

MINUTES of Haxby Town Council Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 25 June 2018 in the Memorial Hall, Haxby at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT      Cllr D Rice (Chairman)                      Cllr R Cousans  
                     Cllr M Crawford                                      Cllr M Preston  
                     Cllr C Mulholland                                      Cllr N Wyatt  
                     Mrs J Bell (Deputy Clerk)

APOLOGIES

1. Apologies were received from Cllr S Newton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. Councillor M Preston declared an interest in item 9 on the agenda and Councillor D Rice declared an interest in item 6 on the agenda.

MINUTES

3. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2018 be signed as a true and accurate record.**

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT – ETHEL WARD

4. The Chairman reported that a further £500 had been discounted from the previously chosen quotation for three pieces of new equipment. He reported that the Full Council meeting held in June had granted permission for the Amenities Committee to spend the Section 106 monies held, which was £24,060 plus the £10,000 budgeted for new equipment on the open spaces within the village.  
**RESOLVED to accept the reduced quotation of £24,598.00 plus VAT from Playscheme and for members of the Amenities Committee to meet the contractor on site to discuss the exact location for the installation of the new equipment.**

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT – MANCROFT

5. Four quotes had been received for a basket swing which would replace the high swing. These were discussed.  
**RESOLVED to accept the quotation for £5,615.00 plus VAT from Playscheme which would be within the S106 money and budgeted allowance available but to request a reduction in price to bring the total cost for the three pieces of equipment on the Ethel Ward Playing Field plus the replacement piece on Mancroft to a total of £30,000.**

### ASHWOOD GLADE COMPLAINT

6. The Chairman read out reports from a resident regarding anti-social behaviour which had taken place on the open space. Youths were damaging fences, lighting fires, climbing the trees and there was evidence of drug abuse. Residents had reported these incidents to the Police and youths had been dealt with. The resident asked if the Committee could help further by clearing the areas under the trees where the youths were hiding and could not be seen and to remove the lower branches of the trees to stop youths from climbing. This matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Committee should meet on Ashwood Glade by the entrance to the open space on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 6.30pm to inspect the site. The Deputy Clerk was asked to seek the advice of the Tree Officer at the City of York Council. This matter would then be discussed further at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

### ALLOTMENT WATER SUPPLY

7. The Chairman advised that the installation of a new water supply at the allotment site was under way.

### ROLL TOP BIN – ETHEL WARD PLAYING FIELD

8. A Chairman reported that a request had been made by the Groundsman for a roll-top rubbish bin for the Ethel Ward Playing Field and gave details of the cost of a 1000 litre bin. The bin would be stored in the Groundsman's lock up.

**RESOLVED to approve the emptying of a 1000 litre roll-top bin at the cost of £7.79 per week plus an annual charge of £15.00 for the issue of a waste transfer note. The Groundsman would be asked to report if the weekly emptying of the bin was too often and if so it was agreed that the bin would be emptied on fortnightly basis.**

### PAVILION MAINTENANCE – ETHEL WARD PLAYING FIELD

9. Councillor M Preston spoke about the need to provide an annual maintenance programme for the new football changing rooms which had recently been renovated to a high standard. He handed out a breakdown of estimated costs of items which needed to be maintained on a regular basis in order to keep them to the existing standard. The Committee felt that this needed to be considered and asked him to obtain quotations for the necessary work and report back to the next Amenities Committee meeting. The Clerk would be asked for the names of preferred contractors. The actual costs would then be referred to the Finance Committee for a review of the maintenance budget for the Ethel Ward Playing Field which included the pavilion.

WYRE POND WILLOW TREES

10. The Chairman reported that a very large branch had fallen from one of the willow trees during the recent high winds. A resident suggested that the trees might require some attention with regards to pruning. Committee members were reminded that these trees are protected by Tree Preservation Orders. It was agreed to seek advice from the City of York Council Tree Officer and report back to the next meeting.

ALLOTMENT COMPETITION

11. It was agreed to hold the Annual Gordon Cousans Allotment Competition again this year. Councillor R Cousans agreed to be the judge. Councillor M Crawford and Councillor D Rice were also happy to be involved. Councillor Cousans was asked to let them know when he was available to carry out the judging.

ALLOTMENT COMPETITION PRIZE FUND

12. **RESOLVED to allocate a prize fund of £100 to this year's Allotment Competition with the first prize being £50, the second prize being £30 and the third prize being £20.**

LITTER BIN - ETHEL WARD PLAYING FIELD

13. A resident had made a request for a bin to be placed by the pavilion as a lot of litter accumulated there.  
**RESOLVED to purchase a new litter bin at a cost of £410.00 plus VAT and an additional cost of £150.00 for fitting it to a concrete base.**

MEMORIAL BENCH REQUEST

14. The Chairman reported that the family who had originally requested a memorial bench to be placed on the Village Green in front of St Mary's Church had withdrawn the request as they no longer wished to have a bench.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION

15. 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

16. The next meeting of the Amenities Committee is to take place on Monday 23 July 2018 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.34pm

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Chairman

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