

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 4 March 2024 at 8pm in the Haxby Town Council office, Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby.

Present: Cllr. G. Cockburn – Vice-chairman
Cllr. E. Pearson - Chairman
Cllr. R Pearson
Cllr. J. Secker
Cllr G. Stow

Also present: David Blakemore (representative of Haxby Town FC), Liz Henley (representative of Haxby Netball Club) and Alan Draper (town clerk).

A70/2023 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED that apologies and the reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllr C. Hogg and Cllr T. Richardson.

A71/2023 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A72/2023 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.

A73/2023 Public question time and participation

There were no members of the public present, other than the representatives of the respective sports clubs.

A74/2023 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to approve and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 February 2024.

A75/2023 Ethel Ward playing field and pavilion

a) Feedback from the working party and sports clubs

RESOLVED to await the surveyor's condition report on the pavilion before progressing any future proposals.

b) Offer from Hobson Porter regarding trees and benches

RESOLVED:

- To accept the offer to plant five trees.
- That the trees be planted behind the scout hut (where there used to be a shrubbery).
- That there should be one holme oak, one rowan and three small/medium size trees (no willows).

RESOLVED:

- To accept the offer to provide four benches.
- That the benches should be fully accessible / disabled friendly.

c) Update on the repair of the play equipment (including Mancroft)

The town clerk reported that the repair work is due to start later this week.

RESOLVED to reaffirm the authorisation for the town clerk to progress the repair of the play equipment.

A76/2023 Defibrillators

RESOLVED:

- To approve in principle the procurement of two defibrillators.
- That suitable locations be sought.
- That a request be referred to the full council for the requisite funds.

A77/2023 Mancroft play area

RESOLVED that advice be provided to report all incidents of anti-social behaviour to the police so that they have a full 'picture'.

A78/2023 Noticeboards

RESOLVED:

- That a request be referred to the full council for the requisite funds to replace the noticeboard outside the Memorial Hall.
- To contact the community wood project in Earswick to obtain quotes for noticeboards

Cllr G. Cockburn abstained.

A79/2023 Pond – working group

RESOLVED that a working group is not currently needed.

A80/2023 Flowers

RESOLVED that £350 be allocated for the provision of (planted) flowers in the parish.

A81/2023 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

A82/2023 Allotments

a) Request to amend allotment tenancy

RESOLVED:

- To approve the request to amend the allotment tenancy.
- That the annual fee be waived due to the charitable nature of the new tenant.
- That the request to place a shed on the plot be deferred for the time being.

b) Request for a skip

RESOLVED the request for a skip be declined at the moment but to be reviewed when the vacant plots have been allocated.

c) Review of plots

RESOLVED that the request to retain half a plot be approved and that the annual fee be reduced accordingly.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed Date
Chairman