

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

**Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 26th June 2023
in the Oakengrove Community Centre, Haxby.**

Present: Cllr. E. Pearson – Chairman
Cllr. G. Cockburn
Cllr. I. Cuthbertson
Cllr. L. Henley
Cllr. C. Hogg
Cllr. T. Richardson
Cllr. J. Secker

Also present: Anne Wilson, Locum Town Clerk

A12/2023 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to note that there were no apologies of absence for this meeting.

A13/2023 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and residents to the meeting.

A14/2023 Declarations of Interest.

RESOLVED to note that there were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with The Local Government Act 2000 Part III and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

A15/2023 Public Question Time and Participation

- A local resident expressed concern about the condition of the allotments and the fact that there had been no invoices for payment for more than a year. The Locum Town Clerk said that they were aware of the lack of paperwork on the allotments and would look into matters raised about the condition of the allotments. There was a less-abled allotment holder having difficulties using the site where there were now some unlet. It was stated that there used to be a long waiting list for plots. It was suggested that a site visit be held.
- There was an issue with the footpath and signage off York View. It was agreed that Cllr. T. Richardson would purchase a bollard on behalf of the Town Council. The gate on the Right of Way from Eastfield to Back Gate was put in by the Woodland Trust.

A16/2023 Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 29th May 2023.

A17/2023 Play Equipment Inspections

Members were given an update on the current position on obtaining quotes for the repair and upgrade of the play areas. The progress was slow.

The areas needed to be properly refurbished and the Locum Clerk would look at the Community Ownership Fund.

Discussion ensued about the need for a Working Spaces Working Party, and this could be considered at the next meeting of this Committee on the 24th July 2023.

The future use of the pavilion was being discussed at Full Council. The football pitches were on an open space for the people of Haxby and it was considered essential that the pavilion refurbishment would benefit anyone who wishes to use it. If a Sports Association was set up with regular monthly meetings, then everyone could have their say. This would ensure protection for the site going forward.

A18/2023 Outdoor Matters

Members were asked to consider the following matters pertaining to and agreeing the way forward:

- Siting of litter bins and future requirements in the parish

The Locum Clerk was asked to contact James Gilchrist at CYC to obtain a definitive map of the location of the litter and dog bins in Haxby, also clarifying ownership and empty by whom of the bins at the same time. It was agreed that this information would enable an informed decision about additional or re-siting of bins in the parish. The Locum Clerk would also contact Ben Graham at CYC about the position regarding recycling from the bins as the Town Council would ideally like to purchase, if required, some bins which included the opportunity for recycling. 4% goes to landfill and the rest of the rubbish is sorted.

CYC invoice the Town Council for the emptying of some bins.

Members had been refurnished with lots of options for bins by the Locum Town Clerk, but it was felt that the information spoken about above would help with any decisions.

RESOLVED that the Locum Clerk bring the information back to a future meeting.

- Noticeboards

Councillors received details of many different types of noticeboards for consideration, but Members **RESOLVED** to consider exactly what they would like out of a noticeboard and the locations in the parish before any decisions be made.

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- Any other matter needing discussion:

- i) EWPF – a budget should be set for repairs and maintenance of the site and agreements with the sports clubs met to ensure that everyone knows what their responsibilities are.
- ii) The Town Council Chairman reminded Members that Haxby Town Carnival was due to be held on Saturday 8th July 2023 and volunteers were always appreciated. She asked that anyone let her know if they were able to help on the day.
- iii) The Town Council Chairman updated Members on benches and how one had been moved on the EWPF.

Signed **Date**

Chairman