

MINUTES of Haxby Town Council Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 25 February 2019 in the Memorial Hall, Haxby at 7.30pm.

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

APOLOGIES

1. Cllr M Crawford & Cllr N Wyatt

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. Cllr Richardson declared an interest in item 10.
Cllr Preston declared an interest in item 8.

MINUTES

3. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record.**

AMENITIES FINANCES

4. The Clerk provided the Committee with figures showing the original budget for the year set against forecasted year-end figures. He pointed out that the double taxation payment from City of York Council had been received.

OLD LIBRARY BICYCLE SHELTER

5. The Clerk provided the Committee with a quote of £2340 from a contractor for the erection of the old library bicycle shelter and cycle rack on Ethel Ward Playing Field. The shelter and rack had been gifted to the Council by City of York Council following the demolition of the old Haxby Library. After discussing the quote the committee decided that in view of the cost it would be better to delay any installation until renovation of the site to house the new library has been completed as the plans for the site indicated that a new cycle rack is to be provided close by.

CIRCUS

6. A request was read out from Harris & Aspinall's Circus asking if the Council had an available site for them to bring their circus to Haxby during 2019. The request was discussed but the Committee's view was that there was no place suitable within the village to accommodate it. The Clerk was asked to inform them of this explaining that circuses coming to the area normally use a site at Clifton Moor, adjacent to Roko Health Centre.

ETHEL WARD PAVILION & NURSERY

7. Since the last meeting a number of members of the Committee had been to the pavilion to look at various issues and report back. The following topics were then discussed:

- Storage for the nursery
- Storage for the football clubs and netball club
- Pavilion repairs
- Nursery signage

After discussion the following actions were agreed:

- The Clerk is to contact the lady in charge of netball in order to arrange a meeting to discuss/resolve the storage of the netball goal posts.
- The Clerk is to arrange to meet with a builder to look at possible improvements to the pavilion.
- Cllr Preston is to look in to possible external storage for the senior football team.
- The owner of the nursery is to be allowed to put up a larger banner on the apex of the pavilion displaying the name of the nursery.

LEVIES & RENTS

8. Levies payable by the football and netball clubs were discussed as were the rents payable by allotment holders, Little Pickles day nursery and the fair. The discussions took place in order to set the appropriate fees for 2019-2020.

RESOLVED that the following levies/rents were set for 2019-2020:

- **Allotment rents – no change:**
 - **Large = £70 per annum**
 - **Medium = £46 per annum**
 - **Small = £35 per annum**
- **Haxby Town FC = £1440 per annum**
- **Haxby Town JFC = £1618 per annum**
- **Haxby Netball = £1132 per annum**
- **Little Pickles Day Nursery = £520 per month**
- **Fair = £650 per visit**

VILLAGE GREEN OUTSIDE SAINSBURY'S

9. The Clerk explained that he had been in touch with a contractor who was going to have a look at the pot holes on the village green outside Sainsburys and that the contractor would provide a quote for the work required to repair the holes.

CYCLE RACKS

10. Information was passed to the committee about plans by Haxby & Wigginton Traders Association to install a total of 39 cycle racks throughout Haxby & Wigginton. The Association planned to buy the racks through grants and then arrange installation once consent had been received from the appropriate land owners. The committee discussed the proposal and was happy to support the Traders Association with its plan. Cllr Guilford then explained that he had sent details to the Clerk as to where cycle racks could be obtained free of charge and asked for the Clerk to forward this information to the Traders Association.

HAXBY TOWN JUNIOR FOOTBALL

11. The Clerk read out a request from the Under 7's coach of Haxby Town JFC requesting that the Council adds the cutting of grass at Oaken Grove Community Centre in to the grass cutting contract the Council presently has to cut all its areas of village green and open spaces. The request also asked for the Haxby Town Council's groundsman to white line football pitches on the area. The request did offer payment in return. The Committee discussed the request but was of the opinion that it would be wrong for the Council to join in with the request as the land in question did not belong to the Council.

RESOLVED to decline the request to take the cutting of the grass at Oaken Grove Community Centre in to the Council's existing grass cutting contract and to also decline the request for the groundsman to mark the football pitches for them.

VILLAGE GREEN – LAWN TREATMENT SERVICE

12. The Clerk asked if the Committee wished to continue with the treatment of the village green following the receipt of a letter from Green Thumb advising that the cost of each treatment was increasing to £444.
RESOLVED to continue with lawn treatment on the village green at the cost of £444 per treatment.

AMENITIES COMMITTEE "WISH LIST"

13. The Chairman previously asked members of the committee to think about areas within the village where any forthcoming Section 106 monies may be spent. The following suggestions were made:
- Ethel Ward Pavilion repairs and redecoration
 - Revamp of toddlers play area on Ethel Ward
- In addition the committee also decided that going forward it may wish to consider spending in the following areas with monies not received in respect of Section 106:
- The purchase of more Christmas lights
 - The tidying up and flower planting on the roundabout at the entrance to the village.
 - A new bus shelter on York Road.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION

14. 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

15. The next meeting of the Amenities Committee is to take place on Monday 25 March 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.58pm

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Chairman

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