GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held on 30th May 2024 commencing at 6:18PM

PRESENT: Councillors Flynn (In the Chair), Raspin, D Jeffreys, B Jeffreys, Moiser, Bailey, Shillito, Cooper, Siddle and

B McLaughlin

OFFICERS: Mr B. Robertson (Town Clerk)

Ms Stacey Norfolk (Deputy Town Clerk/RFO)

Mr Phil Batten (Head of Operations)

Mr Graham Whitehead (Head of Arts & Culture)

Mrs Natasha Costello (DSA)

PR2365 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Kilcoyne, V McLaughlin, Penn, Bottomley and Handley

PR2366 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE

There were no declarations of interest

PR2367 MINUTES

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on the 21st March 2024 and approved at Full Council on 18th April 2024 and Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on the 18th April 2024 and approved at Full Council on 9th May 2024

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee of 21st March 2024 and approved at Full Council on 18th April 2024 and the minutes of the meeting of 18th April 2024 approved at Council on 9th May, 2024 be signed as a correct record by the Chair Councillor Flynn.

This was SECONDED by Councillor Moiser

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee of 21st March 2024 and 18th April 2024, be signed as a correct record by the Chair, Councillor Flynn

PR2368 REPORTS OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER/DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Members were in receipt of the following reports.

(a) Monthly Payments – March/April 2024

Members were recommended to APPROVE the schedule of payments for March 2024, totaling £335,452.42 and for April 2024, totaling £169,412.06

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Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for March/April 2024 of £335,452.42 and £169,412.06

This was SECONDED by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for March/April 2024 of £335,452.42 and £169,412.06

(b) Monthly Bank Reconciliation & Bank Statement – March/April 2024

Members were recommended to APPROVE the bank reconciliation for March/April 2024

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation for March/April 2024

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the bank reconciliation for March/April 2024

(c) <u>Income & Expenditure to 31st March/30th</u> April 2024

Members were recommended to note the report for the period ending 31st March/30th April 2024

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report for the period ending 31^{st} March/ 30^{th} April 2024

This was SECONDED by Councillor Raspin

It was RESOLVED to NOTE the report for the period ending 31st March/30th April 2024

(d) Year-end Transfers To and From Reserves via the General Fund – 2022/2023

Members were recommended to approve the transfers to reserves of £42,060 and from reserves of £45,875

Councillor Bailey PROPOSED that Members APPROVE transfers to reserves of £42,060 and from reserves of £45,875

This was SECONDED by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the transfers to reserves of £42,060 and from reserves of £45,875

(e) Appointment of Internal Auditor for the Financial Year Ending – 31st March 2025

Members were recommended to RE-APPOINT Richard Dixon as the internal auditor for 2024/2025

Councillor B Jeffreys PROPOSED that Members RE-APPOINT Richard Dixon as the internal auditor for

2024/2025

This was SECONDED by Councillor Moiser

It was RESOLVED to RE-APPOINT Richard Dixon as the internal auditor for 2024/2025

(f) Annual Governance Statement For the year ending – 31st March 2024

Members were recommended to **NOTE** the annual governance statement (section 1 of the AGAR) for the year ending 31st march, 2024, for formal approval at full council on 27th June 2024 For the year ending – 31st March 2024

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the annual governance statement (section 1 of the AGAR) for the year ending 31st march, 2024, for formal approval at full council on 27th June 2024 For the year ending –31st March 2024

This was SECONDED by Councillor Raspin

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the annual governance statement (section 1 of the AGAR) for the year ending 31st march, 2024, for formal approval at full council on 27th June 2024 For the year ending – 31st March 2024

(g) Annual Governance Accountability Return (AGAR) for year end – 31st March 2024

Members were recommended to APPROVE the accounting statements (section 2 of the AGAR) for the year ended 31st march, 2024 for formal approval at full council on 27th June 2024

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the accounting statements (section 2 of the AGAR) for the year ended 31st march, 2024 for formal approval at full council on 27th June 2024

This was SECONDED by Councillor Raspin

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the accounting statements (section 2 of the AGAR) for the year ended 31st march, 2024 for formal approval at full council on 27th June 2024

(h) Asset Valuation Policy – 2024/2025

Members were recommended to AGREE an asset valuation policy at acquisition cost

Councillor D Jeffreys PROPOSED that Members AGREE an asset valuation policy at acquisition cost

This was SECONDED by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was RESOLVED to AGREE an asset valuation policy at acquisition cost

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(i) Notice of Audit 2023/2024

Members were recommended to NOTE the report

Councillor B Jeffreys PROPOSED that Members NOTE the report

This was SECONDED by Councillor B McLaughlin

It was RESOLVED to NOTE the report

(j) Internal Audit Report for the y6ear ended – 31st March 2024

Members were recommended to APPROVE/ACTION PLAN the recommendations in the report

