

Haxby and Wigginton Joint Cemetery Committee

Minutes of a meeting of Haxby and Wigginton Joint Cemetery Committee held on 24 March at 7.15pm in the Oaken Grove Community Centre.

In attendance: Cllrs Ruth Pearson (chairman), John Gates, Tony Fisher, Peter Lakey, Jane Roberts, Linda Pepper, 3 members of the public, Alan Draper (Haxby town clerk) and Jane Grant (cemetery clerk).

C74 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. C Hogg.

RESOLVED to accept and approve the apologies and the reason for absence.

C75 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and the committee introduced themselves to the members of the public in attendance.

C76 Declarations of interest

No declarations were made other than those already declared in members' respective register of interests.

C77 Public question time and participation

The 3 members of the public were requesting permission for the burial of a non-resident and a grave reservation for the spouse of the non-resident. Permission was also sought to reserve 2 further burial spaces for non-residents. These requests were considered later in the meeting.

C78 Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 20 January 2025.

C79 Pest control

The cemetery clerk reported that the moles are being monitored.

RESOLVED to accept and approve the cemetery clerk's report.

C80 Recent burials / interments

The cemetery clerk reported that in the period 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 there were eighteen interments consisting of five burials and thirteen cremations.

RESOLVED to accept and approve the cemetery clerk's report.

C81 Reservations

a) Pre-purchase of graves

RESOLVED that the current prohibition of the pre-purchase of graves remain in place but with a review to be held at the next meeting.

b) Request for burial space for a non-resident near to late mother

RESOLVED that the request to purchase a grave be approved due to the exceptional circumstances.

c) Request for burial for a non-resident plus a 2nd grave reservation for spouse

RESOLVED that the request for a non-resident plus a 2nd grave reservation for spouse be approved due to the family connections to Haxby and circumstances.

d) Request for 2 burial reservations for non-residents

RESOLVED that the request be put on hold due to the continuing prohibition on pre-purchase of grave space

e) Plot 31 request for ornate memorial

RESOLVED to defer a decision and the cemetery clerk to check previous Minutes in order to ascertain what has been agreed pre-April 2024

C82 Cemetery Grass Cutting Tenders

RESOLVED to accept and approve MAH Garden Maintenance Ltd.

C83 Financial Matters

a) List of payments made by the cemetery clerk

RESOLVED that the payments made by the cemetery clerk since the last meeting be approved and reaffirmed.

b) List of payments to authorise

RESOLVED to accept the cemetery clerk's report that no payments were made and to accept a request from Wigginton Parish Council to have sight of the end of year 2024/2025 accounts.

C84 Internal Audit 2024-2025

RESOLVED to appoint Rachel Pearson as the committee's internal auditor

C85 Earmarked Reserves

RESOLVED that £235,518.04 of the Cemetery funds held jointly by Haxby Town Council & Wigginton Parish Council have been ring fenced or reserved for land acquisition for cemetery expansion and or development & maintenance of existing or subsequently acquired cemetery land.

C86 Memorial Permits

RESOLVED to accept and approve flush to the grass memorial plaques, subject to permit applications, in burial plots with existing size regulations for cremated remains graves, applying.

C87 Bench Requests

RESOLVED that the cemetery clerk to try and contact existing donor.

C88 Tree Inspection Report

RESOLVED to accept and approve the cemetery clerk's report.

C89 ST9 Development Hearing

RESOLVED to make comment on the cemetery aspect of the ST9 planning application.

C90 Sunken Graves

RESOLVED to approve T Coates to undertake the work required.

C91 Compost Bins

RESOLVED to accept the cemetery clerks report that this is no longer required.

C92 Main Gates

RESOLVED to accept the cemetery clerk's report that a temporary fix had been made and to put this on hold until such time as the new cemetery path work starts.

C93 Next meeting

RESOLVED that the committee will next meet on Monday 30 June 2025 at 7.15pm in the Oaken Grove Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman