

**GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 commencing at 6.36pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Flynn (In the Chair), Bailey, Cooper, Harrison, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Kilcoyne, Moiser, Marshall, Siddle, Raspin, Penn. V McLaughlin, B McLaughlin, Shillito and Bottomley

**OFFICERS:** Mr B. Robertson (Town Clerk)  
Ms S. Norfolk (RFO/Deputy Town Clerk)  
Mrs Caroline Sturgeon (Finance & Admin Assistant)

**PR2286**      **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Handley

**PR2287**      **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE**

There were no declarations of interest.

**PR2288**      **MINUTES**

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be signed as a correct 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 of 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 be signed as a correct record by the Chair Councillor Flynn

**PR2289**      **REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER/DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

Members were in receipt of the following report.

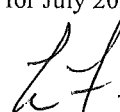
(a) Monthly Payments – July 2023

Members were recommended to approve the schedule of payments for July 2023 totalling £131219.80

Councillor Moiser **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for July 2023 of £131219.80

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Penn

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for July 2023 of £131,219.80



(b) Monthly Bank Reconciliation & Bank Statement – July 2023.

Members were recommended to approve the bank reconciliation for July 2023.

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation for July 2023

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation for July 2023.

(c) Income & Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

Members were recommended to note the report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

**PR2290** **REQUEST OF GROUNDWORKS FOR FACILITY AT WEST PARK**

Members were in receipt of a letter from Groundworks to consider a proposal from Together for Goole to apply for external funding to carry out a feasibility study for an indoor space to be situated at West Park to deliver the age 7-11 playscheme.

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that Members agree to the request to seek funding

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was **RESOLVED** that external funding be sought by Groundworks to carry out a feasibility study.

**PR2291** **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AMENITIES WORKING PARTY**

Members were in receipt of a report from the Operations Manager regarding the trialling of wildflowering in two areas of Hook Road Cemetery. Members were given two options with cost implication. Option 1 was to not cut the site and let natural wildflowers grow. Option 2 was to sow a wildflower mix. The operations manager assured that should there be any complaints, a path could be cut so any visitors would have easier access.

Councillor Bailey stated that the cost savings from not mowing the area would be significant.

Councillor Penn requested Health & Safety signage be installed.

Councillor Siddle **PROPOSED** that option 2 be adopted

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Bailey

It was **RESOLVED** that option 2 of sowing wildflower seeds be adopted.

Members were in receipt of a report from the Operations Manager regarding the baby section of the cemetery and the difficulty involved in grass cutting between the plots, so artificial grass was a solution. The cost for full installation would be £2080 with £1400 allocated from car boot funds and the remainder from the cemetery budget.

It was agreed that all parents be informed of the changes before work commences.



Councillor Bottomley **PROPOSED** that artificial grass be laid in the baby section.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Penn

It was **RESOLVED** that artificial grass be laid in the baby section of the cemetery.

Members were in receipt of a report from the Operations manager and the report from the structural engineers identifying issues regarding Riverside Gardens bandstand. 3 quotes have been sought with the lowest being £9789.

It was requested that electricity be installed at the same time as works being carried out. This would be at a cost of £2040 but does not include trenching. A local contractor has agreed to do the trenching for free.

The Town Clerk stated that if we could put a monetary value to this work it could be used as match funding when applying for external funding to carry out the major repairs.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bailey that external funding be sought to carry out the repair works to the bandstand.

It was **SECONDED** by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was **RESOLVED** that external funding be sought to carry out repair works to the bandstand

**PR2292**      **REPORT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING PARTY**

Members were in receipt of a brief report from the Environmental working party of 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Members were asked to note the report.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bailey to note the report

It was **SECONDED** by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report

**PR2293**      **SPEEDING ISSUE, SWINEFLEET ROAD**

Members were in receipt of a letter from East Riding of Yorkshire Council with the results of a speed survey carried out on Swinefleet Road in June 2022.

Discussion took place regarding the increased amount of traffic on the road which would only get worse and the use of a Speed Indication Device (SID)

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor B Jeffreys that Goole Town Council give permission to start the official process to request a SID.

It was **SECONDED** by Councillor Bailey

It was **RESOLVED** that Goole Town Council start the official process to request a Speed Indication Device (SID)

**PR2294**      **HEDGEHOGS**

Members were in receipt of a request from the Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project to support their campaign to buy highway tunnels at a cost of £150 for 50.



Councillor Bailey kindly offered to pay for this personally.

Councillor Flynn **PROPOSED** a vote of thanks to Councillor Bailey in supporting the project

It was **SECONDED** by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was **RESOLVED** that the project be supported with a personal donation from Councillor Bailey

**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.**

**PR2295 Monthly Debtors**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

The RFO/Deputy Town Clerk informed members that Debtor A had made further payments since this report was issued.

Councillor Penn asked the RFO/Deputy Town Clerk regarding the procedure for missed payments, the RFO/Deputy Town clerk stated that this would be reported at the monthly Policy & Resources meeting for members to decide any further actions taken.

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** to note the report

It was **SECONDED** by Councillor Penn

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report

**PR2296 Riverside Gardens Crown Green Coffee Shop**

Members were in receipt of a report from the RFO/Deputy Town Clerk and copies of two applications. The RFO/Deputy Town clerk reported that both parties had been contacted to address missing points in the business plans and cash flow forecasts.

Councillor Cooper suggested the RFO/Deputy Town Clerk work with both applicants and they re-submit business plans and they prepare a small presentation to Members at the next meeting.

Members noted the report

Meeting concluded at 7.55 pm

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