

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

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

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

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk) and two members of the public.

35/2026 Apologies for absence

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

- Cllr C. Cooper
- Cllr I. Craven
- Cllr T. Richardson

36/2026 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

37/2026 Declarations of interest

Cllr J. Secker declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8b ('Safer road crossings – a request regarding Wigginton Primary School').

38/2026 Public question time and participation

No issues were raised.

39/2026 Minutes – council meeting

RESOLVED to approve and accept the minutes of the annual council meeting held on 11 May 2026 and reconvened on 21 May 2026.

40/2026 Minutes – committee meetings

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

- Staffing Committee – 13 April 2026
- Amenities Committee – 13 April 2026
- Finance Committee – 20 April 2026
- Planning Committee – 20 April 2026
- Events Committee – 27 April 2026

41/2026 Ethel Ward playing field

- a) **Progress on the future of the pavilion and to authorise any action(s) accordingly, including any feedback/recommendations from the working group**

RESOLVED to await the feedback from the upcoming working group meeting on 22 June 2026.

- b) **Renewal of the lease for the scout hut, including a request to locate Haxby Foodshare at the scout hut**

RESOLVED to await the feedback from the upcoming meeting with the scouts on 15 June 2026.

42/2026 Safer road crossings

- a) **Wigginton Parish Council's support for a safer road crossing at Ralph Butterfield School.**

RESOLVED to thank Wigginton Parish Council for its support for a safer road crossing at Ralph Butterfield School.

- b) **A request from Wigginton Parish Council for reciprocal support for a safer road crossing at Wigginton Primary School**

RESOLVED to support Wigginton Parish Council's campaign for a safer road crossing at Wigginton Primary School.

43/2026 Carnival 2026 - charities

RESOLVED that the nominated charity for this year's carnival will be the British Heart Foundation, in memory of the late Cllr Grant Cockburn.

44/2026 Police report

RESOLVED:

- To receive the police report for May 2026.
- To ask the North Yorkshire Deputy Mayor what action/plan she has to tackle anti-social behaviour this summer.
- To ask Luke Charters MP about possible CCTV on The Village.

45/2026 Casual vacancies – central wards and north ward

The town clerk confirmed there are currently two casual vacancies consisting of one each in the central ward and the north ward and that co-option will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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

46/2026 Internal controls and internal audit

RESOLVED that:

- Having been reviewed, the efficacy of the council's internal controls be confirmed and approved.
- The AGAR internal audit report for the year ended 31 March 2026 be received and approved.
- CS Audit Services be appointed as the council's internal auditor for 2026-27.
- The scope of internal audit be in accordance with the AGAR and Proper Practises.
- A mid-year (non-statutory) internal audit be conducted in October/November 2026.

47/2026 Annual governance statement 2025-26

RESOLVED that the annual governance statement for the year ended 31 March 2026 be approved.

48/2026 Annual accounting statements 2025-26

RESOLVED that the annual accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 be approved.

49/2026 Payments – June 2026

RESOLVED that the payments for June 2026 be approved.

50/2026 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

51/2026 Complaint

RESOLVED that:

- The complaint is not upheld.
- The complainant be invited to attend an Amenities Committee meeting to discuss the matter further.

52/2026 Councillor's conduct

RESOLVED that advice be sought from City of York Council.

53/2026 Legal proceedings

The town clerk provided an update on the legal proceedings and the resultant effect on the council's reserves.

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.

54/2026 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of full council will be held on Monday 13 July 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed Date
Chairman