

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 1 December 2025 at 7pm in the Haxby Town Council office, Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby.

Present: Cllr R. Pearson (chairman)
Cllr G. Cockburn
Cllr C. Layfield
Cllr E. Pearson (non-committee member)

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk) and representatives from Haxby Netball Club, Haxby Town Football Club and Haxby Town Junior Football Club.

A61/2025 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED that apologies and the reasons for absence were accepted from Cllrs J. Secker and G. Stow.

A62/2025 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A63/2025 Declarations of Interest

Cllr G. Cockburn declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6a and 6e (Ethel Ward playing field and pavilion).

A64/2025 Public question time and participation

Cllr E. Pearson reported that he had spoken with a resident who used the sports wall as a child/youth and it helped him greatly and as such he hoped it will be restored at some point.

A65/2025 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to approve and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 October 2025.

A66/2025 Ethel Ward playing field and pavilion

a) To approve/support external grant funding applications submitted by Haxby Netball Club

RESOLVED to:

- Approve/support all the external grant funding applications submitted by Haxby Netball Club in respect of the netball court.
- Thank Liz Henley of Haxby Netball Club for her hard work.

b) Informal working party to assist with fundraising for the Ethel Ward site

RESOLVED that:

- Liz Henley will lead the informal working party.
- Any local groups can be involved.
- It will be a standing item on the agenda for Amenities Committee meetings.

c) Netball court condition report

Haxby Netball Club confirmed that due to the report's findings on the court's condition, they are no longer able to play on it.

RESOLVED to:

- Note the condition report.
- Consider options to re-surface the court.

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

RESOLVED to approve the terms/conditions of the respective service level agreements, except for the annual fee which will be decided by the full council in due course.

e) Request to waive fees

RESOLVED that the request from Haxby Netball Club to waive the annual fee for use of the Ethel Ward site in 2025-26 be referred to the full council.

f) Request for extra cutting of pitches

RESOLVED that:

- An extra cut be authorised and executed as soon as possible.
- All future grass cutting tenders to include an extra cut (for autumn or early winter).

g) RESOLVED that the generic service level agreement for external users of the Ethel Ward site be approved.

RESOLVED that a potential skate park will be considered as part of any future development in due course.

h) Sports wall repairs

RESOLVED to defer this item pending receipt of a further quote.

i) Lowered kerb

RESOLVED not to have a blocking chain at the lowered kerb areas but to write to residents on Hall Rise to remind them to seek prior permission for vehicle entry to field.

j) Request to place a food cart

RESOLVED to refer this item to the full council.

A67/2025 Allotments

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

A68/2025 Hitching rail

RESOLVED to defer this item, pending receipt of a quote.

A69/2025 Trees

RESOLVED that:

- There is no objection to the requested tree work at Wandhill.
- The request to reduce/trim a tree on the Ethel Ward site be declined with regards to the foliage on the council's side of the boundary to protect wildlife habitat but that the resident concerned is free to trim any branches on their side of the boundary.
- The tree at the diamond bed near Grey Firs be either removed or reduced.

A70/2025 Christmas lights

RESOLVED to reaffirm the offer of the use of the council's Christmas lights to Ryedale Court.

A71/2025 Cycle racks

RESOLVED to refer this item to the full council.

A72/2025 Public access bleed kits

RESOLVED to refer this item to the full council.

A73/Parish walkaround with City of York Council officers

RESOLVED to defer this item.

A74/2025 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.

COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

A75/2025 Grass cutting tender

The town clerk reported on correspondence received regarding the grass cutting tender.

RESOLVED that the grass cutting contract be re-tendered in the New Year.

A76/2025 Next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the committee will be held on 5 January 2026.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed Date
Chairman