

# HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

**Minutes of a meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 14 April 2025 at 7.30pm  
in the Oaken Grove Youth and Community Centre, Haxby.**

**Present:** Cllr. G. Cockburn - Chair

Cllr C. Cooper  
Cllr I. Craven  
Cllr I. Cuthbertson  
Cllr T. Fisher  
Cllr C. Layfield  
Cllr E. Pearson (*arrived late*)  
Cllr T. Richardson  
Cllr J. Secker  
Cllr G. Stow  
Cllr I. Thompson

**Also present:** Alan Draper (town clerk) and three members of the public.

## **212/2024 Apologies for absence**

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

- Cllr C. Hogg
- Cllr R. Pearson

## **213/2024 Chairman's welcome**

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **214/2024 Declarations of interest**

Cllr T. Richardson declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 19 (Legal proceedings).

Cllr G. Stow declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 (Pavilion at Ethel Ward playing field).

## **215/2024 Public question time and participation**

No matters were raised.

## **216/2024 Minutes – full council meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve and accept the minutes of the full council meeting held on 10 March 2025.

*Cllr T. Richardson abstained.*

## **217/2024 Minutes – committee meetings**

**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the following committee meetings:

- Haxby and Wigginton Cemetery Committee – 20 January 2025
- Planning Committee – 3 March 2025
- Amenities Committee – 3 March 2025
- Events Committee – 10 March 2025

## **218/2024 Housing development to the north of Haxby (ref 23/00160/OUTM)**

**RESOLVED** to await the latest revised application.

*Cllr E. Pearson arrived at this juncture.*

#### **219/2024 Post Office / Morrison's**

##### **RESOLVED:**

- To continue to work/liaise with Luke Charters MP to maintain a post office, a mobile post office or a banking hub.
- That Luke Charters MP be asked to contact the Post Office minister.
- That Wigginton Parish Council be asked for their support.

#### **220/2024 Pavilion at Ethel Ward playing field**

##### **a) Holding a public meeting and public consultation**

###### **RESOLVED** that:

- A public consultation be held using all available media.
- Those persons living adjacent to the playing field be directly consulted.
- Information be made available at this year's carnival.
- A public meeting will be held.
- The deadline for comments/feedback will be 14 July 2025.
- The comments/feedback will be initially referred to the Amenities Committee.

##### **b) Preference of the future options for the pavilion**

**RESOLVED** that a final decision will be made following the public consultation and liaison with the Football Foundation, although the council's preferred option is option 3, i.e. refurbishment with an extension to the building.

*Cllr E. Pearson voted against this proposal.*

##### **c) Any other action(s) deemed necessary**

**RESOLVED** that henceforth this matter will be a standard item on every full council meeting agenda.

*Cllr G. Stow left the meeting at this juncture.*

#### **221/2024 Police report**

**RESOLVED** to follow up the complaint with the Police and Crime Commissioner / Deputy Mayor.

#### **222/2024 Snickets and open spaces**

**RESOLVED** to defer this item until further notice.

#### **223/2024 Sleepout at York Community Stadium**

**RESOLVED** that Cllr J. Secker will represent the council at the charity sleepout at York Community Stadium on 1 May 2025.

#### **224/2024 Publicity**

##### **RESOLVED:**

- To continue to publicise the council's actions, especially with regard to the post office and the proposed housing development to the north of Haxby.
- That councillors' profiles be continued/maintained on the council's website.

#### **225/2024 Bus services**

**RESOLVED** that Cllr I. Craven will continue to raise issues concerning the 1A and 13 bus services with the bus forum.

*Cllr C. Layfield left the meeting at this juncture.*

## **226/2024 Banking / investments**

### **RESOLVED:**

- To accept and approve in principle the recommendation from the Finance Committee to invest with “Churches, Charities and Local Authorities” (CCLA).
- That an amount to invest will be determined after the year end process.

## **227/2024 Payments – April 2025**

**RESOLVED** that the payments for April 2025 be approved.

*Cllr T. Richardson abstained.*

## **228/2024 VE Day 80 celebration**

**RESOLVED** that expenditure of up to £300 be approved for the VE Day 80 celebration.

## **229/2024 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.

*Cllr T. Richardson left the meeting at this juncture.*

## **COUNCIL IN PRIVATE SESSION**

## **230/2024 Legal proceedings**

The town clerk provided an update on the legal proceedings.

**RESOLVED** that:

- The claim against the council continue to be defended.
- The advice of Eversheds LLP be taken on this matter and that they be instructed accordingly.

## **231/2024 Date of next meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the next meeting of full council will be held on Monday 19 May 2025 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....

**Chairman**