

# **HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 7 April 2025 at 8pm in the Haxby Town Council office, Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby.**

**Present:** Cllr. R. Pearson - Chairman  
Cllr G. Cockburn  
Cllr C. Layfield

**Also present:** Alan Draper (town clerk) and one member of the public.

## **A99/2024 Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** that apologies and the reasons for absence were accepted from Cllrs C. Hogg, J. Secker and G. Stow.

## **A100/2024 Chairman's welcome**

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **A101/2024 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.

## **A102/2024 Public question time and participation**

A member of the public mentioned an overgrown allotment plot and that as he is on the waiting list he would be willing to take on the plot as it is. The chair confirmed that the matter would be considered during the allotments item later in the meeting.

## **A103/2024 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2025 and the notes of the inquorate meeting of 3 March 2025.

## **A104/2024 Allotments**

**RESOLVED** that:

- Further to the query raised during the public participation section of the meeting, the plot concerned will be offered in the order of the waiting list.
- The request for reimbursement for refuse removal from an individual plot be declined.
- Polytunnels be allowed but wholly at the owner's responsibility.
- The request to install a path between two plots be declined.
- No action is currently necessary regarding rabbits but the matter will be kept under review.
- Those plots affected by regular flooding can be offered free of charge for the first year.
- Compost containing peat is to be banned and that only peat free compost will be allowed (giving the requisite 12 months' notice).

## **A105/2024 Wildflower seedings**

**RESOLVED** to approve the request to plant some wildflower seedings with the (only) specified location being the area at Ethel Ward playing field which is immediately adjacent / parallel to Haxby Hall where the trees were planted last year.

## **A106/2024 Pathway between Wheatfield Lane and Headlands School**

**RESOLVED** to defer this item to the next meeting, pending receipt of further information / clarification.

**A107/2024 Eastfield Avenue – tree request**

**RESOLVED** that the further/second request to further thin out the canopy of a sycamore tree in the open space behind Eastfield Avenue be declined.

**A108/2024 Christmas tree – The Village**

The town clerk reported that Yorkshire Christmas Trees have agreed to donate a Norway spruce and that this type of tree has been approved by City of York Council’s tree officer.

**RESOLVED** that:

- The town clerk’s report be received and approved.
- Committee members will visit the site to inspect the stump to help asses whether to have the stump removed and the new tree planted at the same location.

**A109/2024 Ethel Ward site – request from Haxby Runners**

**RESOLVED** that the request from Haxby Runners to use the pavilion for an event and some minor storage be approved.

**A110/2024 Tree management**

The town clerk reported on the tree management expenditure thus far in 2024-25.

**RESOLVED** that:

- The town clerk’s report be received and approved.
- The matter be kept under review.

**A111/2024 Next meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the next meeting of the committee will be held on 12 May 2025.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed ..... Date .....  
Chairman