

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

**Minutes of a meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 12 January 2026 at 8pm
in Oaken Grove Youth and Community Centre, Haxby.**

Present: Cllr R. Pearson (chairman)
Cllr G. Cockburn
Cllr C. Cooper
Cllr I. Craven
Cllr I. Cuthbertson
Cllr T. Fisher
Cllr C. Layfield
Cllr E. Pearson
Cllr J. Secker
Cllr I. Thompson

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk) and a representative from Haxby Netball Club.

179/2025 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED that apologies and the respective reasons for absence were received and accepted from:

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

180/2025 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

181/2025 Declarations of interest

Cllr R. Pearson declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 18 (Payments – January 2026).

Cllr E. Pearson declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 14 (Grant application).

Cllr G. Cockburn declared a pecuniary interest respectively in agenda item 7c (Ethel Ward playing field – fees charged to Haxby Town Football Club) and agenda item 7e (Request from Haxby Town FC regarding equipment and storage).

182/2025 Public question time and participation

A representative from Haxby Netball Club provided an update on the fundraising to re-surface the court and that the Crowdfunder has now reached £25,000.

183/2025 Minutes – council meeting

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

184/2025 Minutes – committee meetings

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

- Staffing Committee – 1 December 2025
- Amenities Committee – 1 December 2025
- Finance Committee – 8 December 2025
- Planning Committee – 8 December 2025

185/2025 Ethel Ward playing field

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

RESOLVED to:

- Receive and consider the responses submitted to the council in respect of the public consultation regarding a possible loan application to the Public Works Loans Board.
- Await the response from the Football Foundation regarding funding.
- include provision for the repayment of a possible Public Works Loans Board loan of £100,000 for a period of ten years in the budget for 2026-27.

Cllr I. Craven abstained.

b) Renewal of the lease for the scout hut

RESOLVED that Cllrs C. Layfield, E. Pearson, R. Pearson, J. Secker and the town clerk meet with representatives from the scouts to discuss the lease renewal.

Cllr C. Cooper left the meeting at this juncture.

c) The fees charged to Haxby Netball Club and Haxby Town Football Club (juniors and seniors)

RESOLVED to:

- Waive the fee for 2025-26 for Haxby Netball Club due to the court being out of use.
- Charge a fee of £1,500 for 2025-26 to Haxby Town Football Club.
- Charge a fee of £1,500 for 2025-26 to Haxby Town Junior Football Club.

d) A request to place a food cart on the site

RESOLVED to provisionally approve the request dependant on the acceptance of the following conditions: (with final approval yet to be given)

- It would initially be for a trial period of three months, after which a review would be held.
- There would be a charge of £150 per week.
- The hut/vehicle would have to be moved off site at the end of each day.
- The location would be the car park.
- All necessary permissions from City of York Council, i.e. trader's licence, planning permission, must be in place.
- The hut/vehicle would not be allowed on the day(s) when events are held, i.e. the funfair and the carnival.
- All litter must be cleared away.
- A breach of any condition would result in the agreement being terminated.

Cllr I. Thompson abstained.

e) Request from Haxby Town FC regarding equipment and storage at the Ethel Ward site (further to minute no. 163c/2025)

RESOLVED to:

- Decline the request for a larger container.
- Reaffirm the decision (minute no. 163c/2025) regarding the smaller container.

186/2025 Police report

RESOLVED to:

- Receive the police report for December 2025.
- Place a notice on the council's website and Facebook encouraging residents to report all crime to the police.

Cllr C. Layfield left the meeting at this juncture.

187/2025 Neighbourhood plan

RESOLVED to ‘park/mothball’ the neighbourhood plan to preserve it for possible future use, until such time that planning policy/legislation/situation changes.

Cllr I. Craven abstained.

188/2025 Temporary post office - review

RESOLVED to receive and approve the report from Haxby and Wigginton Youth and Community Association regarding the temporary post office.

189/2025 Cycle racks

RESOLVED to defer this item.

190/2025 Public access bleed kits

RESOLVED to procure a public access bleed kit (maximum cost £200).

191/2025 Investment policy

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the investment policy.

Cllrs I. Craven, E. Pearson and J. Secker abstained.

192/2025 Grant application

RESOLVED:

- To approve a grant of £13,000 to Haxby and Wigginton Youth and Community Association for the provision of youth services in 2026-27.
- That if Haxby and Wigginton Youth and Community Association has financial difficulties, the council could review its decision.
- That funding awarded in future years could reduce.

Cllrs I. Craven and J. Secker abstained.

193/2025 Christmas lights

RESOLVED to dispose of the Christmas lights which were purchased for the ‘mushroom tree’ which was destroyed during a storm.

194/2025 Office rent

RESOLVED to respond to the Memorial Hall trustees with an offer of a monthly rent of £400 per month (from April 2026) with a mutually agreed increase each year.

195/2025 Budget and precept 2026-27

RESOLVED that:

- The budget of £267,078 be approved.
- The according precept of £218,274 be approved, plus a support grant of £5,466 from City of York Council.
- The town clerk be authorised to send the precept request to City of York Council.

196/2025 Payments – January 2026

Cllr G. Cockburn chaired this item due to Cllr R. Pearson’s pecuniary interest.

RESOLVED that the payments for January 2026 be approved.

Cllr R. Pearson resumed the chair at this juncture.

197/2025 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.

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198/2025 Legal proceedings

The town clerk provided an update on the legal proceedings.

RESOLVED that:

- 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.

199/2025 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of full council will be held on Monday 9 February 2026 at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Signed **Date**

Chairman