

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held on 29th June, 2023 commencing at 7.21pm

PRESENT: Councillors Flynn (In the Chair), Bailey, Bottomley, Cooper, Handley, Harrison, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys Kilcoyne, Penn, Raspin, and Siddle.

OFFICERS: Mr B. Robertson (Town Clerk)
Ms. S. Norfolk (RFO/Deputy Town Clerk)
Mr G. Whitehead (Head of Arts & Culture)
Mr P. Batten (Head of Operations)

PR2272 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Marshall & Moiser

PR2273 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE**

There were no declarations of interest.

PR2274 **MINUTES**

There are currently no minutes for signing as they have been sent out for approval at this week's Full Council meeting.

PR2275 **REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER/DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

Members were in receipt of the following report.

(a) Monthly Payments – April & May 2023

Members were recommended to approve the schedule of payments for April 2023 of £128,824.48 and May 2023 of £123,494.63

Councillor D Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for April 2023 of £128,824.48 and May 2023 of £123,494.63.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for April 2023 of £128,824.48 and May 2023 of £123,494.63.

(b) Monthly Bank Reconciliation & Bank Statement – 30th April 2023 and 31st May 2023.

Members were recommended to approve the bank reconciliations for April 2023 and May 2023.

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the bank reconciliations for April 2023 and May 2023.



This was **SECONDED** by Councillor D Jeffreys

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the bank reconciliations for April 2023 and May 2023.

(c) Income & Expenditure to 31st May 2023.

Members were recommended to note the report for the period ending 31st May 2023.

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report for the period ending 31st May 2023.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report for the period ending 31st May 2023

PR2276

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS MANAGER AMENITIES – REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES WORKING PARTY

Members were in receipt of the above report.

SOUTH PARK – PARKING ISSUES

The report highlighted a number of complaints regarding cars parked down South Park Road and blocking access to H Waltons Ltd. The working party recommended increasing the overflow car park by 12 spaces. The estimated cost of £15,000 would be met by a £10k application to the Wind Farm Fund plus £5k from the West Park Heritage Lottery reserve fund.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bottomley and

SECONDED by Councillor Bailey that the recommendations of the amenities working party be **APPROVED**.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendation of the Amenities Working Party

BOWLING GREEN – COLLECTION OF FEES

The working party recommended refusal of a request from bowlers to retain 10% of income collected due to the activity being already subsidised.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bailey and

SECONDED by Councillor B Jeffreys that the recommendation of the Amenities Working Party be **APPROVED**.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendation of the Amenities Working Party

WEST PARK – DOG EXERCISE COMPOUND

Councillor Raspin had proposed the idea of a fenced dog exercise area, which would be funded by the Council with a fee being charged for its use. The amenities working party recommended that the proposal be put out to public consultation to ascertain demand and potential income and expenditure.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bailey and

SECONDED by Councillor Penn that the recommendation of the amenities working party be **APPROVED**.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendation of the Amenities Working party.



CEMETERY – COMPLAINTS ABOUT SQUIRRELS

Members had received a complaint regarding damage by squirrels to floral tributes in the cemetery. The complainant suggested that squirrels be neutered to alleviate the problem. Councillor B Jeffreys had undertaken research into the issue which showed that this was both impractical and ineffective. The working party recommended that the complainant be advised regarding the types of flowers unattractive to squirrels and deterrent sprays.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bailey and

SECONDED BY Councillor Penn that the recommendations of the working party be **APPROVED**.

It was **RESOLVED** that the recommendations of the Amenities working party be **APPROVED**.

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE ADDITIONAL SIGNS

It was reported that Friends of West Park had been successful in their bid to the Wind Farm to install additional British Sign Language signs in the town. Councillor Flynn had suggested inviting the lady who first requested the signs to the next Friends of West Park meeting in order to compile a list of potential sites for approval. The working party recommended no further action at this time.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bailey and

SECONDED by Councillor Penn that recommendations of the working party be **APPROVED**.

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

PR2277 REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ARTS & CULTURE – APPOINTMENTS

The Head of Arts and Culture reported on the Arts Council ~England requirement to appoint a Councillor to 2 new working parties: - Junction Advisory Board and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and relevance working group.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bailey and

SECONDED by Councillor Raspin that Councillor Kilcoyne be the Council's representative on both working parties.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Kilcoyne be the Council's representative on both working part.

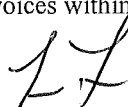
It was RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded for the following items under the public bodies (admission to meetings act) 1960 in that they contain commercial or personal information as defined under the local government act 1972 schedule act 12a the divulgence of which may be detrimental to the council.

PR2278 MONTHLY DEBTORS

Councillor Handley declared a personal interest in Debtor D of the 30th of April report and Debtor C in the report of 31st May.

With regard to Debtor A in the report of 30th April and Debtor B in the report of 31st May it was proposed by Councillor Bailey and seconded by Councillor B. Jeffreys that the debt be paid over a period of 24 months with the first payment being made on 7th July.

In addition, the debtor would be required to settle future invoices within a 30 day period and that failure to do so would result in Notice to Quit.



PR2279 REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ARTS & CULTURE – MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JUNCTION ADVISORY BOARD

Members were in receipt of the above report.

The Junction Advisory Board met on the 12th June and its minutes were appended.
Members were requested to approve the recommendations of the Advisory Board :-

- a) To adopt the Governance / Reporting structure
This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bailey and **SECONDED** by Councillor B. Jefferys.
- b) To adopt the Terms of Reference.
This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bailey and **SECONDED** by Councillor Penn.
- c) To adopt the Comps Policy.
This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor B. Jefferys and **SECONDED** by Councillor Penn.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the above **PROPOSAL**.

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm

