

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 13 January 2025 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
Cllr I. Cuthbertson
Cllr T. Fisher
Cllr T. Richardson
Cllr J. Secker
Cllr G. Stow

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk), two officers from City of York Council and one member of the public.

152/2024 Apologies for absence

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

- Cllr C. Hogg
- Cllr E. Pearson
- Cllr I. Thompson

153/2024 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the member of the public.

154/2024 Declarations of interest

Cllr T. Richardson declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 19 (Legal proceedings).

155/2024 Public question time and participation

No matters were raised.

156/2024 Bus services consultation from City of York Council

Officers from City of York Council provided an update on their bus services consultation and took queries accordingly.

RESOLVED to raise concerns regarding bus service routes 1a and 13.

157/2024 Housing development to the north of Haxby (ref 23/00160/OUTM)

RESOLVED that:

- Objections be raised to this (revised) application.
- Advice be sought from the council's planning advisor.
- City of York Council be asked for an extension to the deadline for comments to 11 February 2025.
- The draft objection/response be reviewed by the Planning Committee on 3 February 2025.
- The final objection/response be reviewed and approved by the full council on 10 February 2025.

158/2024 Minutes – full council meeting

RESOLVED to approve and accept the minutes of the full council meeting held on 9 December 2024.

159/2024 Minutes – committee meetings

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

- Planning Committee – 2 December 2024
- Amenities Committee – 2 December 2024
- Finance Committee – 16 December 2024

160/2024 Police report

RESOLVED:

- To receive the police report for December 2024.
- That a follow up query be submitted to the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner for the complaint regarding the lack of any response to the council's correspondence.

161/2024 First aid training

RESOLVED that:

- First aid training be procured for councillors, staff and (events) volunteers.
- A group training session be hosted by the council, if possible.

162/2024 Emergency assistance

RESOLVED that advice/guidance/training be sought from City of York Council to draft/support an emergency plan to assist residents during emergencies and natural disasters.

163/2024 Snickets and open spaces

RESOLVED that:

- Cllr T. Richardson agreed to provide further information/evidence regarding possible land encroachment.
- The matter be deferred to the February full council meeting.

164/2024 Dispensations procedure

RESOLVED that:

- The dispensation form be approved.
- The clerk will decide on the validity of all dispensation requests.

165/2024 Memorial Hall – clock repair

RESOLVED that the Memorial Hall Trust be asked to pay for half of the quoted cost to repair the Memorial Hall clock.

166/2024 Grant applications

a) Application from Haxby Playgroups for learning resources for children

RESOLVED that the grant application for £600 be approved.

b) Application from Haxby Memorial Hall for replacement doors in the hall

RESOLVED that the grant application for £8,105 be declined due to insufficient funds in the council's grants budget.

c) Application from Haxby and Wigginton Youth and Community Association for the provision of youth services in 2025-26

RESOLVED that the grant application for 12,508.75 be approved.

167/2024 Payments – January 2025

RESOLVED that the payments for January 2025 be approved.

168/2023 Budget and precept 2025-26

Cllr I. Craven proposed that in future an extra council meeting be held in the budget setting process. This was seconded by Cllr T. Richardson.

For: Cllrs G. Cockburn, I. Craven and T. Richardson.

Against: Cllrs C. Cooper, I. Cuthbertson, T. Fisher, R. Pearson, J. Secker and G. Stow.

RESOLVED that the proposal be rejected and that resultantly the Finance Committee will continue to draft the budget recommendation for consideration by the full council.

RESOLVED that:

- The budget of £242,029 be approved.
- The according precept of £181,895 be approved, plus a support grant of £4,204 from City of York Council.
- The town clerk be authorised to send the precept request to City of York Council.

For: Cllrs C. Cooper, I. Cuthbertson, T. Fisher, R. Pearson, J. Secker and G. Stow.

Against: Cllr I. Craven

Abstentions: Cllrs G. Cockburn and T. Richardson

169/2024 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 T. Richardson left the meeting at this juncture.

COUNCIL IN PRIVATE SESSION

170/2024 Legal proceedings

The town clerk provided an update on the legal proceedings.

RESOLVED that:

- The claim against the council be defended.
- The advice of Eversheds LLP be taken on this matter and that they be instructed accordingly.
- The Memorial Hall Trust be asked to pay half of the quoted cost for an equalities assessment/audit of the Memorial Hall.

171/2024 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of full council will be held on Monday 11 February 2025 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.42pm.

Signed **Date**

Chairman