 $\label{lem:councillor} \textbf{Councillor B Jeffreys} \ \textbf{PROPOSED} \ \text{that Members} \ \textbf{APPROVE/ACTION PLAN} \ \text{the recommendations in the report}$

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE/ACTION PLAN the recommendations in the report

(k) Revised Standing Orders

Members were recommended to APPROVE the revised standing orders

Councillor B Jeffreys PROPOSED that Members APPROVE the revised standing orders

This was SECONDED by Councillor D Jeffreys

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the revised standing orders

(l) Revised Financial Regulations

Members were recommended to APPROVE the revised financial regulations

Councillor Siddle PROPOSED that Members APPROVE the revised financial regulations

This was SECONDED by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the revised financial regulations

6.52PM Press entered the meeting

PR2369 AMENITIES WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDATIONS/ REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONS

Members were in receipt of the above report

ALLOTMENT APPEAL PROCESS

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Siddle to **APPROVE** the recommendations of the head of operations to establish an appeals process

It was SECONDED by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations of the head of operations to establish an appeal process

TENANTING VACANT ALLOTMENT GARDENS

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Siddle to **APPROVE** the recommendations of the head of operations to not allow non-Goole residents to be placed on the waiting list.

To not allow current tenants to take over additional allotments where there are vacant plots and to promote the advertising of the vacant plots through social media

It was SECONDED by Councillor D Jeffreys

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To not allow current tenants to take over additional allotments where there are vacant plots and to promote the advertising of the vacant plots through social media

GREENHOUSES

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor D Jeffreys to **APPROVE** the recommendations of the head of operations to prohibit the future erection of glass greenhouses

It was SECONDED by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations of the head of operations to prohibit the future erection of glass greenhouses

AMENITIES REPAIRS

The RFO asked members to priorities this list before adding any new projects

It was PROPOSED by Councillor D Jeffreys to NOTE the report and the recommendation of the RFO

It was SECONDED by Councillor Bailey

It was RESOLVED to NOTE the report and the recommendation of the RFO

PR2370 JUNCTION ADVISORY BOARD – REPORT FROM HEAD OF ARTS & CULTURE

Members were in receipt of the above report

REPAIRS TO HOT WATER SYSTEM

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Bailey to NOTE the report

It was SECONDED by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was RESOLVED to NOTE the report

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Raspin to **CONSIDER** each of the following given by the head of arts & culture

- (A) i. remove the display
 - ii. reduce the display
 - iii. relocate the display
- (B) Resolve to agree the estimated budget overspend
- (C) Approve that installation works are carried out by East Riding Of Yorkshire Council as in previous years

It was SECONDED by Councillor Siddle

It was **RESOLVED** to Defer agenda items ((A) i, ii & iii) to allow the Head of Arts & Culture to give alternative cost solutions.

To approve items B & C

APPLICATION TO OPPORTUNITY GOOLE FLEXIBLE SKILLS FUND - ROUTE 3

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Cooper to **AGREE** the recommendation of the head of arts & culture to approve funding in a formal minute to be shared with opportunity Goole as part of the application

It was SECONDED by Councillor Bailey

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendation of the head of arts & culture to approve funding in a formal minute to be shared with opportunity Goole as part of the application

PR2371 INCREASED PARKING CHARGES WESLEY SQUARE

It was requested that the Town Clerk send a strongly worded email to East Riding Council regarding the parking increase and other concerns raised by Members with regard to a lack of timely communication by the East Riding Of Yorkshire Council.

PR2372 PROTOCOL FOR EXTERNAL BIDS

It was PROPOSED by Councillor B Jeffreys to NOTE the report

It was SECONDED by Councillor Bailey

It was RESOLVED to NOTE the report

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.

PR2373 MONTHLY DEBTORS

Members were in receipt of the above report.

The RFO/DTC gave an update on debtors A & D

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor B Jeffreys to **NOTE** the report

It was SECONDED by Councillor B McLaughlin

It was RESOLVED to NOTE the report

PR2374 UPDATE ON CCTV/LIGHTING IN RIVERSIDE GARDENS

Members were in receipt of the above report.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Raspin to NOTE the report

It was **SECONDED** by Councillor B Jeffreys

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report

PR2375 DRAFT AMENITY LEASES

Members were in receipt of the above report.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bailey to **AGREE** to the drafting of the new amenity leases and nominate 2 Members to sign the executed leases

It was SECONDED by Councillor Siddle

It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** to the drafting of the new amenity leases and nominate the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sign the executed leases

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Meeting concluded at 8:17PM