

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 20 October 2025 at 7.30pm in the Oaken Grove Youth and Community Centre, Haxby.

Present: Cllr R. Pearson - Chair
Cllr G. Cockburn
Cllr C. Cooper
Cllr I. Craven
Cllr I. Cuthbertson
Cllr T. Fisher
Cllr C. Layfield
Cllr E. Pearson
Cllr G. Stow
Cllr I. Thompson

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk).

114/2025 Apologies for absence

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

- Cllr C. Hogg
- Cllr A. Hollyer
- Cllr T. Richardson
- Cllr J. Secker

115/2025 Chairman's welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

116/2025 Declarations of interest

Cllr G. Cockburn declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7 (Pavilion at Ethel Ward playing field).

117/2025 Public question time and participation

No members of the public were present.

118/2025 Minutes – council meeting

RESOLVED to approve and accept the minutes of the council meeting held on 8 September 2025.

119/2025 Minutes – committee meetings

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

- Haxby and Wigginton Cemetery Committee – 30 June 2025
- Planning Committee – 1 September 2025
- Amenities Committee – 1 September 2025
- Staffing Committee – 8 September 2025
- Events Committee – 15 September 2025

120/2025 Pavilion at Ethel Ward playing field

RESOLVED to:

- Liaise with a former councillor regarding a possible modular building.

- Conduct a land registry search on the scout hut area of the site.
- Investigate a possible loan from the Public Works Loans Board.
- Investigate external grant funding, in particular the National Lottery and the North Yorkshire Mayor.
- Retrieve the deeds for the Ethel Ward site.
- Investigate possible corporate sponsorship, in particular Nestle.
- Send a thank you note to all those members of the public who responded to the consultation.
- Confirm that the preferred option for the pavilion is option 3 but possibly option 4 if a modular building is possible.

Cllr I. Cuthbertson voted against the proposal.

121/2025 Police report

RESOLVED:

- To reply to the Deputy Mayor's response expressing the council's disappointment.
- To ask the City of York ward councillors to contact the Deputy Mayor.
- That a letter be issued to the Department of Transport conveying the council's concerns on the lack of regulation of e-bikes.

122/2025 Grants policy

RESOLVED that the grants policy be approved and adopted.

123/2025 CCTV policy

RESOLVED that the CCTV policy be approved and adopted.

124/2025 IT policy

RESOLVED that the IT policy be approved and adopted.

125/2025 Civility and respect training

RESOLVED:

- Not to pursue civility and respect training.
- To confirm that all councillors have signed the civility and respect pledge and that this be stated on the council's website.

126/2025 Neighbourhood plan

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the November full council meeting.

127/2025 Correspondence

RESOLVED:

- To receive the correspondence received from residents in respect of flags on lamp-posts.
- To reaffirm that lamp-posts are the property / responsibility of City of York Council (CYC) and that Haxby Town Council has routinely reported the matter to CYC.

128/2025 Payments – October 2025

RESOLVED that the payments for October 2025 be approved.

129/2025 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.

COUNCIL IN PRIVATE SESSION

130/2025 Legal proceedings

The town clerk provided an update on the legal proceedings.

RESOLVED that:

- Standing order 26(a) be invoked to suspend standing order 7.
- With immediate effect, the Planning Committee will meet at Oaken Grove Community Centre at 7.15pm on the second (working) Monday of each month with the full council meeting to follow afterwards at 8pm.
- From the new council year in May 2026 all committee meetings will be held at Oaken Grove Community Centre.
- An according response be issued to the person concerned.
- The compliance of the item concerned be double checked.
- 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.

131/2025 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of full council will be held on Monday 10 November 2025 at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed **Date**

Chairman