

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 5th January, 2023 at 7.05pm

PRESENT: Councillors Turner (In the Chair), Bailey, Bottomley, Cooper, Flynn, Handley, Harrison, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Moiser and Rospin.

OFFICERS: Mr Brian Robertson (Town Clerk)
Mr Graham Whitehead (Head of Arts & Culture)
Mrs Carol Brophy (Administration Assistant)

GTC2949 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Boatman, Marshall, Vause and Walker.

The Chair (Councillor Turner) reminded the public that under standing order 3e members of the public may make representations and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of business on the agenda at Full Council, a time limit of 5 minutes per person will be allowed and public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes.

No Members of the Public wished to speak.

GTC2950 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE**

No declarations of interest were received.

GTC2951 **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.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Moiser and **SECONDED** by Councillor B Jeffreys that the minutes of the Council meeting of 1st December, 2022 be approved as a true record.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1st December, 2022 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor D Jeffreys.

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 1st and 15th December, 2022 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 1st and 15th December, 2022 be signed as a true record by the Chair Councillor D Jeffreys.

Councillor Moiser **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 15th December, 2022 be signed as a true record by the Chair Councillor Flynn

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meetings held on 15th December, 2022 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Flynn.

GTC2952 **TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT PROPOSALS FOR 2023/24**

Councillor Turner informed Members that a joint proposal has been made by the Independent Councillors and Councillor Handley. There is no proposal from the Liberal Democrats or the Labour Councillors.

The proposal is that there is an increase of 4.89% in the precept for 2023/24. The proposed precept is £1,093,500. This is a Tax Band A increase of £5.15 per annum and Tax Band D increase of £7.73 per annum. Any identified projects/events which doesn't have any ring-fenced reserve should be targeted for funding from external sources, or financed by in house fund raising such as the car boot sales. However, any current reserve items that are deemed lower priority, those monies should be allocated to the above-mentioned projects/events.

The Town Clerk informed Members that an increase in precept does not equate to the same percentage increase in Council Tax.

Councillor Turner stated that Councillors hadn't looked early enough. They have however, worked hard over the last few weeks to reach what they feel is a sustainable level for residents. He added that people are struggling and Councillors did not want to make it more of a struggle for them. He said that Councillors were unhappy with the Officers' budget which was almost 9%. He gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Flynn and Councillor Cooper for their hard work on the budget.

Councillor Turner stated that it would be a good idea to post a breakdown in the Goole Times showing exactly what is provided by Goole Town Council in comparison to other Towns.

The Goole Times Reporter informed Members that the breakdown was placed in the paper last year and can go in again this year.

Councillor Raspin **PROPOSED** that there is an increase of 4.89% in the precept for 2023/24. The **PROPOSED** precept is £1,093,500.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Harrison.

Members voted all in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that there is an increase of 4.89% in the precept for 2023/24. The **AGREED** precept is £1,093,500.

The Full Council meeting concluded at 7.20pm

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