

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 1 September 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
Cllr. J. Secker
Cllr G. Stow

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk) and representatives from Haxby Netball Club and 'Menfulness'.

A29/2025 Apologies for absence

All committee members were in attendance.

A30/2025 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A31/2025 Declarations of Interest

Cllr G. Cockburn declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6a (Ethel Ward playing field and pavilion – service level agreement with the football clubs).

A32/2025 Public question time and participation

No members of the public were present.

A33/2025 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

A34/2024 Ethel Ward playing field and pavilion

a) Service level agreement (SLA) with the football clubs and the netball club

RESOLVED that the factors determined by the committee for inclusion in the SLA be circulated to the clubs for their input with the deadline for responses being the next meeting.

b) Public consultation on future options for the pavilion – responses received

RESOLVED:

- To note that the Football Foundation are due to visit the pavilion on 17 September 2025.
- To note that residents' preferred options are options 3 and 4.
- To include the netball court as part of the future plan.
- To consider a loan application to the Public Works Loans Board.
- That all the above be referred to the full council for its consideration.

c) Netball court – professional assessment

RESOLVED that in accordance with the full council's decision (67/2025), the quote from 'Surfacing Standards' be accepted.

d) Netball court - cleaning

RESOLVED that the council will pay for the professional cleaning of the netball court but it will be arranged by the netball club.

e) Spikes on top of swings

RESOLVED that:

- Standing order 26(a) be invoked to suspend standing order 7.
- Plastic spikes be procured and placed on the top of all swings at the Ethel Ward site and the Mancroft site.

f) Bandstand - upgrade

RESOLVED that local children be asked to paint pebbles which can then be cemented into the base of the bandstand.

g) Painting of play area

RESOLVED to approve the painting of a hopscotch design on the vacant play areas.

h) Brick wall repairs – including replacement of basketball net and markings

RESOLVED to arrange the necessary repairs for the wall and to ask for community volunteers to help.

A35/2025 Hedge trimming

RESOLVED to note that hedge trimming has been arranged.

A36/2025 Allotments

a) Update on the allotments and to authorise any resultant action(s)

RESOLVED that the recommendations within the allotments officer's report be approved.

b) Update on the allotments income

The town clerk reported that the total allotments income for 2024-25 was £2,062 and that thus far in 2025-26 the income is £1,245.

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

A37/2025 Grassed area at Moor Lane

A representative from 'Menfulness' confirmed that the charity is agreeable to maintain the grassed area at the junction of Moor Lane and The Village – initially for a trial period of six months, pending clarification of various issues. The representative agreed to provide a list of the issues in writing to the committee in due course.

RESOLVED:

- To thank the 'Menfulness' representative for his attendance and to await the list of issues.
- That 'Menfulness' will maintain the grass but not the trees.
- To clarify the matters of sightlines, trees and insurance with City of York Council.

A38/2025 Village roundabout

RESOLVED to note that City of York Council have declined the committee's request for a wildflower area on the roundabout at the junction of The Village and York Road.

A39/2025 Tree – The Village

RESOLVED to accept the quote from HPL Tree Surgeons to conduct the trimming work on the tree on The Village (near Miller's chip shop) and that HPL will liaise with City of York Council to ensure compliance.

A40/2025 Weeds - The Village

RESOLVED to note that City of York Council conducts the weedkilling on The Village.

A41/2025 Wyre Ponds

a) Grass cutting

RESOLVED that the grass at/around the pond will be cut twice per year.

b) Cleaning / clearing out

RESOLVED that Cllr R. Pearson will liaise with a volunteer to clear out the pond as far as possible.

A42/2025 Budget 2026-27

RESOLVED that the primary budgetary items for 2026-27 will be the pavilion revamp, replacement of play equipment, defibrillators and the netball court re-surfacing.

A43/2025 Hitching rail

RESOLVED to obtain a quote to extend the hitching rail in the two specified locations on the north side of The Village.

A44/2025 Next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the committee will be held on 6 October 2025.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed Date
Chairman