HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 6 July 2026 at 7:15pm in the in Oaken Grove Youth and Community Centre, Haxby.

Present:

Cllr. E. Pearson
Cllr. R. Pearson
Cllr. J. Secker
Cllr G. Stow

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk) via conference call
Joanne Pratt (administration) minute taking

Members of the Public were in attendance.

A12/2026 Apologies for absence

Cllr. C. Layfield

RESOLVED that apologies and the reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr C. Layfield.

A13/2026 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A14/2025 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED to note there were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 Part III and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

A15/2026 Public question time and participation

- Member of the public raised that a planter is placed outside his business which is restricting access to the property. They would also like the Council to reconsider the decision of no parking on Council Land.

The member of the public was advised that this planter will be moved by the Traders Association and it was in fact placed in the wrong place.

Action
Reconsideration of the parking decision to go back to Full Council in September 2026.

- Member of the public raised concerns regarding the parking outside Paddy fields/Boots following the installation of a planter. Member of the public raised that due to the planter those using the area for loading/unloading could potentially cause an accident. Requested that the planter be moved and the space turned into a loading and unloading bay.

- Member of the public raised concerns in relation to Wyre Pond and the current condition. Requesting whether the in/out flow of water could be re-instated. Gave information regarding the valve needed to Joanne Pratt which will be copied and distributed to the committee.

- Member of the public wanted to discuss benches and parking in the Village.

Benches- the member of public has reached out to York Cares, who advised that they might be able to help clean the benches.

- Parking- please can the spaces outside the Village Green and outside Boots Pharmacy be marked, without these markings people are parking poorly and could consideration be given to consideration of parking permits.

A16/2026 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to approve and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 June 2026.

Agenda item 7 was then considered.

A17/2026 The Village
To consider the following matters:

a) Parking issues, including planters' locations.

RESOLVED- Cllr. R. Pearson gave the details of David Akinson at City of York Council, who the members of the public would need to speak to regarding the parking marking.

Actions

- Cllr. R. Pearson attends meetings with David Akinson and will raise with him the issues discussed this evening.
- Committee to send the contact details of David Akinson to the members of the public who have requested them this evening.
- The Committee to enquire with City of York Council regarding the loading and unloading bay and permits.

b) General policy on what to allow.

RESOLVED- Find out what is legal and non-legal options.

c) Planters and flower bed at Grey Firs.

RESOLVED Town Clerk to write to Grey Firs and request in writing their permission to access their water supply for the bed at Grey Firs. Ask groundsmen is they would prefer a pull along water dispenser.

d) Wildflowers at the Village / York Road roundabout.

RESOLVED- the round about near Haxby Hall will be planted with wildflowers in 2027.

Agenda item 12 was then considered.

A18/2026 Wyre pond
To consider any action deemed necessary to maintain the pond and its environs.
RESOLVED- that they will explore relevant grants and working parties in order to make improvements to Wyre Pond, all members in agreement.

The Committee made the decision to come back to the grass cutting request, as they monitor the situation.

Actions
Town Clerk to share the report completed by City of York Council

Agenda item 10 was then considered.

A19/2026 Benches
To consider a cleaning programme for the council's benches.

RESOLVED- Proposal made for Liz Henley to follow up with York Cares and then feedback. Liz Henley to complete a list of jobs that need completing, Liz to arrange a walk about.

A20/2026 Ethel Ward playing field and pavilion
To consider the following matters:

a) Request to use the Ethel Ward site for football classes and mixed martial arts during the school summer holiday.

RESOLVED- approved

b) Update on the informal working party to assist with fundraising for the Ethel Ward site.

RESOLVED- verbal update given. Discussion to include the measures needed to stop travellers accessing the site.

c) Planting trees on the perimeter.

RESOLVED- to be directed to Liz Henley as part of the Pavillon review.

d) A 'circular (bench) area' on one of the empty spaces at the play area.

RESOLVED- Council to explore a circular bench, to include wheelchair accessibility. Cllr. R. Pearson to follow up.

e) Netball court – hire and booking.

RESOLVED- agreed in principle with no financial consequence.

f) Netball court - maintenance.

RESOLVED- agreed in principle but needs to be ratified by Full Council.

A21/2026 Bleed kits

To consider procuring bleed kits.
RESOLVED- Joanne Pratt to liaise with Local Business to host the kit.

A22/2026 Defibrillators
To consider locations for defibrillators.
RESOLVED- Joanne Pratt to continue to explore options for the West Nooks side of the Village, to also seek advice from the British Heart Foundation if no host sites found.

A23/2026 Allotments
To receive an update on the allotments and to authorise any resultant action(s).
RESOLVED- no changes since last months update.

A24/2026 Ashwood Glade – tree request
To consider a request from a resident regarding a tree at Ashwood Glade.
RESOLVED- Cllr. R. Pearson and Joanne Pratt to visit the residence and feedback to Committee.

A25/2026 Youth club provision
To review youth club provision in Haxby
RESOLVED- Town Clerk to ask if representative can come to the next Full Council Meeting, and request for an annual report.

A26/2026 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.

COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

A27/2026 Ethel Ward netball court re-surfacing tender
To consider any action to expedite the re-surfacing of the netball court and to authorise any resultant action(s) deemed necessary.

RESOLVED:
To be discussed at the next Full Council Meeting.

A28/2026 Next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the committee will be held on 7 September 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed …….. Date …….
Chairman