

MINUTES of Haxby Town Council Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 22 January 2018 in the Memorial Hall, Haxby at 7.30 pm.

<u>PRESENT</u>	Cllr D Rice (Chairman)	Cllr R Cousans
	Cllr M Crawford	Cllr M Preston
	Cllr C Mulholland	Cllr S Newton
	Cllr N Wyatt	Mr M W Scott (Clerk)

#### APOLOGIES

1. Cllr T Richardson

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. Cllr Preston declared an interest in item 13 as he is Chairman of Haxby Town FC.

#### MINUTES

3. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record.**

#### AMENITIES COMMITTEE'S FINANCIAL SITUATION

4. The Committee received and discussed copies of the income/expenditure to date relating to items under the Amenities Committee's control.

#### ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

5. The Committee discussed the positioning of the adult exercise equipment and thought it may be better if they met with a representative of Playscheme to discuss and agree location. The Clerk is to request a couple of provisional dates and see which one suits the most Councillors.

#### MANCROFT HIGH SWING

6. The Clerk explained that he had now received a quote from the manufacturers of the high swing for the replacement parts. He stated that this quote was just over £1000 and did not include labour. As this piece of equipment had previously been a source of resident complaints the Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for the removal of the high swing.

## ST LEONARD'S

7. The Clerk read out an email from City of York Council which said that following several visits to the location of the St Leonards Hospice Shop, they had concluded that there was no suitable location to accommodate a loading or limited waiting bay. They therefore advised that short term visitors should unload and load goods by parking in the mouth of the junction, as they do at present.

## REVIEW OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

8. The working party set up to review the existing play equipment reported back to the Committee their findings from their recent visits to a number of playgrounds in and around York. They showed the Committee a number of photographs showing different types of play equipment. After the discussion it was decided that the Clerk should obtain quotes for the following pieces of playground equipment.
  - A zip wire.
  - A swing for the disabled.
  - A roundabout for the disabled.

In addition the Clerk was also asked to get quotes relating to picnic tables which could be sited on the play areas.

## PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

9. The Clerk advised that since the last meeting he had spoken to Emma from the playground inspection company and had been advised that simply topping up the tree bark surrounding the roundabout on Mancroft was not sufficient. This was because the existing bark needed aeration before the new bark was laid on top. She had also stated that she had found by investigation that the area of bark surrounding the roundabout was way too small. She also indicated that due to the ongoing costs of maintaining the safety surface, consideration should be given to the removal of the roundabout.  
**RESOLVED to get a quote for the area surrounding the roundabout to be adjusted and filled to the correct size and depth before making any decision on the roundabout's future.**

PAVILION – ASBESTOS REPORT

10. The Clerk read from a report prepared on the pavilion concerning the presence of asbestos in the building. The report concluded that there was an area of cement undercloak tiles on the gable end of the changing rooms. It added that consideration should be given to coating the tiles with a suitable sealant such as ET150 or a mix of paint and PVA glue.  
**RESOLVED that the area indicated should be treated as suggested in the report.**

TREES ASHWOOD GLADE

11. The Clerk advised that the report on the Ashwood Glade trees had been received from City of York’s Arboricultural Manager. The report had detail 58 trees stating that 51 needed no action at all and that the other 7 would require work in 4 to 4+ years. No action was therefore deemed necessary at this stage.

GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

12. Quotes from four companies relating to the renewal of the Council’s grass cutting contract were discussed.  
**RESOLVED that the contact be awarded to Dean Landscapes Ltd (the current contractor) at a cost of £505 plus VAT per cut. This is subject to the work being of a sufficiently high standard and the contract being subject to a break clause after the first twelve months if not satisfactory.**

LEVIES

13. The sports team’s levies for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 were discussed and agreed.  
**RESOLVED that levies for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 were agreed as follows:**

	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>
Haxby Town FC	£1300	£1400
Haxby Juniors	£1460	£1572
Haxby Netball	£1050	£1100

WYRE POND – DUCK FEEDING

14. New signs relating to the feeding of ducks at Wyre Pond were discussed. The new signs are to advise residents that feeding bread to the ducks is neither good for the ducks or for the cleanliness of the pond. The signs will indicate what foodstuffs should be fed to the ducks. It was agreed to install the new signs and for Cllr Preston to obtain quotes for the new signs.

MEMORIAL BENCH

15. A request from a member of the public to be allowed to place a bench in the village as a memorial to her late father was read to the Committee.  
**RESOLVED to allow the bench to be place in the village should it be practically possible. Committee members are to consider where such a bench could be placed and discuss at the next meeting.**

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

16. A traffic regulation order from City of York Council was read to members concerning proposed waiting restrictions which are to be applied to Kennedy Drive, Haxby.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION

17. Councillors were asked to submit any requests which they felt needed to be addressed by the Committee, in writing to the Clerk for inclusion on the next agenda, 7 days prior to the date of the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18. The next meeting of the Amenities Committee is to take place on Monday 26 February 2018 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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 Chairman

**(These Minutes are displayed 'unsigned' and are subject to correction at the next Council meeting.)**