

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of the first part of the annual meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 11 May 2026 at 8pm in Oaken Grove Youth and Community Centre, Haxby.

Present: Cllr. R. Pearson - Chairman

Cllr I. Craven
Cllr I. Cuthbertson
Cllr T. Fisher
Cllr A. Hollyer
Cllr E. Pearson
Cllr T. Richardson
Cllr J Secker
Cllr. G. Stow

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk).

1/2026 Election of chairman

RESOLVED that Cllr R. Pearson be elected chairman of the council for 2026-27.

Cllr R. Pearson duly signed her declaration of acceptance of office.

Cllr T. Richardson abstained.

2/2026 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3/2026 Apologies for absence

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

- Cllr C. Cooper
- Cllr I. Thompson

4/2026 Declarations of interest

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

5/2026 Election of vice-chairman

RESOLVED that Cllr J. Secker be elected vice-chairman of the council for 2026-27.

Cllr J. Secker duly signed her declaration of acceptance of office.

Cllr T. Richardson abstained.

6/2026 Public question time and participation

No members of the public were present.

7/2026 Minutes – council meeting

RESOLVED to approve and accept the minutes of the previous full council meeting held on 20 April 2026.

8/2026 Minutes – committee meetings

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations within of the following:

- Staffing Committee meeting – 13 April 2026
- Amenities Committee meeting – 13 April 2026

- Finance Committee meeting – 20 April 2026
- Planning Committee meeting – 20 April 2026

9/2026 - annual town meeting

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the annual town meeting held on 27 April 2026.

10/2026 Grant application

RESOLVED to approve a grant of £255 to 'The Wednesday Club' to assist with the coach hire for the annual residents' Christmas shopping trip.

11/2026 Ethel Ward playing field

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

RESOLVED to note that the working group is due to meet in June.

- 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 and the food bank.

12/2026 Police report

RESOLVED to receive the police report and to enquire as to what action is being taken to reduce the crime numbers.

13/2026 Citizen Advice

RESOLVED:

- To continue to fund the citizens advice service for Haxby.
- To ask Citizens Advice to provide a report on its service for Haxby.

Cllr T. Richardson, Cllr J. Secker and Cllr G. Stow abstained.

14/2026 Standing committees

Cllr T. Richardson asked for a recorded vote for this item.

RESOLVED that due to disruption the meeting be suspended for five minutes.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, due to poor health Cllr R. Pearson left the meeting and Cllr J. Secker assumed the chair.

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. *(unanimous)*

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed Date

Chairman