

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 4 November 2024 at 7pm in the Haxby Town Council office, Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby.

Present: Cllr. R. Pearson - Chairman
Cllr G. Cockburn
Cllr. J. Secker
Cllr G. Stow

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk).

A46/2024 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED that apologies and the reason for absence were accepted from Cllr C. Hogg.

A47/2024 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A48/2024 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED that there were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda other than those already declared in members' respective register of interests.

A49/2024 Public question time and participation

No members of the public were present.

A50/2024 Minutes of the previous meetings

RESOLVED to approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2024 and the notes of the inquorate meeting of 17 October 2024.

A51/2024 Ethel Ward playing field and pavilion

a) Playground inspections

RESOLVED that following the six monthly inspection of the play areas at Ethel Ward and Mancroft, the town clerk be authorised to arrange the resultant remedial work.

b) Football pitches – damage from Travellers' vehicles

RESOLVED that the respective football clubs be asked if they are able to obtain funding to assist with the out of season pitch repairs.

c) Possible fence to prevent vehicular access

RESOLVED that this not be pursued at the moment but to be kept under review.

d) Grant application – disabled equipment

The town clerk reported that a (second) grant of £2,000 had been obtained for disabled equipment at the play area.

RESOLVED that a 'busy board' be procured for the play area.

e) Request to cut back tree branches

RESOLVED that this request be declined as the trees on Ethel Ward playing were inspected earlier this year by City of York Council's arborist team and the tree in question was found to be fine. The tree will be re-inspected as part of a rolling programme.

f) Replacement of play equipment

The town clerk reported that the approximate costs to replace all the play equipment at Ethel Ward and Mancroft is respectively £90,000 and £70,000.

RESOLVED that:

- Quotes be obtained to fill the empty plots at the play areas.
- Consideration be given to setting up a sinking fund in future budgets to replace the play equipment.

A52/2024 Village green

a) Request to grass over a tarmacked area near the post office

RESOLVED that the request be declined as it is not a priority at the moment but to be kept under review.

b) Request to designate a parking bay as a dedicated disabled parking area

RESOLVED that the request be declined as it is not a priority at the moment but to be kept under review.

A53/2024 Christmas tree

RESOLVED that the matter of a new, planted tree be deferred for the time being (the Christmas lights already being placed on the usual/traditional tree on the village green).

A54/2024 Snickets

RESOLVED that:

- The town clerk be authorised to put the maintenance of the snickets out to tender for a period of three years.
- The tender to only include those unadopted snickets which have traditionally been maintained by Haxby Town Council.

A55/2024 Allotments

RESOLVED to:

- Accept the report of the allotments officer and authorise the recommendations accordingly.
- Request City of York Council's arborist team to inspect the trees at the allotments.

A56/2024 Netherwindings

RESOLVED to request City of York Council's arborist team to inspect the trees at Netherwindings.

A57/2024 Hitching rail

a) Painting and maintenance

RESOLVED that a quote be obtained to paint the whole hitching rail, including at the pond.

b) Possible extension to the rail, located near the dentist's surgery

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred due to the quoted cost (£3,668).

A58/2024 Defibrillator

RESOLVED that a location on/around Oak Tree Lane be sought for a defibrillator.

A59/2024 Matthew Hatton Walk - trees

This request had since been withdrawn by City of York Council.

A60/2024 Mancroft

RESOLVED to request City of York Council's arborist team to inspect the trees at Mancroft.

A61/2024 Next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the committee will be held on 2 December 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed Date
Chairman