

MINUTES of Haxby Town Council Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 May 2019 in the Memorial Hall, Haxby at 7.30pm.

PRESENT      Cllr T Richardson (Chairman)      Cllr R Cousans  
                          Cllr M Guilford                              Cllr M Preston  
                          Cllr N Wyatt                                      Mr M W Scott (Clerk)

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

1.      **RESOLVED that Cllr T Richardson was elected Chairman of the Committee.**

#### APOLOGIES

2.      Cllr S Newton

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.      Cllr Preston reminded the Committee of his links with Haxby Town FC

#### MINUTES

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

#### AMENITIES FINANCES

5.      The Clerk explained that as the current financial year was only one month old very little activity had taken place. The only significant item being that a further £1056 had been successfully reclaimed from City of York Council in respect of "Double Taxation".

#### COPPER BEECH TREE

6.      Following the decision made at last month's meeting when the Committee resolved that a sign detailing the history of the Copper Beech tree on the village green should be mounted to the end of the hitching rail located on the right hand side of the tree nearest to The Village, the Clerk read out an email from the gentleman proposing the idea. The email stated that he and members of his group did not like the resolution and that should the Committee continue with this view he and the group would wish to cancel their plans. The Committee then discussed the situation and asked the Clerk to liaise with City of York Council's Highways Department to look in to the possibility if siting the sign on the pavement exactly next to the village green and directly opposite the tree.

## FOOTBALL PITCHES

7. Cllr Preston explained that the annual maintenance of the football pitches was due to start and also explained a need to rotate the pitches again. Switching the pitches was required in order to avoid over use and thereby enable the best playing conditions for Haxby Town FC. The cost of switching the pitches, which would involve re-sizing, re-marking and the re-positioning of the goal posts, would be £455 plus VAT. The Committee discussed the request and made the decision that the football clubs should first approach the Ward Committee to apply for a grant to cover this amount on the understanding that if it proves unsuccessful they should return to this Committee for the funding.

## ETHEL WARD – CRIMINAL DAMAGE

8. Following two recent incidents of criminal damage on Ethel Ward Playing Field, the Committee took the decision to start investigations in to the cost of the installation of CCTV in and around the pavilion. The Committee also agreed that the acts of criminal damage should feature in the next edition of the Town Crier. In addition the Committee also asked the Clerk to contact the local PCSO to see at what time the incidents were reported to the police and how many calls were received.

## CYCLING

9. The Clerk read out a very detailed request from a resident concerning the lack of provisions for cyclists within the villages of Haxby & Wigginton. The request was primarily for more cycle racks within the village but in addition went further than this by talking about restricting cars in favour of cyclists etc. The Clerk explained that he had sent a reply which he then read out. The reply explained that the local Haxby & Wigginton Traders Association were presently liaising with local traders and land owners to arrange for more cycle racks to be installed. It also included the contact details for the gentleman driving the initiative. The Committee decided that the issues raised in the letter should be opened up to the Full Council for discussion with a view to getting the Neighbourhood Plan team involved in this and a transport policy for the village.

### NETBALL POSTS

10. The Clerk explained that members of Haxby Netball had been in touch to say that they were happy to install netball post storage facilities within the courts. They had said that two containers would be needed as a single container to store both posts and bases would be too big. He also said that he had looked in to and discussed with Haxby Netball, permanently fixed posts, but that they were against this idea as they thought that it may lead to local youths attempting to throw glass bottles in to the nets, which would thereby break and cause problems on the courts with broken glass. The Committee asked the Clerk to contact Netball UK, the sellers of the permanently fixed posts, to ask if similar issues had been raised previously.

### CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

11. A request received from the Carnival Committee for extra funding was read to the Committee. The Committee then discussed it and agreed that the issue should be discussed by the Full Council by way of an extraordinary meeting.

### PARKING

12. Copies of a letter sent by the Clerk to the tenants of the Red Lion Public House were circulated amongst Councillors. The letter, which had been agreed at last month's meeting, explained that permission to cordon of the area in front of the pub at the time of deliveries had been withdrawn following complaints from residents of the village. The letter also asked for all bollards and chains to be removed from the village green. One of the Councillors stated that he was aware that the letter had been received and so the Committee decided to wait and see what impact it had before taking further action.

### UN-NAMED LANE

13. The Clerk reported that he had contacted a local historian to ask for suggestions as to what the lane next to St Leonard's Hospice shop should be named but that so far no response had been received.

### SPRING/SUMMER PLANTING

14. The Committee discussed the arrangements for the Spring/Summer planting of the village following the standing down from the Council of Mrs Mary Crawford who had previously made all the arrangements. The Clerk explained that having spoken to Mrs Crawford she had indicated that she would be happy to carry on making the arrangements despite not being on the Council any more. The Committee were happy that Mrs Crawford would carry on and **RESOLVED** that the £600 allocated in the budget should be used for the purpose.

### PICNIC TABLE

15. Cllr Guilford explained that his woodworking group, Men's Shed, were happy to take on the project of making a picnic table which would eventually be installed on Mancroft Open Space. The cost of the table would be the amount to cover the cost of the wood (approx. £150) plus installation.  
**RESOLVED** for "Men's Shed" to make the picnic table for the cost of the wood plus installation.

### ALLOTMENT PATHS

16. The Clerk explained that he and Cllr Guilford had so far not managed to arrange a meeting at the allotment site in order to inspect the footpaths. It was then agreed that they would meet on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 10am.

### AMENITIES COMMITTEE "WISH-LIST"

17. New, larger storage bins at the back of the Ethel Ward Pavilion were added to the Amenities Committee's "wish-list".

### ALLOTMENT WATER CONTAINERS

18. The Clerk advised the Committee that the lady who had wished to buy an allotment water container had turned down its offer to sell her one for £75. The Committee therefore decided it would be more beneficial to keep the container in situ rather than reduce the price.

### 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 24 June 2019 at 7.30pm and it was **RESOLVED** that future meeting of the Amenities Committee will revert back to the previous system of taking place on the third Monday of the each month where ever possible.

Meeting closed at 9.27pm

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Chairman

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