsheeted material being transported and other security issues together with breaches of health and safety rules. He added that Humberside Fire and Rescue are due to inspect the site. He reported that the East Riding's Head of Planning, Stephen Hunt would be happy to attend a public meeting along with the Council, the Health and Safety Executive, site operators and ABP.

Councillor Bottomley suggested that splitting the tonnage stored among different sheds would improve site safety.

Councillor Moore expressed concern that material could be washed into the drainage system.

Councillor Vause questioned whether ammonia nitrate is being stored to the rear of the Old Shipyard.

Councillor Moore suggested that the Health and Safety Executive, ABP, Humberside Fire and Rescue and the East Riding of Yorkshire Council be urged to relocate the storage of ammonia nitrate to a more suitable location.

He added that there is double the amount of ammonia nitrate stored in Goole compared to Beirut and in a residential area. An explosion could be catastrophic and also cause flooding of the town.

He also referred to a lack of security at the site when he had visited to take photographs and had not been challenged. He stated that the site is vulnerable to terrorist attacks, fireworks and lightning strikes. He added that an on-line petition had already attracted in excess of 500 signatures.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that the Council ask the Health and Safety Executive, Humberside Fire and Rescue and the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to revisit the storage of this material with a view to it being relocated to a site absent from residential properties.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Boatman.

It was **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** Councillor Moore's **PROPOSAL**.

The Full Council meeting concluded at 7.30pm.

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