

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

**Minutes of a meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 13 July 2026 at 8.30pm
in Oaken Grove Youth and Community Centre, Haxby.**

Present: Cllr R. Pearson (chairman)

Cllr C. Cooper
Cllr I. Cuthbertson
Cllr I. Craven
Cllr T. Fisher
Cllr A. Hollyer
Cllr C. Layfield
Cllr E. Pearson
Cllr J. Secker
Cllr G. Stow
Cllr I. Thompson

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

55/2026 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED that apologies and the reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr T. Richardson.

56/2026 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The chairman mentioned that Jacob Verhoef had recently passed away and that he was a stalwart of the community.

The chairman thanked the following people for their sterling work for the carnival:

- Cllr Caroline Layfield
- Cllr Jessie Secker
- Freddie Secker
- Mary Crawford
- Caroline Mulholland
- Jo Pratt
- Dave Nurse
- Michael Haw

57/2026 Declarations of interest

Cllr I. Cuthbertson and Cllr J. Secker each declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 ('Safer road crossings').

58/2026 Public question time and participation

The only issue that was raised was the security of the Ethel Ward site following the recent unauthorised traveller encampment and that the pavilion and playing fields need protecting for future generations.

59/2026 Minutes – council meeting

RESOLVED to approve and accept the minutes of the council meeting held on 8 June 2026.

60/2026 Minutes – committee meetings

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

- Events Committee – 1 June 2026
- Planning Committee – 8 June 2026
- Amenities Committee – 15 June 2026

61/2026 Ethel Ward playing field

a) Action regarding travellers on the playing fields

RESOLVED:

- To hold a site visit for all stakeholders at the playing fields at 5pm on 10 August 2026 to informally assess the security options which will then be considered at the following full council meeting.
- That boulders along the perimeter and a gate with CCTV on the car park be considered.
- To approve the grant request for £100 from Haxby Town Juniors FC to assist with the repair of the fire damaged goal mouth areas.
- That the Ethel Ward working party be asked to look into potential grants to assist with the security of the site.

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

RESOLVED to reaffirm the council's preferred option, i.e. to renovate the existing pavilion.

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

RESOLVED to approve in principle a new lease for a period of 50 years with break clauses to be agreed, subject to formal legal agreement.

d) Netball court resurfacing – placing of order

RESOLVED to approve the placing of an order with the successful tender company for the resurfacing of the netball court

62/2026 Safer road crossings

RESOLVED to write to City of York Council in support of safer road crossings for all three primary schools in Haxby and Wigginton.

63/2026 Usher Lane - parking

RESOLVED to ask City of York Council to install double yellow lines on Usher Lane.

64/2026 Police report

RESOLVED:

- To receive the police report for June 2026.
- To send the recent police reports to the North Yorkshire Deputy Mayor.

Cllr T. Fisher left the meeting at this juncture.

65/2026 Citizens advice

The representative from York Citizens Advice was unable to attend.

RESOLVED to defer this item to a future meeting.

66/2026 Council office

RESOLVED that quotes be obtained for offsite storage and for the redecoration of the office.

67/2026 Grievance policy

RESOLVED that the grievance policy be approved and adopted.

68/2026 Disciplinary policy

RESOLVED that the disciplinary policy be approved and adopted.

69/2026 Equal opportunities statement

RESOLVED that the equal opportunities statement be approved and adopted.

70/2026 Recording of council meetings policy

RESOLVED that the recording of council meetings policy be approved and adopted.

71/2026 Records management policy

RESOLVED that the records management policy be approved and adopted.

72/2026 Press and media policy

RESOLVED that the press and media policy be approved and adopted.

73/2026 Data protection policy

RESOLVED that the data protection policy be approved and adopted.

74/2026 Memorial bench

RESOLVED to approve the request to place a memorial bench in respect of the late Cllr Grant Cockburn at the Ethel Ward site.

75/2026 Payments – July and August 2026

RESOLVED that:

- The payments for July 2026 be approved.
- The payments for August 2026 be approved in advance due to the summer recess and that an according report be provided at the September full council meeting.

76/2026 Payments – quarter 1, 2026-27

RESOLVED to reaffirm the payments for the first quarter of 2026-27.

77/2026 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**78/2026 Co-option to casual vacancies**

Three applications had been received and presentations were made by all three candidates.

RESOLVED that Liz Henley and Dale Sumpner be co-opted on to Haxby Town Council respectively for the north ward and for the central ward.

79/2026 Legal proceedings

The town clerk provided an update on the legal proceedings.

RESOLVED that:

- The claim against the council continue to be defended.
- The proposed repayment plan be accepted and approved.

- The advice of Eversheds LLP be taken on this matter and that they be instructed accordingly.

80/2026 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of full council will be held on Monday 14 September 2026.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.

Signed Date
Chairman