

# **HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 4 August 2025 at 8:00pm in the Oaken Grove Youth and Community Centre, Haxby.**

**Present:** Cllr R. Pearson - Chair

Cllr G. Cockburn  
Cllr C. Cooper  
Cllr I. Cuthbertson  
Cllr T. Fisher  
Cllr C. Layfield  
Cllr J. Secker  
Cllr I. Thompson  
Cllr E. Pearson  
Cllr T. Richardson  
Cllr I. Craven

**Also present:** Joanne Pratt (deputy town clerk).

## **85/2025 Apologies for absence**

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

- Cllr C. Hogg
- Cllr G. Stow
- Cllr A. Hollyer

## **86/2025 Chairman's welcome**

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **87/2025 Declarations of interest**

Cllr E. Pearson declared he is a trustee for Oaken Grove Community Centre.

## **88/2025 Public question time and participation**

### **Brief background given the members of the public by the Chair**

A Ward Councillor, alongside the MP for York Outer have been working with the Post Office to find a solution following the closing of the Post Office in Haxby.

There is a suggestion that a temporary solution of having a small system of banking and post office facilities (post office on wheels) in Oaken Grove Community Centre.

The Post Office would be responsible for finding a post master, the Post Office say they are committed to doing so.

Oaken Grove Community Centre are happy to host the Post Office but would need financial assistance in running it, they would need assistance for 6 months, to give time to find an alternative.

### **Questions asked and points of discussion**

- What services would be on offer- understanding is they will do everything except passports and large parcels i.e. Evri etc..
- This would be a stop gap to give time while we find somewhere else.

- Three previous Post Office staff attended the meeting, they were asked for their opinions regarding the suggestion of the Post Office on Wheels.
  - There would have to be a cash limit- depending on the safe size.
  - They would only be able to manage small parcels.
  - They would be able to manage cheques and stamps
  - They would not be able to do Passports as they take too much time.
  - Foreign currency would depend on safe size.
  - You would need at least two members of staff for 6 days a week
  - Security- even in the old venue they did feel unsafe at times, they didn't feel that consideration has been given regarding the amount of cash in and out.
- Member of the public raised that the Post Office in the Folk Hall is only small but it works well.
- Member of the public asked how much funding would be needed? £1000 per month, it wouldn't be contracted for the 6 months, but it could be slightly more.
- Member of the public raised if the Post Office are pushing for this solution, why are they not seeking alternatives?
- Member of the public asked if the Co-Op would consider hosting the Post Office- the Co-Op have said no.

### **89/2025 Post Office in Haxby**

#### **RESOLVED**

- Haxby Town Council may contribute in principle. We would require a detailed and itemised account for what the money will be used for.
- We will accelerate how we can get a banking hub or permanent Post Office in Haxby.
- We will work with City of York Councillors, MP for York outer, Wigginton Parish Council and Mayor of York and North Yorkshire to seek financial and other assistance.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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

**Chairman**