

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 12 May 2025 at 8pm in the Haxby Town Council office, Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby.

Present: Cllr. R. Pearson - Chairman
Cllr G. Cockburn
Cllr J. Secker
Cllr G. Stow

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk).

A112/2024 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED that apologies and the respective reasons for absence were accepted from Cllrs C. Hogg and C. Layfield.

A113/2024 Chairman's welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A114/2024 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.

A115/2024 Public question time and participation

No members of the public were present.

A116/2024 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2025.

A117/2024 Ethel Ward playing field and pavilion

a) Location of chimes play equipment

RESOLVED to confirm the location of the chimes play equipment parallel to the picnic benches.

b) Request to place an ice cream van

RESOLVED that the request to place an ice cream van at the site be approved subject to the following conditions:

- There will be a charge of £10 per day.
- The van must be parked near to the pavilion to ensure it is safely parked.
- Appropriate insurance cover must be in place.
- The period will be for the school summer holidays.
- A bin must be provided for the inevitable increase in refuse.

c) Temporary painting of a track

RESOLVED that a track/path be temporarily painted on the gaps at the play area until such time that play equipment can be procured.

d) Pavilion – fire risk assessment

RESOLVED that:

- Having reviewed the situation and with there being no changes since the last fire risk assessment, there is no need to procure a professional fire risk assessment at the present time.

- If any circumstances change then the matter will be reviewed accordingly.
- The maintenance of the fire/smoke alarms continues as normal.

e) Pavilion – business rates

The town clerk reported that City of York Council had confirmed that the town council is liable for business rates at the pavilion since the nursery left in the summer of 2022.

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

f) Pavilion – public consultation on future options

The town clerk confirmed that the public consultation is ongoing.

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

A118/2024 Allotments

RESOLVED to approve a communal compost heap in principle, until such time that the practicalities can be resolved.

A119/2024 Pathway between Wheatfield Lane and Headlands School

RESOLVED to refer this matter to City of York Council.

A120/2024 Eastfield Avenue – tree request

RESOLVED that the further request to further thin out the canopy of a sycamore tree in the open space behind Eastfield Avenue be declined on the grounds of cost and protecting biodiversity.

A121/2024 Christmas tree – The Village

RESOLVED that the stump be ground out and the replacement Norway spruce be planted on the same spot/location.

A122/2024 Cherry tree – The Village

RESOLVED that the stump be ground out and a replacement Cherry tree be planted on the same spot/location.

A123/2024 Summer planting

RESOLVED that summer planting take place up to a maximum expenditure of £200.

A124/2024 Hitching rail

RESOLVED that the request to extend the hitching rail be declined for the time being but with a review to take place in due course.

A125/2024 Village roundabout

RESOLVED to ask City of York Council if the grass on the Village / York Road roundabout can be mowed and then left as a wildflower area.

A126/2024 Memorial benches

RESOLVED that:

- The Village request be approved, subject to the acceptance of a different location.
- The Calf Close request be deferred pending the receipt of further information / clarification.

A127/2024 Defibrillators

RESOLVED to consult the British Heart Foundation for advice on a power supply in rural areas.

A128/2024 Planters – The Village

RESOLVED that two planters be procured (6ft x 2ft) from New Earswick Wood Yard for locations near Morrison's and the bus stop.

A129/2024 Noticeboards

RESOLVED that four noticeboards be procured from New Earswick Wood Yard.

A130/2024 Moor Lane – highway issues

RESOLVED:

- To note that City of York Council has confirmed that double yellow lines will be put on the corner of Moor Lane and The Village for a length of 25 metres.
- To request that City of York Council's parking enforcement officers patrol on The Village more frequently.

A131/2024 Next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the committee will be held on 2 June 2025.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed Date
Chairman