

**GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of meeting held on 21st April, 2022 commencing at 7.04pm.**

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

**OFFICERS:** Mr B. Robertson (Town Clerk)  
Mrs S Norfolk (Responsible Finance Officer/Deputy Town Clerk)  
Mr P. Batten (Operations Manager Amenities)  
Mrs C. Brophy (Administration Assistant)

**PR2141** **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailey, Boatman, Marshall, Penn and Vause.

**PR2142** **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE**

Councillors B and D Jeffreys declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item no. PR2149. They have been in contact with the applicant, showing him around the premises.

Councillor Cooper declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item no. PR2149. The applicant is known to him.

**PR2143** **MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 approved at Council on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 be signed as a true record by the Chair (Councillor Flynn).

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

**PR2144** **REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER/DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

Members were in receipt of the following reports.

(a) Monthly Payments –February & March, 2022

Councillor Turner asked whether the CCTV payments could be itemised more.

The RFO/Deputy Town Clerk answered that there could be more of a breakdown. She asked that Members email any queries in advance of the meeting.

Councillor D Jeffreys queried the payment for the installation of solar lights.

The RFO/Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that this was paid by a grant from the Police & Crime Commissioner.

Councillor Raspin queried the payment of £327.00 for Membership renewal.

The RFO/Deputy Town Clerk answered that this is her annual membership to the S LCC.

The RFO/Deputy Town Clerk answered various other questions including – payments to Jo Dendle, Graham Whitehead, email fees and Oxley Shutters which she explained was the main shutter doors

at West Park following the recent break in. An insurance claim is ongoing.

Councillor Cooper asked whether it is possible to categorise the report.

The RFO/Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that the report runs in date order.

Councillor Moiser **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the payments for February & March, 2022.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **APPROVE** the payments for February, 2022 totaling £122,947.75 & March, 2022 of £169,995.63.

(b) Monthly Bank Reconciliation & Bank Statement – February & March, 2022

Members were asked to approve the bank reconciliation and bank statement for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 & 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.

Councillor D Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation & bank statement for 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 & 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Bottomley..

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation & bank statement for 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 & 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.

(c) Income & Expenditure to February, 2022

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

## **PR2145 PROPOSED ROAD BRIDGE OVER RAILWAY**

Members were in receipt of the above report

Mr Spillane informed Members that he is appealing for their help to get the railway crossing replaced with a road bridge. He spoke about the town being gridlocked, the large volume of trains per day and the huge problem that this creates for the blue light service. Ambulances often wait several minutes before being let through.

He expressed concern that when the signal box is removed in a year's time and the gates are under automated control, the gates will be shut even longer, as the train to gate distances will be increased, due to the regulations. Mr Spillane informed Members that when the Local Transport Plan is updated in a year or two's time, the Statutory Consultees must address the issue.

Mr Spillane explained that he has previously submitted a proposal to the Town Deal Board which was deemed Unsuitable by various departments at ERYC, for very legitimate reasons. His second proposal hasn't yet been responded to. Goole Town Councillor's were sent details of this proposal some weeks ago.

Mr Spillane spoke in detail regarding his proposal for a road bridge, which starts at the junction of Boothferry Road and Pasture Road and goes through the current Post Office site, in line with Pasture Road, up a ten per cent gradient ramp, over the railway lines and down into Damac's yard, where it will link up with Stanhope Street and Coronation Street. He informed Members that the scheme has the great advantage that it can be built without disrupting the current road system, until it is finally linked into the road system upon completion. The Post Office and Damac will obviously need relocating.

He told Councillors that he hopes that they will liaise with the Railways to address the matter.

Following further lengthy discussion on the issue it was agreed that the East Riding Councillors would discuss the matter with East Riding Council and instigate a feasibility study.

