

MINUTES of Haxby Town Council Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 24 June 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 Mrs J Bell (Deputy Clerk)

Also present: One member of the public

APOLOGIES

1. Cllr S Newton

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. Cllr M Guilford reminded the Committee about his links with woodworking group known as 'Men's Shed'.

MINUTES

3. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record.**

ALLOTMENT PATHS

4. The Chairman brought this agenda item forward.
 The meeting was then suspended to enable the member of the public to speak about his concerns regarding the encroachment of the footpaths between the allotments. Photographs of one of the footpaths running between allotments were shown to the Committee. The meeting was then reconvened.
 The Clerk and Chairman of the Council had visited the site earlier to inspect the footpaths, some of which were completely blocked. It was agreed that a letter should be written to all allotment tenants asking for the footpaths to be reinstated to a 3 foot width within 30 days from the date of the letter, the letter also inform the tenants that the allotments will be inspected and warnings will be sent if any allotment is not being worked or maintained. The Deputy Clerk was asked to arrange with the Groundsman for him to place markers at the top of each allotment footpath to indicate the centre point of the footpath and 18 inches to each side of the marker. Committee members continued to discuss the allotment site as they were concerned about the general maintenance of the entire area. They felt it was necessary to set up a sub-committee.
RESOLVED to create a sub-committee for the management of the allotment site and to appoint Cllr T Richardson, Cllr N Wyatt and Cllr R Cousans on to the sub-committee and to also invite allotments tenants to join.

AMENITIES FINANCES

5. A copy of the financial report to 31 May 2019 was sent to Committee members prior to the meeting. There was nothing further to report.

COPPER BEECH TREE

6. A request had been sent to the City of York Council asking for a site visit to discuss placing the plaque on the edge of the pavement in line with the street lights and to clarify the highway boundary. A response was awaited and Cllr T Richardson was asked to chase this matter up. Cllr T Richardson and Cllr M Guilford asked to be informed of the date of the meeting as they would like to be present.
A member of the public had asked if the plaque could be placed 1 metre on to the Village Green. Due to the fact that strict regulations protect the Village Green it was agreed discuss this matter further after the site visit had taken place.

FOOTBALL PITCHES

7. Cllr M Preston informed Committee members that there was nothing further to report at the stage and an update would be provided at the next meeting.

RED LION PARKING

8. The Deputy Clerk reported that the Clerk had contacted the Manager of The Red Lion and the bollards and chains had been removed. The Committee members were concerned about the parking which took place in this area and the members of the Committee were asked to give this some thought. Although a map of the Registered Village Green was held in the Council Office it was agreed to obtain a map from the Register of Village Greens held by the City of York Council and to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

UN-NAMED LANE

9. Replies were still awaited from the City of York Council and a local historian.

SPRING / SUMMER PLANTING

10. This had been carried out by Mrs M Crawford and the Groundsman. The Committee asked for a letter to be sent to them both to thank them for their hard work.

PICNIC TABLE FOR MANCROFT PLAY AREA

11. Cllr Guilford informed the Committee that this matter was in hand and he would report on the progress made at the next meeting.

ETHEL WARD – VIDEO SURVEILLANCE / CAMERA EQUIPMENT

12. The Chairman informed the Committee that he had investigated the cost of purchasing a CCTV camera for the pavilion. The camera had a continuous mode loop but it wasn't clear if it had a timer or remote function. Cllr Richardson agreed to look into the functions of the CCTV camera and report back to the next meeting.

AMENITIES COMMITTEE "WISH-LIST"

13. Items to be added to the 'wish-list' included:
- More play equipment on the Mancroft Play Area suitable for toddlers.
 - A cricket wicket on the Ethel Ward Playing Field.
- The Committee asked for an update at the next meeting on the existing the 'wish-list' item for the repairs to the pavilion veranda.

ASHWOOD GLADE CONIFERS

14. The Deputy Clerk informed the Committee that the 2 conifers which had been approved by the Committee for removal recently actually turned out to be 5 conifers when inspected.

RESOLVED to approve the removal of the 5 conifers at a cost of £600.

ASHWOOD GLADE PICNIC TABLE

15. Cllr Wyatt had requested that a picnic table be sited on the Ashwood Glade open space. This was discussed by the Committee.
- RESOLVED to site a picnic table on the Ashwood Glade open space to be made by the 'Men's Shed' working group and similar to the one being made at present by the group for the Mancroft play area. This being subject to the first picnic table being of an acceptable quality.**

WYRE POND

16. Cllr Guilford's spoke to the Committee about his concerns regarding the condition of the pond and the need for a maintenance programme to be put in place for the pond. He also spoke about the surrounding willow trees which are protected by preservation orders and are in need of crown lifting annually. This was discussed by the Committee and it was agreed that the Conservation volunteers should be asked to help and a quotation

should also be sought from Westfield Fencing to tidy the area and clean the pond. Cllr Guilford informed the Committee that he has plants for the area around the pond which he will plant shortly. It was agreed to provide an update for the next meeting.

ALLOTMENT IMPROVEMENTS

17. This matter was discussed under item 4.

CRICKET

18. The Chairman spoke about the need to provide cricket facilities within the village. This was discussed by the Committee and it was agreed to place an advert in the next Town Crier to determine if there is any interest before taking this matter further.

REQUEST FOR MANCROFT SKATE PARK

19. The Deputy Clerk read out a request from a member of the public who requested a skate park on the Mancroft open space. This subject was raised a few years ago and the feedback from youths at that time was that there was very little interest. The Committee agreed that this request should be passed to the Haxby and Wigginton Youth and Community Association to gauge current interest and see if they would consider managing this type of facility within their own site.

OLD DIKELANDS TREE

20. The Chairman spoke about the tree which had been cut down as a result of criminal damage and the need to either replace it or remove it. A discussion took place about the various options.
RESOLVED to remove the remaining tree stump and make good the ground surface.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION

21. 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. It was agreed by the Committee to review or redefine the terms of reference for the Amenities Committee and report back to the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

22. The next meeting of the Amenities Committee is to take place on Monday 29 July 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

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Chairman

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

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