

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 14 September 2026 at 8pm in Oaken Grove Youth and Community Centre, Reid Park, Haxby.

Present: Cllr R. Pearson (chair)

Cllr C. Cooper

Cllr I. Craven

Cllr T. Fisher

Cllr L. Henley

Cllr A. Hollyer

Cllr C. Layfield

Cllr E. Pearson

Cllr J. Secker

Cllr G. Stow

Cllr D. Sumpner

Cllr I. Thompson

Also present: Inspector Nick Plumb, PCSO Chris Pitchford, Alan Draper (town clerk) and eight members of the public.

81/2026 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED that apologies and the respective reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllr I. Cuthbertson and Cllr T. Richardson.

82/2026 Chair's welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

83/2026 Declarations of interest

Cllr E. Pearson and Cllr R. Pearson each declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 16 ('Correspondence').

Cllr E. Pearson declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 ('Youth service provision').

Cllr L. Henley declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 14 ('The Village – parking issues').

84/2026 Public question time and participation

Inspector Plumb provided an update on policing in Haxby. He stressed that reporting crime and anti-social behaviour is key to the police directing resources accordingly.

85/2026 Minutes – council meeting

RESOLVED to approve and accept the minutes of the council meeting held on 13 July 2026.

86/2026 Minutes – committee meetings

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

- Haxby and Wigginton Cemetery Committee – 16 March 2026
- Amenities Committee – 6 July 2026
- Finance Committee – 13 July 2026
- Planning Committee – 13 July 2026
- Planning Committee – 10 August 2026
- Extraordinary Planning Committee – 24 August 2026

87/2026 Police report

RESOLVED to receive the police reports for July and August 2026.

88/2026 Youth services provision - update

Cllr E. Pearson left the room at this juncture.

Alysha Smith from Haxby and Wigginton Youth and Community Association provided an update on the provision of youth services in Haxby.

RESOLVED to:

- Accept and approve the update on the provision of youth services.
- Approve the transfer of the youth provision service to 'North Yorkshire Youth' (NYY) with effect from October 2026 and that the council's grant provision funding be transferred to NYY accordingly.
- Thank and commend Alysha Smith for all of her work with youth provision in Haxby.

Cllr D. Sumpner abstained.

Cllr E. Pearson re-entered the room at this juncture.

89/2026 Citizens advice

The representative from York Citizens Advice was unable to attend.

RESOLVED to defer this item to a future meeting.

90/2026 Ethel Ward playing field

a) Request to place a memorial bench in respect of Grant Cockburn

RESOLVED to approve the request to place a memorial bench adjacent to the main football pitch at the Ethel Ward site.

b) Action regarding security on the playing fields

RESOLVED that:

- A natural option is preferable, i.e. swales and bushes with possible cycle racks.
- Cllr L. Henley will pursue external grant funding options.

c) Progress on the future of the pavilion

RESOLVED:

- To accept and approve the quote for up to £2,250 for a feasibility study with according plans to progress the project to the next stage.
- That Cllr L. Henley will continue to pursue external funding options.

d) Netball court

Official name and opening event

RESOLVED that the courts be named after Val Kennedy with the official opening event being on 3 October 2026.

Floodlights

RESOLVED to approve relocating the control panel to the pavilion.

Access, booking

RESOLVED in principle to approve the website to access/book the court but that further details are to be agreed in due course.

'Cricket netting'

RESOLVED that Cllr L. Henley will obtain quotes for netting to cover the court.

Ongoing maintenance, including surface testing

RESOLVED that:

- The council's grounds officers will conduct the weekly and monthly maintenance of the court.
- The surface testing be deferred for the time being.

Disposal of surplus rolls of 'carpet'

RESOLVED to approve the disposal of the surplus rolls of carpet and the surplus fire exit door.

e) Request from Haxby Juniors FC regarding fees

RESOLVED:

- That the request to reduce the fees for 2026-27 be declined.
- That the fees for 2027-28 be reviewed by the Finance Committee with a recommendation to be referred back to the full council.

91/2026 Volunteer agreement

RESOLVED to approve the volunteer agreement for council events.

92/2026 Amenities Committee - membership

RESOLVED that Cllr L. Henley be added to the membership of the Amenities Committee for 2026-27.

93/2026 Chairman's title

RESOLVED that all references to the council chairman and to the committees' chairmen be amended to 'chair'.

94/2026 The Village – parking issues

RESOLVED that:

- All parking issues be reported to City of York Council.
- The matter be referred to the Amenities Committee for further investigation.

95/2026 Wyre pond

RESOLVED that an informal working group be set up with Cllr J. Secker as the lead with the aim of obtaining external grant funding to improve the pond and its environs.

96/2026 Correspondence

RESOLVED to note the suggestions regarding the play equipment at the Ethel Ward site and to thank the resident concerned accordingly.

97/2026 National Joint Council (NJC) pay award 2026-27

The town clerk reported that the NJC pay award for 2026-27 3.3%.

RESOLVED that the town clerk's report be approved.

98/2026 Payments – August and September 2026

RESOLVED that the payments for August 2026 be reaffirmed and the payments for September 2026 be approved.

99/2026 Social media

RESOLVED to defer this item to a future meeting.

100/2026 Climate change

RESOLVED to defer this item to a future meeting.

101/2026 Resolution tracker

RESOLVED to approve a resolution tracker in principle and that Cllr E. Pearson will in due course submit a draft version at a future meeting.

102/2026 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.

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103/2026 Legal proceedings

The town clerk provided an update on the legal proceedings.

RESOLVED that:

- The claim against the council continue to be defended.
- The advice of Eversheds LLP be taken on this matter and that they be instructed accordingly.

104/2026 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of full council will be held on Monday 19 October 2026.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.

Signed Date
Chair