

# **HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**Minutes of a meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 10 November 2025 at 8pm in Oaken Grove Youth and Community Centre, Haxby.**

**Present:** Cllr C. Cooper  
Cllr I. Craven  
Cllr T. Fisher  
Cllr C. Layfield  
Cllr T. Richardson  
Cllr G. Stow  
Cllr I. Thompson

**Also present:** Alan Draper (town clerk).

## **132/2025 Meeting chair**

**RESOLVED** that in the absence of the chairman and the vice-chairman, Cllr T. Fisher be elected to chair the meeting.

## **133/2025 Apologies for absence**

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

- Cllr G. Cockburn
- Cllr I. Cuthbertson
- Cllr C. Hogg
- Cllr E. Pearson
- Cllr R. Pearson
- Cllr J. Secker

## **134/2025 Chairman's welcome**

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **135/2025 Declarations of interest**

Cllr T. Richardson declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 22 (Legal proceedings).

## **136/2025 Public question time and participation**

No members of the public were present.

## **137/2025 Minutes – council meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve and accept the minutes of the council meeting held on 20 October 2025.

## **138/2025 Minutes – committee meetings**

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

- Planning Committee – 6 October 2025
- Amenities Committee – 6 October 2025
- Finance Committee – 20 October 2025
- Events Committee – 20 October 2025

#### **139/2025 Ethel Ward playing field**

- a) **Progress on the future of the pavilion and to authorise any action(s) accordingly**

**RESOLVED** to make preparations for a possible public consultation for a Public Works Loans Board application.

*Cllrs I. Craven and T. Richardson abstained.*

- b) **Renewal of the lease for the scout hut**

**RESOLVED** to:

- Consult the scout group.
- Defer the item to the December full council meeting.

- c) **Request from Haxby Town FC regarding equipment and storage at the Ethel Ward site**

**RESOLVED** to defer this item to the December full council meeting and to invite representatives of Haxby Town FC to attend.

- d) **Crowdfunding exercise to improve the netball/sports court**

**RESOLVED** to approve and support Haxby Netball Club's crowdfunding exercise to improve the netball/sports court.

#### **140/2025 Police report**

The police report was not available.

#### **141/2025 Biodiversity policy**

**RESOLVED** that the biodiversity policy be approved and adopted.

#### **142/2025 Recording of council meetings policy**

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

#### **143/2025 Neighbourhood plan**

**RESOLVED** to:

- Ask Wigginton Parish Council if it intends to pursue the neighbourhood plan.
- Consider a neighbourhood plan as part of the budget setting process for 2026-27.

#### **144/2025 Parish charter**

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

#### **145/2025 North Yorkshire Pension Fund – triennial valuation**

**RESOLVED** to accept and approve the draft valuation results from the triennial valuation of the North Yorkshire Pension Fund.

#### **146/2025 City of York Council – annual review of traffic restrictions**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be raised to the traffic restrictions provided they are enforced.

#### **147/2025 Newsletter**

**RESOLVED** that:

- A newsletter be issued twice per year, starting in 2026.
- The newsletter will be published on the council's website and Facebook.
- Hard copies will be left/displayed in communal areas.

#### **148/2025 Correspondence**

**RESOLVED** to note the correspondence as the matter is purely the remit of City of York Council (City of York Council already being aware).

**149/2025 Grant application**

**RESOLVED** that the grant application from Haxby Town Juniors FC for £75 for replacement defibrillator pads be approved.

**150/2025 Payments – quarter 2, 2025-26**

**RESOLVED** to reaffirm the payments for the second quarter of 2025-26.

**151/2025 Payments – November 2025**

**RESOLVED** that the payments for November 2025 be approved.

**152/2025 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**

**153/2025 Barclaycard account**

The town clerk provided an update on the council's Barclaycard account.

**RESOLVED** to accept and approve the town clerk's report.

**154/2025 Legal proceedings**

The town clerk provided an update on the legal proceedings.

**RESOLVED** that:

- Clarification be sought on the awarding of costs against the claimant.
- 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.

**155/2025 Date of next meeting**

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

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed ..... Date .....

**Chairman**