

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 9 September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Oaken Grove Youth and Community Centre, Haxby.

Present: Cllr. R. Pearson – Chairman
Cllr G. Cockburn – Vice-chairman
Cllr C. Cooper
Cllr I. Craven
Cllr I. Cuthbertson (*arrived late*)
Cllr J. Secker
Cllr G. Stow
Cllr I. Thompson

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk) and two members of the public.

A minute's silence was held for former councillor, Mr Neil Wyatt, who recently passed away.

73/2024 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED that apologies and the reason(s) for absence were received and accepted from:

- Cllr I. Cuthbertson (*running late*)
- Cllr T. Fisher
- Cllr C. Hogg
- Cllr E. Pearson

74/2024 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all councillors to introduce themselves.

75/2024 Declarations of interest

No declarations were made other than those already declared in members' respective register of interests.

76/2024 Public question time and participation

No matters were raised.

77/2024 Minutes – full council meeting

RESOLVED to approve and accept the minutes of the full council meeting held on 8 July 2024.

78/2024 Minutes – committee meetings

RESOLVED to accept the minutes and confirm the recommendations within of the following committee meetings:

- Planning Committee – 1 July 2024
- Amenities Committee – 1 July 2024
- Staffing Committee – 31 July 2024
- Finance Committee – 5 August 2024
- Planning Committee – 5 August 2024 (*notes only*)

79/2024 Standing committees

RESOLVED that the recommended terms of reference for the Staffing Committee be approved and adopted.

80/2024 Recording of council meetings

RESOLVED that the policy regarding the recording of council meetings be approved and adopted.

81/2024 Data protection policy

RESOLVED that the data protection policy be approved and adopted.

82/2024 Press and media policy

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

83/2024 Social media civility and respect guide

RESOLVED that the social media civility and respect guide be approved and adopted but also added to the agenda for the next meeting for possible further review.

84/2024 Equal opportunities statement

RESOLVED that the equal opportunities statement be approved and adopted.

85/2024 Police report

RESOLVED:

- To again ask the police commissioner to attend a public meeting to outline plans to tackle the recent spate of anti-social behaviour and to allay residents' concerns.
- That residents be asked (via Facebook and the website) to report all incidents to the police as it affects the level of resources allocated.

86/2024 Disabled friendly play equipment

The town clerk reported that a grant application to the National Lottery has been successful in that £20,000 has been awarded for disabled friendly play equipment.

RESOLVED:

- To accept and approve the town clerk's report.
- That Joanne Pratt be commended for the successful grant application.
- To approve expenditure (maximum £5,000 – exc. VAT) for a path to the new item of disabled play equipment at the Ethel Ward play area.

87/2024 Payments – August and September 2024

RESOLVED that:

- The payments for August 2024 be reaffirmed and approved.
- The payments for September be approved.

88/2024 Payments – quarter 1, 2024-25

RESOLVED to reaffirm and approve the payments for the first quarter of 2024-25.

Cllr I. Craven abstained.

89/2024 Grant applications

- a) **£247 from “The Wednesday Club” for the annual Haxby and Wigginton pensioners' Christmas trip**

RESOLVED that the grant application be approved.

- b) To apportion the charitable donation (total £508.02) from the Haxby Carnival to Menfulness, Community Bees and Haxby Helpers with each to receive £200, thus a grant of £91.98 is requested**

RESOLVED to approve the apportionment of grant monies, as outlined.

RESOLVED to commend Cllr J. Secker for her work and efforts for the carnival.

90/2024 Training for councillors

RESOLVED that another training session be held with YLCA in January or February 2025.

91/2024 Exclusion of public and press

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it is in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and that they are instructed to withdraw.

Cllr I. Cuthbertson arrived at this juncture.

COUNCIL IN PRIVATE SESSION

92/2024 Legal proceedings

The town clerk provided an update on the legal proceedings.

RESOLVED that:

- No settlement is made and the council's solicitor be notified accordingly.
- A response be sent to ACAS.
- A professional equalities assessment be procured for the council office.

93/2024 Councillor's conduct

RESOLVED that having conducted a review, the procedures currently in place are sufficient.

94/2024 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of full council will be held on Monday 14 October 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed **Date**

Chairman