

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

**Minutes of a meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Tuesday 5 March 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. Cuthbertson
Cllr T. Fisher
Cllr J Secker
Cllr G. Stow
Cllr. I. Thompson

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk), officers from City of York Council's Highways and Transport Department, York and North Yorkshire Mayoralty and Network Rail, and 30 members of the public.

144/2023 Apologies for absence

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

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

145/2023 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

146/2023 Declarations of interest

Cllr T. Fisher declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 – 'Housing development to the north of Haxby' due to his role as vice-chair of the Planning Committee at City of York Council.

Cllr. R. Pearson declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 15 – 'D-Day Commemoration 2024' due to her role assisting in the organisation of the commemoration.

147/2023 Public question time and participation

The following issues were raised in respect of the planning application for the proposed Haxby Railway Station:

- Assistance and access for disabled people.
- Whether there will be any staff at the station.
- Security, e.g. lighting, CCTV.
- Increased traffic.
- Car parking spaces.
- Green belt.
- Lack of screening.
- Drainage.
- Connections with local buses.
- Lack of an assessment of the cumulative effect along with the proposed housing development to the north of Haxby.

148/2023 Haxby Railway Station

A statement was read out on behalf of Cllr. E. Pearson regarding the proposed railway station.

Officers from City of York Council's Highways and Transport Department, York and North Yorkshire Mayoralty and Network Rail provided the following update on the planning application for Haxby Railway Station:

- It will take nine months to build the station.
- Trans-Pennine Express will manage the station.
- There will be two platforms, both of which will be 155m in length.
- There will be a footbridge with lifts and steps.
- There will be a bus/taxi drop off area.
- It is expected there will be 250,000 journeys from the station each year.

149/2023 Housing development to the north of Haxby

Cllr T. Fisher left the meeting at this juncture.

RESOLVED to defer this item until the revised planning application is submitted.

Cllr T. Fisher returned to the meeting at this juncture.

150/2023 Minutes – full council meeting

RESOLVED to approve and accept the minutes of the previous full council meeting held on 12 February 2024.

151/2023 Minutes – committee meetings

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

- Planning Committee meeting – 19 February 2024

152/2023 Yorkshire in bloom 2024

RESOLVED:

- Not to take part in Yorkshire in bloom in 2024.
- Possibly take part in 2025.
- Publish details asking for volunteers.
- Defer the item to the May full (annual) council meeting.

153/2023 Christmas lights 2024

RESOLVED to defer this item, pending receipt of photographs of the proposed lights.

154/2023 Carnival 2024

RESOLVED that:

- Standing order 26(a) be invoked to suspend standing order 7.
- The budget for the carnival be increased to £10,000.

155/2023 Planning advisor

RESOLVED that the fee proposal from the council's planning advisor (Kathryn Jukes of Directions Planning) be accepted and approved.

156/2023 Ethel Ward playing field – public consultation

RESOLVED that:

- Having considered the submissions received from members of the public regarding the intended long term leases, the disposal will continue.
- The town clerk be authorised to source/appoint the statutory requisite RICS valuer and a solicitor to handle the disposal.

157/2023 Bank mandate

RESOLVED that Cllr. I. Cuthbertson and Cllr. I. Thompson be added to the council's bank mandate with Barclays.

158/2023 D-Day Commemoration 2024

RESOLVED that up to £300 worth of supplies (e.g. flags, bunting, food) be approved for the commemoration.

159/2023 Payments – March

RESOLVED that the payments for March 2024 be approved.

160/2023 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.

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161/2023 Co-option to casual vacancy – north ward

RESOLVED that:

- Mr Christopher Cooper be co-opted on to Haxby Town Council for the north ward.
- Mr Cooper be notified in writing accordingly.
- Mr Cooper be given a dispensation to sign his declaration of acceptance of office form at any prior to the next scheduled full council meeting.

162/2023 Legal proceedings

RESOLVED to reaffirm the procurement of legal advice from Eversheds LLP and that they be instructed accordingly.

163/2023 Councillor's conduct

RESOLVED to ask the City of York Council monitoring officer to revise his decision in light of the exceptional circumstances involved.

164/2023 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of full council will be held on Monday 15 April 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed Date

Chairman