#### **PR2146 RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITH BOWLING GREEN MEMBERS**

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor Turner informed Members of his disappointment with the bowlers following the time and effort put in to create a joint venture where he and Mr Wattam would cut the grass and the bowlers would help out with minor jobs. Five Councillors attended the Friends of West Park meeting where the bowlers were totally on board with this. The bowlers have now advised the Council that they are not willing to form a club, they merely want to rent the green to play as and when and are not willing to engage or help in any way.

Councillor Turner informed Members that by not forming a club, funding can't be applied for. He suggested that bowling continues this year and be brought back to Council prior to budget setting.

The RFO/Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that there is currently £490 in the budget.

It will cost approximately £10,000 next year to run the bowling green.

Councillor Vause informed Members that the Goole Times offered to assist the bowlers.

The Goole Times representative replied that the bowlers did not contact them.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would work with the Goole Times on an article/letter regarding bowling.

Following lengthy discussions regarding the cost and number of players required to make the green viable, Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that the process has been exhausted and the green should be closed.

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

There were no votes in favour of this **PROPOSAL**.

Members agreed that now is not the time to make that decision. It will however need careful consideration prior to Budget setting.

**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.**

#### **PR2147 UPDATE ON CCTV PROVISION**

Councillor Turner informed Members that a meeting had been held earlier that evening. It was decided that The Town Clerk will send a letter of intent to give notice to Fishers as we are in the last twelve months of the contract. He updated Members on the ERYC situation saying that the survey should take place within the next couple of weeks. This will look at how many cameras are required, positioning and costings. It could be next year however, before ERYC are ready to take us on and being without CCTV is not an option.

Councillor Handley informed Members that the Operator was asked to apologise for his previous remarks. He did so stating "if you think I've been racist, I'm sorry". This was accepted and the Meeting carried on.

Councillor Handley informed Members that the Town Deal Board money is included as part of the Public Realm money. She stated that she met with Jonathan Evison the previous day who informed her he will match fund the cost.

The OMA asked whether the new contract would be the same as previously, stating that there is no reporting of incidents.

The Town Clerk informed Members that it will be the same in terms of monitoring, to Home Office specifications. He said that there are reports, it is up to us however to analyse the data which is a huge task.

Further discussion took place regarding the reporting of incidents being inconsistent and the need for the new system being digital.

Councillor Turner stated that the new contract should have Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) stating what is expected.

Councillor Cooper informed members that the contract should be monitored every few months by way of a presentation, the Police could be involved in this. He said that there should be a reporting structure in place and the public should be kept aware.

Councillor Handley informed Members that the contract/policy will be watertight if created by ERYC.

The Town Clerk concluded by stating that ERYC will draw up the contract which will come to us for agreement and signing.

**PR2148**     **DRAFT HEADS OF TERMS OF VPG LEASE**

Members were in receipt of the above report

The Town Clerk informed Members that he would like to see the specific incomings and whether the income will be given to the Council.

In view of this, Councillor Handley suggested that the paperwork be pushed back to ERYC for further clarification.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to ERYC for further information.

**PR2149**     **TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF RIVERSIDE GARDENS CAFÉ**

Members were in receipt of the above

Councillor Flynn informed Members that it was disappointing that there was only one applicant.

Councillor D Jeffreys informed Members that he and Councillor B Jeffreys had showed the applicant around the premises. He was delighted and asked whether at his own expense, he could replace the boarded-up window putting in a serving hatch for teas and coffees.

Councillor B Jeffreys informed Members that she wished to clarify that food would be prepared at the pub and transported to the café, not made on the premises as stated on the application form.

The Town Clerk informed Members that it would be a rolling contract, with 6 months' notice on either side.

The RFO/Deputy Town Clerk informed members that she has requested to see the accounts every 3 months.

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that the tender for the café at Riverside Gardens be awarded to Mr Colin Davock.

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

Members voted all in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the tender for the café at Riverside Gardens be awarded to Mr. Colin Davock.

**PR2150**      **MONTHLY DEBTORS**

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor Flynn remarked that the report is looking positive with very little outstanding debt.

**Meeting concluded at 8.25pm**

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