

MINUTES of Annual Town Meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Tuesday 28 May 2019 in the Memorial Hall, Haxby, commencing at 7.00 pm.

<u>PRESENT</u>	Cllr M Guilford (Chairman)	Cllr M Harrison
	Cllr T Richardson	Cllr E Samuel
	Cllr N Wyatt	Mr M W Scott (Clerk)

There were 5 members of the public present in addition to City of York Ward Councillors Ian Cuthbertson and Edward Pearson.

The Chairman introduced himself and thanked everyone for attending.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of last Annual Town Meeting held on 29 May 2018 (as circulated) be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman gave a Power Point Presentation on the Annual Report explaining the Town Council's areas of responsibility and how the Council is broken down in to smaller Committees in order to deal with certain issues, the main Committees being Amenities and Planning. He also explained how the Town Council raises revenue and how much it costs to fulfil its duties. He also added that following the recent elections, the Town Council was now 4 short of the 14 it should have. A copy of the Annual Report is attached to these minutes.

3. POLICE REPORT

No representative from the police was present at the meeting so the Chairman read out aggregated figures from police reports received over the last twelve months. The figures highlighted that anti-social behaviour was by far the biggest area of crime in Haxby during the last year but that the figures were average for a village/town the size of Haxby.

4. WARD COUNCILLORS

Following the recent Local Council Election, 2 of the 3 elected Councillors were at the meeting to explain briefly to the audience their plans for the Ward of Haxby & Wigginton. One of them, Cllr Cuthbertson, said that the Ward Committee has a budget for local schemes of between £50000 and £55000 and that although this may seem a lot, even small projects can quickly eat in to this sum.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR HAXBY AND WIGGINTON

Cllr Harrison gave an update on the current situation with regard to the formulation of the Haxby & Wigginton Neighbourhood Plan and as to how it had been developed to date. He explained the next steps and that how once it had been agreed it would have to go to a public referendum for confirmation.

6. HAXBY LIBRARY

No one from City of York Council or Explore was present at the meeting so the Chairman read from an email received which stated that plans for the new Haxby Library to be incorporated in to the Scout Hut were well under way and that the hope was that work should be completed by Summer 2020.

7. HAXBY & WIGGINTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

Cllr David Rice, the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, was unable to be present at the meeting so the Chairman of the Council read from a report prepared by Cllr Rice detailing the workings of the Cemetery Committee for the year ending 31st May 2019. He also explained that further details of plot reservations and costs can be obtained from the Clerk.

8. RECIPIENT OF TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS

The Chairman then introduced Graham and Mary Elphee who were at the meeting to represent The Haxby & Wigginton Senior Social Group. Graham and Mary explained that the group had been recipients of a grant from the Town Council towards the cost of staging affordable social events and entertainment for local senior citizens. They explained the type of events they put on as part of the group, these included New Year's Eve events, weekly bingo sessions and murder mystery nights. They explained that the group is non-profit making and that the events are thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attend.

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

The Chairman concluded by thanking everyone for coming and concluded the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 7.35pm.

..... Chairman