

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd June, 2022 commencing at 7.26pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Flynn (In the Chair), Bailey, Cooper, Handley, Harrison, Raspin, Turner and Walker.

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

PR2165 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Boatman, Bottomley, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Marshall, Moiser, and Vause.

PR2166 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE

There were no declarations of interest

PR2167 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 19th May, 2022 approved at Council on 9th June, 2022 be signed as a true record by the Chair (Councillor Flynn).

This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bailey and **SECONDED** by Councillor Handley.

PR2168 REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER/DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Members were in receipt of the following reports.

(a) Income & Expenditure to May, 2022

Councillor Turner asked what the net cost of the allotments is and whether they make a loss.

The Town Clerk informed Members that he would investigate.

Councillor Turner asked about the Mission Hall.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the building was handed back to the owners in March this year. He explained that there is money set aside should any repairs be needed.

Councillor Raspin queried the café rates/rent.

The Town Clerk answered that this is West Park café. Green team pay any business rates and pay the Council 10% of net profit as rent.

Members were recommended to note the report for the period ending 30th April, 2022.

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report for the period ending 30th April, 2022.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Walker.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report for the period ending 30th April, 2022.

(b) Travel Expenses

Members were recommended to note the report.

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Raspin.

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

(c) NJC Payscales

Members were recommended to note the report.

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Walker.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **NOTE** the report.

(d) Internal Audit Report for year ended 31st March, 2022.

Members were recommended to approve/action plan the above recommendations.

Councillor Flynn pointed out that there are a few amber and one red item on the report.

The Town Clerk informed Members that we are disputing the red item as this related to individual error rather than a procedural fault. A further issue refers to Remembrance Sunday which he stipulates should be spent under section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972. Regarding Section 137 of the same Act, this allows spending where there are no other powers to spend.

Councillor Raspin queried no. 8 Adequate Payroll Controls. He asked whether the payment issues have been Resolved.

The Town Clerk informed Members that it has been resolved with the employee and been dealt with by the Town Clerk and RFO/deputy Town Clerk.

Councillor Handley asked a question regarding standing Orders wanting to know when they are reviewed and also procurement thresholds.

The Town Clerk explained that the thresholds have changed and the Standing Orders need updating in line with the latest NALC Model.

Councillor Handley **PROPOSED** that Members approve/action plan the recommendations.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Walker.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **APPROVE** the recommendations

PR2169 **REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR HANDLEY – RE-SITING OF CIRCUS AT WEST PARK – ITEM DEFERRED FROM POLICY & RESOURCES MEETING 19th MAY, 2022**

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor Handley informed Members that she is constantly been contacted about the noise from the circus and fair. She has visited a resident again today who is sick of the noise and wants the circus moving. She sent the Environmental Health Officer in to obtain the facts. Councillor Handley told the resident that she would bring the subject to the Council meeting for guidance.

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Councillor Turner informed Members that he has spoken to the Environmental Health Officer at length and only one resident has complained to Environmental Health. It doesn't meet the threshold for relocation although they advise to relocate if possible. They also advise to turn the music down slightly, particularly the bass. Whilst the resident is entitled to complain, they also complain about fireworks, toxic fumes from the bonfire etc. These events only actually take place 3 or 4 days per year and are enjoyed by many.

It was agreed that these events are the highlights of our Town which also bring in people from outside Goole. Every attempt should be made to help with noise reduction including turning the music/bass down and siting the generator as far away from the houses as possible.

Councillor Handley thanked Councillors for their help with the decision. She told the resident that a frank and open discussion has taken place with all the facts considered. She is going to visit the resident to inform them of the outcome.

PR2170 REVIEW OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS

Members were in receipt of the above report

The Town Clerk informed Members that following a P&R Meeting in September 2021 we previously sent some amendments in which do not appear to have been taken on board. These include the area surrounding the railway station, Centenary Gardens and the keeping of dogs on leads in West Park.

It was agreed to reiterate previous comments as part of the current consultation process.

PR2171 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMENITIES WORKING PARTY

Members were in receipt of the above report

Members were requested to endorse the recommendations of the Amenities Working Party.

Item no.1 - Memorabilia and vases in lawned section of Cemetery

The Town Clerk informed Members that as well as being labour intensive having to move items, there is also the possibility of the items being damaged.

Councillor Turner **PROPOSED** that the recommendations of the Amenities Working Party be **APPROVED**.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Harrison.

It was **RESOLVED** that the recommendations of the Amenities Working Party be **APPROVED**.

Item no. 2 - Request from South Park FC Junior Football Club to site storage container at South Park.

Councillor Cooper **PROPOSED** that the recommendations of the Amenities Working Party be **APPROVED**.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Turner.

It was **RESOLVED** that the recommendations of the Amenities Working Party be **APPROVED**.

Item no.3 – Request from Kennings to extend Cemetery car park exit at Cemetery.

This item was deferred until the next Policy & Resources meeting.

Item no. 4 – Request from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council for Goole Town Council to water their planters in the precinct

A discussion took place regarding Councillor Flynn asking Goole in Bloom to water the planters.

Councillor Handley informed Members that she has been speaking to the East Riding employee who looks after the precinct. He has agreed to water the planters.

PR2172 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Members were asked to agree the proposed scheme of delegation and review it annually at the AGM.

The Town Clerk informed Members that on a couple of occasions the Internal Auditor has queried on what authority things have been done. He explained that this currently includes such things as being able to loan tables and chairs free of charge which as Officers they currently aren't allowed to do. This can lead to embarrassment.

A discussion took place regarding 'plus payment'. The Town Clerk informed Members that this is set under NJC conditions. It would be used at the discretion of the Officer. If agreed, It will be reviewed annually at the AGM. The Town Clerk also highlighted the need to sometimes offer compensation to resolve a complaint.

Following further discussion, Councillor Turner **PROPOSED** that the compensation payment limit be set at £120 and that all other recommendations of the Amenities Working Party be **APPROVED**.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Walker.

It was **RESOLVED** that the compensation payment limit be set at £120 and that all other recommendations of the Amenities Working Party be **APPROVED**.

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.

PR2173 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE VICTORIA PLEASURE GROUNDS WORKING PARTY - PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE VICTORIA PLEASURE GROUNDS SEASON 2022/23

Members were asked to endorse the recommendations of the Working Party.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the VPG Working Party put a lot of work into coming up with something which is affordable and equitable. There is a slight increase but charges have been differentiated between commercial and noncommercial organisations. This is because GAFC have major advantages over the noncommercial users in terms of income streams.

Following a lengthy discussion Councillor Raspin **PROPOSED** that the recommendations of the VPG Working Party are **APPROVED**.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Turner.

It was **RESOLVED** that the recommendations of the VPG Working Party be **APPROVED**.

PR2174 MONTHLY DEBTORS

Members were in receipt of the above report

Members commented on the NIL report.

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm

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