

MINUTES of Haxby Town Council Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 26 November 2018 in the Memorial Hall, Haxby at 7.30 pm.

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

APOLOGIES

1. Cllr M Crawford & Cllr T Richardson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. None.

MINUTES

3. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2018 be signed as a true and accurate record.**

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

4. The Chairman explained that his position as Chairman of the Amenities Committee would stay until May 2019 when upon the Amenities Committee will then appoint a new Chairman for the following 12 months. He explained his position following the Full Council's resolution at its last meeting to quash the decision which removed Cllr Guilford from all committees. This decision had resulted in Cllr Guilford not only losing his seat on the committee but in also losing his position as Chairman. Cllr Guilford then asked for it to be recorded, that in his opinion, he should have been reinstated to the position of Chairman of the Amenities Committee following the quashing of the original resolution.

AMENITIES FINANCES

5. The Clerk provided the Committee with figure showing the original budget for the year set against forecasted year-end figures.

ETHEL WARD - PAVILION

6. Cllr Preston reported that the work sanctioned by the Committee at its last meeting was now complete.

VILLAGE GREEN OUTSIDE RED LION

7. The Clerk explained that the area in front of the Red Lion public house was now being chained off in order for it to be left clear for the delivery wagon on Wednesday mornings.

OLD LIBRARY BICYCLE SHELTER

8. The Clerk explained that he and Cllr Richardson had been to Ethel Ward Playing Field in order to have a look as to where the Old Library Bicycle Shelter should be installed. The Committee was not in favour of the suggestion so it was agreed that members would meet again at Ethel Ward at 9am on Tuesday 27th November in order to once again assess the situation.

CHRISTMAS TREE – ELECTRICAL SOCKET

9. The Clerk reported that a new electrical socket had been installed alongside the village green Christmas tree.

MANCROFT DOG WALKING AREA

10. The Clerk reported that there was no update on this item and it was therefore carried forward.

ALL STAR FOOTBALL ACADEMY

11. The Committee discussed a request from the All Star Football Academy. The Academy was looking to hire the Ethel Ward football pitches and changing rooms over the school summer holiday period in order to put on football coaching sessions. Cllr Preston explained that Haxby Juniors had expressed concerns that the planned activities would impact on what they do and also that it would not help with the summer maintenance of the pitches.

RESOLVED to refuse permission to use the pitches and changing rooms but instead refer the Academy to Oaken Grove Community Centre, in order to see if they could help by renting out their pitch instead.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

12. An offer from City of York Council gifting Christmas lights to Haxby was discussed. City of York Council had advised that there were 22 lights on offer however they also advised that there were only 7 street lights in Haxby that could accommodate them and that these were situated on York Road at the entrance to the village. The Committee decided that they wished to thank City of York Council for the offer but decline due to the annual cost of putting the lights up, taking them down and also due to having inadequate provision to store them during the other 11 months of the year.

ETHEL WARD PLAYING FIELD BINS

13. The Clerk advised that all of the waste bins on Ethel Ward had been replaced by new City of York Council bins. He added that this had caused a problem as the writing on the bins said that they were suitable for both litter and dog waste. This had resulted in some members of the public thinking that dogs were now allowed on Ethel Ward Playing Field. After discussion it was agreed that the bins should remain as they are and that the signage around Ethel Ward should be checked to ensure that there is sufficient warning to advise members of the public that dogs are not allowed.

ETHEL WARD PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

14. Cllr Preston gave the Committee an update on the most recent Ethel Ward Playing Field Committee meeting. He commented on the following:
- The need for a new sign denoting Ladies/Disabled Toilet.
 - Senior football teams not looking after the changing rooms.
 - The amount of levies payable for 2018/2019. (already set by the Amenities Committee).

VILLAGE GREEN OUTSIDE SAINSBURY'S

15. Cllr Cousans spoke about the pot holes in the village green outside of Sainsbury's.
RESOLVED that the Clerk is to get the pot holes repaired under Health and Safety.

ETHEL WARD ROLL TOP BIN

16. The Clerk advised that the new roll-top bin on Ethel Ward would now be emptied once every two weeks instead of weekly thereby reducing costs due to the fact that weekly emptying was too frequent.

WINTER PLANTING

17. It was decided that there would be no winter planting of the village this year with the beds and tubs simply weeded and left until Spring. The Clerk was asked to attempt to contact local gardening clubs to see if anyone would be willing to take on the planting of the village.

SNOW WARDEN SCHEME

18. The Clerk gave the Committee details of the City of York Council's Volunteer Snow Warden Scheme and explained that details would be put on notice boards, Facebook and Twitter.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION

19. 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

20. The next meeting of the Amenities Committee is to take place on Monday 28 January 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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Chairman

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