

MINUTES of Haxby Town Council Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 23 April 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 N Wyatt
	Mr M W Scott (Clerk)	

APOLOGIES

1. Cllr S Newton

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. None

MINUTES

3. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2018 be signed as a true and accurate record.**

ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

4. The Chairman reported that the installation of adult exercise equipment on Ethel Ward Playing Field had been completed.

MANCROFT HIGH SWING

5. The Committee discussed the future of the high swing at Mancroft and whether or not to pay for the cost of the new parts (approximately £1004 plus VAT).
RESOLVED not to repair the high swing and instead to obtain an estimate to remove the existing wooden frame and replace it with a smaller nest swing.

BUS SHELTER

6. The Clerk advised that the bus shelter on York Road which was recently destroyed by a vehicle was due to be replaced week commencing 30th April 2018. The cost of which to be covered by the Town Council's insurance policy with Zurich Insurance.

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT FOLLOWING REVIEW

7. The Chairman gave details of three quotes received in respect of the proposed new playground equipment discussed previously. The Committee asked that the Full Council be asked at its next meeting to ratify spending by the Amenities Committee on playground equipment as it sees fit up to a given limit. It also asked the Clerk to carry out further enquiries as to some of the costs and discuss these with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman prior to the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.

“DUTCH DISC” ROUNDABOUT AT MANCROFT

8. The Committee discussed the size of the safety surface around the “Dutch Disc” roundabout on Mancroft. This was following recent comments made by the Council’s playground inspectors that the area was too small and that the initial installation had probably been wrong. The Committee stated that the equipment had been certified by ROSPA at the time of the installation and that the certificate should be sent to the inspection company as proof and for comment. Also the Committee asked the Clerk to enquire as to whether sand would be a suitable surface instead of the very expensive play bark.

NURSERY DOOR

9. **RESOLVED to accept a quote from David Badrick Windows of £520 plus VAT to install a new door on the front elevation of the pavilion on Ethel Ward Playing Field.**

ALLOTMENT WATER SUPPLY

10. The Clerk advised that he had met with Yorkshire Water in order to get a quote for a new water supply to the allotments. He explained that the new supply would come from the water main on Station Road and would go to the allotment gate. Arrangements would then have to be made to run a pipe from the allotment gate to the taps on the allotment. The Clerk is to get a quote for the cost of this and report back at the next meeting.

GEESE

11. A complaint was read out by Cllr Cousans about the behaviour of the geese at Wyre Pond. A goose had allegedly behaved aggressively towards a resident’s dog resulting in the dog recoiling in surprise and in to the road. Fortunately no accident had occurred as there was no oncoming traffic. The Committee sympathised with the residents comments and requested that the Clerk write to him informing him of that but pointing out that geese are wild animals and are protected within the breeding season.

MEMORIAL BENCH

12. The Clerk advised that initial indications were that the Memorial Hall Trustees would be happy to have a memorial bench, donated by a member of the public, placed outside the Memorial Hall. He then added however that the lady in question would prefer the bench to be sited on the village green, outside the entrance to the church. The Committee discussed the situation and decided that it would be best if the new bench could be used to replace the existing concrete bench already there. The Clerk is to ascertain whether the concrete bench is already a memorial to someone before action is taken.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION

13. 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

14. The next meeting of the Amenities Committee is to take place on Monday 21 May 2018 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.21pm

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Chairman

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