

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of the Events Committee held on Monday 7 September 2026 at 8.45pm in Oaken Grove Community Centre, Reid Park, Haxby.

Present: Cllr. C. Layfield – Chairman (*arrived late*)
Cllr. C. Cooper
Cllr R. Pearson
Cllr L. Henley (*non-committee member*)
Cllr E. Pearson (*non-committee member*)

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk).

E9/2026 Election of chair

RESOLVED that Cllr C. Layfield be elected as chairman of the committee for the ensuing year.

As Cllr C. Layfield was running late, it was agreed that Cllr J. Secker would chair the meeting until Cllr C. Layfield's arrival.

E10/2026 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED that apologies for late arrival were received and accepted from Cllr C. Layfield.

E11/2026 Chair's welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

E12/2026 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.

E13/2026 Election of vice-chair

RESOLVED that Cllr J. Secker be elected as vice-chair of the committee for the ensuing year.

E14/2026 Committee membership

RESOLVED to reaffirm the members of the committee as follows:

- Cllr. C. Cooper
- Cllr C. Layfield
- Cllr R. Pearson
- Cllr J. Secker

E15/2026 Public question time and participation

No members of the public were present.

E16/2026 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to accept and approve the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 1 June 2026.

Cllr C. Layfield arrived at this juncture and assumed the chair.

E17/2026 Netball court official opening event including the pavilion project

RESOLVED that a recommendation be made to the full council to approve the opening event on 3 October 2026.

E18/2026 Christmas lights

RESOLVED that:

- This year's Christmas lights switch on event will be held on 3 December 2026.
- The officers (town clerk and admin officer) be authorised to make the usual/traditional bookings and to take all necessary actions.
- The Christmas lights working group will meet as and when required to assist with the planning and preparation for the switch on event.

E19/2026 Budget 2027-28

RESOLVED that a request be referred to the Finance Committee for the following budgetary requirements in 2027-28:

- The traditional carnival.
- The traditional Christmas lights switch on.
- An event to celebrate Yorkshire Day including a "Freedom of Haxby" ceremony and a cream tea (approximate cost - £2,000).

E20/2026 Next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the committee will be held at 6pm on 5 October 2026 in the council office.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Signed **Date**

Chairman