

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 4 December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Haxby Town Council office, Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby.

Present: Cllr. G. Cockburn – Vice-chairman
Cllr. C. Hogg
Cllr. R Pearson
Cllr. J. Secker
Cllr G. Stow

Also present: David Blakemore (representative of Haxby Town FC), Matt Boggan (representative of Haxby Town FC) and Alan Draper (town clerk).

In the absence of the chairman, Cllr G. Cockburn assumed the chair for the meeting.

A40/2023 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED that apologies and the reasons for absence were received and accepted from:

- Cllr. E. Pearson
- Cllr T. Richardson

A41/2023 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A42/2023 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED that there were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda other than those already declared in members' respective register of interests, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 Part III and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

A43/2023 Public question time and participation

There were no members of the public present.

A44/2023 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to approve and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 September 2023.

A45/2023 Ethel Ward playing field and pavilion

a) Offer from Nestle for furniture

RESOLVED to accept the offer of a hat/coat stand for the pavilion.

b) Request from a resident to reduce a tree

RESOLVED to procure the services of City of York Council's arboreal team to conduct an inspection of the tree concerned.

c) Working party

RESOLVED that:

- A working party is established to review the use and management of the playing field and pavilion.
- The working party consist of Cllrs G Cockburn, E Pearson, G Stow and David Blakemore, Matt Bogan, Liz Henley and Robert Vint.

- The working party to report back to the committee with resultant recommendations.

d) Charging fees to clubs using the facility

RESOLVED that this be reviewed by the working party.

A46/2023 Allotments

RESOLVED that the town clerk will issue the 2023-24 agreements and any resultant vacant plots will be reported to the committee.

A47/2023 Play equipment inspections

RESOLVED that:

- The quote from HAGS for annual inspections of the play equipment at Ethel Ward playing field and Mancroft playing field be approved.
- The recommended in-house repairs be conducted and the according costs be approved.

A48/2023 Willow trees at the pond

RESOLVED to procure the services of City of York Council's arboreal team to conduct an inspection of the willow trees.

A49/2023 Ashwood Glade

RESOLVED that in due course the picnic bench will be put back at Ashwood Glade but at a different location within the field.

A50/2023 Parking – village green

RESOLVED that a reminder be placed on the council's website and Facebook page asking people not to park on the grass on the village green.

A51/2023 Hitching rail

RESOLVED that this item be deferred until the warmer weather in the spring.

A52/2023 Snickets

RESOLVED that requests to cut back hedges/vegetation will be considered by the committee.

A53/2023 Bus shelters

RESOLVED that a request be referred to full council for funding for new bus shelters, with match funding available from City of York Council.

A54/2023 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.

COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

A55/2023 Allotments – insurance claim

The town clerk reported on a clam submitted against the council in respect of recent strong winds at the allotments site.

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

A56/2023 Grass cutting contract

RESOLVED that this be reviewed by the working party.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed **Date**

Chairman