

MINUTES of Haxby Town Council Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 29 April 2019 in the Memorial Hall, Haxby at 7.30 pm.

<u>PRESENT</u>	Cllr D Rice (Chairman)	Cllr R Cousans
	Cllr M Guilford	Cllr M Crawford
	Cllr T Richardson	Cllr N Wyatt
	Cllr M Preston	Mr M W Scott (Clerk)

In addition one member of the public was also present.

APOLOGIES

1. Cllr C Mulholland & Cllr S Newton

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. None.

MINUTES

3. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record.**

ALLOTMENTS

4. The Committee discussed a complaint from an allotment holder that stated that access to his allotment was being impeded by the fact that a neighbouring allotment holder had taken up some of the path leading to his allotment. The members of the Committee viewed pictures of the alleged problem during their discussion. At the end of its discussion the Committee was happy that the path being complained about but did have reservations about other paths between the rows of allotments.  
**RESOLVED that a walkabout of the allotment area takes place in order to look at all the paths with a view to possibly reviewing the Allotment Rules and Regulations.**

AMENITIES FINANCES

5. The Clerk explained that the Council had received a further amount of money in respect of Double Taxation. The amount received was £1056 and was in respect of the maintenance and cleaning of bus shelters.

### COPPER BEECH TREE PLAQUE

6. Cllr Guilford explained that Cllr Newton, the Clerk and himself had met with the gentleman who was proposing to erect a sign adjacent to the copper beech tree on the village green. The sign would give a brief history of the tree. Cllr Guilford explained about the places discussed where the sign could be located and then the Committee discussed the matter.  
**RESOLVED that the sign should be mounted to the end of the hitching rail located on the right hand side of the tree nearest to The Village.**

### VILLAGE GREEN TREES

7. Following the discussion last month about the replacing of trees along The Village, which had been removed due to them being diseased. The Clerk gave details as to his findings as to what trees should be planted and when.  
**RESOLVED that it was decided that pink-blossomed cherry trees should be planted. These should be order at the beginning of Autumn for planting in October.**

### AMENITIES "WISH LIST"

8. The Clerk reminded the Committee of its "wish-list" to date. No other items were added.

### PARKING PROBLEMS

9. The Clerk explained to the Committee about complaints that he had received concerning the parking outside the Red Lion Public House. He explained that a number of residents had complained about how the area was being cordoned off with chains and bollards outside the time frame that the Council had previously authorised.  
**RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the tenant of the Red Lion Public House stating that as a result of their actions the permission previously given to cordon off the area was revoked forthwith and that all chains and bollards should be removed from the village green.**

LANE BY SIDE OF ST LEONARDS HOSPICE SHOP

10. The lane by the side of St Leonards Hospice shop is believed to be currently un-named. Following recent comments from members of the public the Committee discussed whether or not the lane should be named. The Committee decided that it would be good for the lane to be named and as a result then considered suggestion made by members of the Committee. In the end the Committee thought it best that City of York Council be contacted to see if the lane has an historic name which is simply not signposted or whether it has simply never been named.  
**RESOLVED that the Clerk is to make enquiries with City of York Council and report back. The Clerk is also to contact a prominent Haxby historian for suggestions should a new name be required.**

MANCROFT PICNIC TABLE

11. The Committee considered a request from a member of the public who was requesting a picnic table on Mancroft Open Space.  
**RESOLVED that a picnic table on Mancroft Open Space was a good idea and that the Clerk should establish the cost and report back to the Committee.**

FLOWER BED NEAR CHIP SHOP

12. The Clerk advised that a complaint had been received about the flowerbed adjacent to the chip shop. The complaint stated that the area was untidy. He added that since the complaint had been received however the bed had now been tidied up.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION

13. Councillors were asked to submit any requests 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 20 May 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.26pm

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 Chairman

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

29 April 2019