

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 11 November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Oaken Grove Youth and Community Centre, Haxby.

Present: Cllr R Pearson - Chairman
Cllr. G. Cockburn
Cllr C. Cooper
Cllr I. Craven (*arrived late*)
Cllr I. Cuthbertson
Cllr T. Fisher
Cllr. G. Stowe
Cllr J. Secker
Cllr I. Thompson

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk), Cheryl Fisher (citizens advice) and one member of the public.

117/2024 Apologies for absence

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

- Cllr C. Hogg
- Cllr E. Pearson
- Cllr. T. Richardson

118/2024 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

119/2024 Declarations of interest

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

120/2024 Public question time and participation

The following matters were raised:

- The cost to reinstate the headstones in the cemetery as a result of the topple testing conducted in 2023. It was confirmed that the cost had been met from the cemetery's own funds and not local taxpayers.
- A possible extension to the hitching rail near the dentist's surgery. It was confirmed that this had been looked into by the Amenities Committee but had been deferred for the time being due to the cost.
- Speeding vehicles through The Village. It was confirmed that this is the responsibility of City of York Council and the police.
- Play equipment on Ethel Ward playing field. It was confirmed that an inclusive seesaw will shortly be installed there.

Cllr I. Craven arrived at this juncture.

121/2024 Minutes – full council meeting

RESOLVED to approve and accept the minutes of the full council meeting held on 14 October 2024.

Cllr J. Secker abstained.

122/2024 Minutes – committee meetings

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

- Finance Committee – 14 October 2024
- Planning Committee – 15 October 2024
- Amenities Committee – 17 October 2024
- Planning Committee – 21 October 2024
- Finance Committee – 21 October 2024
- Haxby and Wigginton Joint Cemetery Committee – 21 October 2024

123/2024 Citizens advice

Ms Cheryl Fisher provided an update on the citizens advice service in Haxby.

RESOLVED that Ms Fisher's report be received and approved.

124/2024 Noticeboards policy

RESOLVED that:

- Charitable and/or 'not for profit' organisations from any location can use the noticeboards.
- Commercial organisations and businesses can only use the noticeboards if they are from the local area, i.e. within three miles of Haxby.

Cllr I. Craven abstained.

125/2024 Memorial Hall – clock repair

RESOLVED that:

- Another quote be obtained for the repair.
- The Memorial Hall trustees be asked to clarify the council's obligation(s) in respect of the clock.

126/2024 Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan consultation

RESOLVED to respond to the consultation by raising the issues of anti-social behaviour, shoplifting and the lack of police patrols.

127/2024 Police report

RESOLVED:

- To receive the police report for October 2024.
- That the local PCSO be asked to regularly attend full council meetings in 2025.

128/2024 Committee membership

RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.

129/2024 Work experience

RESOLVED that:

- Work experience be approved but only for persons of at least 18 years of age.
- The town clerk be authorised to determine the details and practicalities of the work experience.

130/2024 Grant application

RESOLVED that further to minute no. 104(a)/2023, a grant of £337.48 to Haxby and Wigginton Youth and Community Association be approved.

131/2024 National Joint Council – 2024-25 pay award

The town clerk reported that the National Joint Council pay award for 2024-25 is 2.5%.

RESOLVED that the town clerk's report be received and approved.

132/2024 Payments – November 2024

RESOLVED that the payments for November 2024 be approved.

133/2024 Casual vacancy

The town clerk confirmed the casual vacancy in the east ward and that a by-election had not been called by electors.

RESOLVED that:

- The town clerk's report be received and approved.
- The vacancy be advertised for co-option.
- The co-option policy be implemented forthwith.

134/2024 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.

COUNCIL IN PRIVATE SESSION

135/2024 Legal proceedings

The town clerk provided an update on the legal proceedings.

RESOLVED that the town clerk's report be received and approved.

136/2024 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of full council will be held on Monday 9 December 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed **Date**

Chairman