

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 10 February 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 E. Pearson
Cllr T. Richardson
Cllr J. Secker
Cllr G. Stow

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

172/2024 Apologies for absence

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

- Cllr C. Hogg
- Cllr I. Thompson

173/2024 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

174/2024 Declarations of interest

Cllr T. Richardson declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 22 (Legal proceedings).

175/2024 Public question time and participation

No matters were raised.

176/2024 Housing development to the north of Haxby (ref 23/00160/OUTM)

RESOLVED that with some small amendments the final objection/response be approved and issued to City of York Council in respect of the proposed housing development to the north of Haxby (ref 23/00160/OUTM).

177/2024 Pavilion at Ethel Ward playing field – feasibility study

RESOLVED that:

- A meeting be arranged with Mr R. Vint to discuss the feasibility study.
- A public survey be added to the next meeting agenda.
- A public meeting to be arranged in due course.

At this juncture it was agreed to bring forward agenda item 21 (Co-option to casual vacancy).

178/2024 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

179/2024 Co-option to casual vacancy

Two applications had been received and each candidate made a separate presentation.

RESOLVED that Caroline Layfield be co-opted to Haxby Town Council for the east ward.

For: Cllrs G. Cockburn, I. Cuthbertson, T. Fisher, E. Pearson, T. Richardson, J. Secker and G. Stow.

Against: Cllrs C. Cooper and I. Craven.

Abstentions: Cllr R. Pearson.

180/2024 Inclusion of public and press

RESOLVED that having transacted the item of confidential business, the public and press be re-admitted to the meeting.

COUNCIL IN PUBLIC SESSION

181/2024 Minutes – full council meeting

RESOLVED to approve and accept the minutes of the full council meeting held on 13 January 2025.

182/2024 Minutes – committee meetings

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

- Planning Committee – 6 January 2025
- Amenities Committee – 6 January 2025
- Events Committee – 13 January 2025

183/2024 Police report

RESOLVED to invite Luke Charters MP and Jo Coles, North Yorkshire Deputy Mayor, to a full council meeting, primarily to discuss anti-social behaviour.

184/2024 Snickets and open spaces

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the April full council meeting.

185/2024 Government consultation – strengthening the standards and conduct framework

RESOLVED to support the strengthening of the standards and conduct framework.

186/2024 Ethel Ward play area – new equipment

RESOLVED that:

- An extraordinary meeting of the Amenities Committee be arranged to formalise a recommendation to the full council.
- The matter be deferred to the March full council meeting.

187/2024 Funfair at Ethel Ward playing field

RESOLVED that the request to hold a funfair from 27-30 March 2025 on Ethel Ward playing field be approved for a fee of £600.

188/2024 Memorial Hall – clock repair

The town clerk reported that the Memorial Hall Trust had declined the council's request to pay for half of the quoted cost to repair the Memorial Hall clock.

RESOLVED:

- To accept the town clerk's report.

- That a second quote be obtained.

189/2024 Safety of lithium-ion batteries campaign

RESOLVED to support the lithium-ion batteries safety campaign.

190/2024 Payments – quarter 3, 2024-25

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

191/2024 Payments – February 2025

RESOLVED that the payments for February 2025 be approved.

192/2024 Internal audit – mid-year report

RESOLVED that the mid-year internal audit report be received.

193/2024 Corporate risk assessment

RESOLVED that having been reviewed, the corporate risk assessment be approved and adopted.

194/2024 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

195/2024 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.

196/2024 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of full council will be held on Monday 10 March 2025 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed Date

Chairman