

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on 17th March, 2022 commencing at 7.09pm.

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

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

PR2129 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Boatman, Marshall, Penn, Walker and Whitehead.

PR2130 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE

There were no declarations of interest

PR2131 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 17th February, 2022 approved at Council on 3rd March, 2022 be signed as a true record by the Chair (Councillor Flynn).

This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Moiser and **SECONDED** by Councillor B Jeffreys.

PR2132 REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER/DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Members were in receipt of the following reports.

(a) Monthly Payments –January, 2022 (previously circulated)

Councillor Turner questioned the amount paid to Fishers which appears to have increased.

The Town Clerk answered that two of the payments are for CCTV monitoring. He informed members that he would check the payments with The RFO.

Councillor Moiser queried a payment of £340 to Fishers for the installation of audio cable.

The Town Clerk informed Members that he would look into the payment.

Councillor Turner asked the Town Clerk for an update from the RFO on the amount spent on repairs to Fishers.

Councillor Raspin queried the payment for Facebook advertisements. He asked whether the adverts are being tracked.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the APM monitors advertising and the Box office system monitors by postcode.

Members were asked to approve the payments for January, 2022 totalling £131,196.21.

Councillor Bottomley **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the payments for January, 2022.



This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **APPROVE** the payments for January, 2022 totalling £131,196.21.

(b) Monthly Bank reconciliation – January, 2022

Members were asked to approve the bank reconciliation and bank statement for the period ending January, 2022.

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation & bank statement for January, 2022.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Vause.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation & bank statement for January, 2022.

(c) Income & Expenditure to January, 2022

Councillor Moiser **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report for the period ending 31st January, 2022.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report for the period ending 31st January, 2022.

(d) Annual review Financial Risk Assessment 2022

Members were asked to review the risks and **APPROVE** the report.

Councillor Flynn expressed his congratulations on the report saying nothing had been flagged up.

Councillor Bailey also said well done on a good report.

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that Members review the risks and **APPROVE** the report.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that members review the risks and **APPROVE** the report.

(e) Health & Safety & Environmental Policy

Members were asked to note and adopt the reports.

Councillor Turner stated that the new health & Safety company have picked up on a lot of issues which will cause a lot of work.

The Town Clerk informed Members that there are 117 points all very minor. Priorities have been set and are being worked through.

Councillor Moiser **PROPOSED** that Members note and adopt the reports.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** and **ADOPT** the reports.

(f) Fire Risk Assessments West Park/Cemetery/Junction

Members were asked to review and note the reports.



Councillor Flynn informed Members that the dates on the reports need amending prior to being reviewed and noted.

The Town Clerk informed Members that this item would be deferred until the next meeting.

PR2133 WEST PARK BOWLERS TO UPDATE MEMBERS ON DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE P&R MEETING OF 20th JANUARY, 2022

Bowlers in attendance were P. Hedley, C Hedley, T Vandertak, Mr Soffe, M South and N Stead.

The spokesman for West Park Bowlers informed members that a meeting was held on the 7th March. Fourteen people attended and no one voted to form a club. This is mostly due to the mowing and maintenance of the green. Previously, there was a mention of support from the Council, Members don't want this. They feel that the Council are responsible for mowing and maintaining the green. West Park bowlers would like to promote bowling to new players and want the Council to help them. They stated that this is the only place in Goole for older people with many resources for younger people such as parks and skateparks. People are not asked to pay to use these. He told Members that at the last meeting, the Council said that they did not want to close the green and asked whether any Councillors had investigated ways of supporting them.

Councillor Moiser answered that he had looked into it and suggested getting more young people involved.

The spokesman informed Members that to attract more people the green must be staffed not locked. Volunteers are needed such as a coordinator to work with the teams. Money could be collected by volunteers and given in at the end of the week. Spare bowls would be required, both mens and ladies. Specified opening times are required, working around matches. The local paper could advertise the bowling to make members of the public aware.

Councillor Turner informed the bowlers of his disappointment following the enthusiasm shown when Councillors visited the park to arrange working together, to then receive an email stating that they no longer wish to do so. Lots of time and effort went into looking at ways to support the bowling to stay open.

Following further discussion, where it became apparent that the bowlers feel it is down to the Council to sort the green, the Chair informed Members that the issue will have to be looked into in another meeting.

PR2134 REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR VAUSE – FREE USE OF SOUTH PARK FOR QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Vause explained that this is an event aimed at bringing the Old Goole community together. It will be a fun day with a picnic in the park and traditional games and races.

Councillor Turner **PROPOSED** that no charge is made for the use of the park for this event.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Handley.

It was **RESOLVED** that no charge is made for the use of the park for this event.

Members voted all in favour.

PR2135 SOLAR POWERED LIGHTING – UPDATE BY COUNCILLOR B JEFFREYS – REFERRED FROM THE P&R MEETING 17th FEBRUARY, 2022

Councillor B Jeffreys informed Members that further information has been received regarding the proposed project for Millhouse Lane. All four homes have one quarter ownership of the unadopted road in their deeds and all contribute to the upkeep of the lane, including the requirement to provide a pedestrian right of way. The lane was gravelled nine years ago costing the owners £800 each. So far this year each owner has contributed £125 for fencing repairs. All four owners fully support the application for a solar powered streetlight situated at



the carport of Bramley Lodge.

Councillor B Jeffreys informed Members that this project was agreed in principle pending this additional information being provided. She is now seeking full approval to go ahead with the funding application.

Councillor Turner asked about the ongoing costs and maintenance of the light.

Councillor D Jeffreys answered that the light is like those already in Old Goole. It carries an eight-year guarantee.

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that Councillor B Jeffreys be granted **APPROVAL** to go ahead with the funding application.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Bottomley.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor B Jeffreys be granted **APPROVAL** to go ahead with the funding proposal.

PR2136 **PROJECT UPDATE REPORT**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the cycle track project can be moved from red to amber as the bid has gone in.

Councillor B Jeffreys informed Members that Riverside Gardens is awaiting planning permission confirmation.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the Splash Pad project is red due to the absence of any external funding.

Councillor Handley informed Members that the APM is looking at the ice rink project. It would be discussed at a Towns Deal Board meeting the next day.

Councillor Turner stressed the need to repair/ roller the cycle track saying that people are saying it is in a worse state and dangerous.

On being asked what would happen with the cycle track if no funding were available, the Town Clerk informed Members that he is reasonably optimistic as he has sent the Minute authorizing the bid and has been asked a few questions which is usually a good sign.

It was RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded for the following item 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.

PR2137 **MONTHLY DEBTORS**

Members were in receipt of the above report

The Town Clerk informed Members that although Debtor B's debt has risen, he has never reneged on a payment.

Meeting concluded at 7.45pm

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