

# **HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL**

**The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT**

**Minutes of a meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 15 January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Oaken Grove Youth and Community Centre, Haxby.**

**Present:** Cllr. R. Pearson – Chairman  
Cllr. G. Cockburn – Vice-chairman  
Cllr I. Craven  
Cllr T. Fisher  
Cllr D. Geogheghan-Breen  
Cllr C. Hogg  
Cllr. T. Richardson  
Cllr J Secker  
Cllr. I. Thompson

**Also present:** Kathryn Jukes (planning advisor) and Alan Draper (town clerk)

## **112/2023 Apologies for absence**

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

- Cllr I. Cuthbertson
- Cllr A. Hollyer
- Cllr. E. Pearson
- Cllr G. Stow

## **113/2023 Chairman's welcome**

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **114/2023 Declarations of interest**

Cllr T. Richardson declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 17 - 'Legal proceedings'.

## **115/2023 Public question time and participation**

No members of the public were present.

## **116/2023 Minutes – full council meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve and accept the minutes of the previous full council meeting held on 11 December 2023.

## **117/2023 Minutes – committee meetings**

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

- Staffing Committee meeting – 11 December 2023
- Finance Committee meeting – 11 December 2023
- Planning Committee meeting – 8 January 2024

## **118/2023 New councillor**

The chairman introduced and welcomed the new councillor – Cllr Diane Geogheghan-Breen.

## **119/2023 Planning advisor**

**RESOLVED** that:

- Kathryn Jukes be appointed as the council's planning advisor for all planning matters and that she will attend the next Planning Committee meeting to be given a steer on the immediate priority of the proposed development to the north of Haxby.
- The appointment of a legal (planning) advisor is approved in principle, dependent on possible future need.

*Cllr T. Richardson abstained.*

### **120/2023 Committee membership**

**RESOLVED** that the respective membership of the council's committees be reaffirmed as follows:

Planning Committee:

- Cllr. I. Craven
- Cllr. T. Fisher
- Cllr. E. Pearson
- Cllr. R. Pearson
- Cllr. T. Richardson

Amenities Committee:

- Cllr G. Cockburn
- Cllr C Hogg
- Cllr A. Hollyer
- Cllr E. Pearson
- Cllr R. Pearson
- Cllr T. Richardson
- Cllr J Secker
- Cllr G Stow

Finance Committee:

- Cllr. E. Pearson
- Cllr. I. Cuthbertson
- Cllr. A. Hollyer
- Cllr. R. Pearson
- Cllr. I. Thompson

Staffing Committee:

- Cllr. G. Cockburn
- Cllr. I. Craven
- Cllr. E. Pearson
- Cllr. R. Pearson
- Cllr. I. Thompson

Events Committee:

- Cllr. A. Hollyer
- Cllr. E. Pearson
- Cllr. J. Secker

Cemetery Committee:

- Cllr. T Fisher
- Cllr. C. Hogg
- Cllr. R. Pearson
- Cllr. T. Richardson

### **121/2023 Memorial clock, Memorial Hall - maintenance**

**RESOLVED** to accept the quote for a period of three years from Smiths of Derby for the maintenance of the memorial clock.

#### **122/2023 Co-option policy**

**RESOLVED** that the co-option policy be approved.

*Cllr G. Cockburn abstained.*

#### **123/2023 Bus shelters**

**RESOLVED** to defer this item to a future meeting, pending receipt of further information from Cllr A. Hollyer.

#### **124/2023 Payments – January**

**RESOLVED** that the payments for January 2024 be approved.

#### **125/2023 Ethel Ward playing field and pavilion**

**RESOLVED** that:

- a) Expenditure up to £500 to have plans drawn up for the pavilion be approved and referred to the Amenities Committee to action.

*Cllr T. Richardson abstained.*

- b) Volunteers be allowed to tidy up the pavilion provided they have the appropriate training and insurance cover in place, and referred to the Amenities Committee to oversee.

- c) Leases of 15 years for use of the pavilion and playing field with the respective football and netball clubs be approved, pending the statutory public consultation.

*Cllr T. Richardson abstained and Cllr I. Craven voted against.*

- d) Budgetary provision in 2024-25 of at least £10,000 to refurbish the pavilion be approved, subject to external grant funding applications and referral back to the full council for (further) approval.

*Cllr I. Craven abstained.*

#### **126/2023 Budget and precept 2024-25**

**RESOLVED** that:

- The budget of £207,359 be approved.
- The according precept of £153,233 be approved, plus a support grant of £4,206 from City of York Council.
- The town clerk be authorised to send the precept request to City of York Council.

For: Cllrs G. Cockburn, C. Hogg, R. Pearson and I. Thompson.

Against: Cllrs I. Craven, D. Geogheghan-Breen, T. Richardson and J. Secker.

Abstentions: Cllr T. Fisher

There being an equality of votes, the chairman cast her casting vote in favour of the proposal.

#### **127/2023 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**

*Cllr T. Richardson left the meeting at this juncture.*

**128/2023 Legal proceedings**

**RESOLVED** to continue to retain the advice of Eversheds LLP on this matter and that they be instructed accordingly.

**129/2023 Date of next meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the next meeting of full council will be held on Monday 12 February 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....

**Chairman**