HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 19 October 2026 at 7.45pm in Oaken Grove Youth and Community Centre, Reid Park, Haxby.

Present: Cllr R. Pearson (chair)
Cllr C. Cooper
Cllr T. Fisher
Cllr L. Henley
Cllr C. Layfield
Cllr E. Pearson
Cllr J. Secker
Cllr G. Stow
Cllr D. Sumpner (arrived late)
Cllr I. Thompson

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk).

105/2026 Apologies for absence

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

106/2026 Chair's welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The chair thanked Cllr Liz Henley for all her hard work with the netball court. The chair also thanked Haxby Netball Club, Haxby Town FC and Haxby Runners for their support.

1072026 Declarations of interest

No declarations were made other than those already declared in members' respective register of interests.

1082026 Public question time and participation

No members of the public were present.

109/2026 Minutes – council meeting

RESOLVED to approve and accept the minutes of the council meeting held on 14 September 2026.

110/2026 Minutes/notes – committee meetings

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

- Events Committee – 5 October 2026
- Staffing Committee – 5 October 2026
- Amenities Committee – 5 October 2026
- Planning Committee – 19 October 2026

111/2026 Correspondence

RESOLVED that Cllr L. Henley will contact City of York Council regarding possible CCTV in Haxby.

112/2026 Police report

RESOLVED to:

- Receive the police reports for September and October 2026.
- Enquire as to whether any follow up / outcome information can be included in the reports?

113/2026 Grant application

RESOLVED to award a grant of £250 to Schiewe Ceramics to hold a community event at Easter 2027.

114/2026 Ethel Ward playing field

a) **Action regarding security on the playing fields**

RESOLVED that:

- A public consultation be held regarding the potential types and cost of security at the site.
- Cllr L. Henley will continue to pursue external grant funding options.

b) **Progress on the future of the pavilion**

RESOLVED to establish an informal working group consisting of Cllrs L. Henley, R. Pearson, G. Stow, I. Thompson and any representatives from the various sports teams, with the aim of investigating options for the pavilion.

c) **Netball court**

RESOLVED that:

- All sports clubs be contacted to forewarn of the likely charge for use of the netball court in 2027-28.
- Cllr L. Henley will investigate possible options to automate use of the netball court.

d) **Putative unauthorised commercial use of the car park**
RESOLVED to seek clarification from City of York Council.

115/2026 Bins

RESOLVED that photographs of overflowing bins be sent to City of York Council.

116/2026 Council office - redecoration

RESOLVED to accept and approve the quote from Samantha Storr for £1,000.

117/2026 Social media

RESOLVED to defer this item to a future meeting.

118/2026 Climate change

RESOLVED to defer this item to a future meeting.

119/2026 Removal of older financial data

RESOLVED to retain ten years' financial data in the council's accounts system.

120/2026 External audit 2025-26

RESOLVED to receive and accept the external auditor's report for 2025-26.

121/2026 Payments – quarter 2, 2026-27

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

122/2026 Payments – October 2026

RESOLVED that the payments for October 2026 be approved.

123/2026 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

124/2026 Subject access request

The town clerk (anonymously) reported on a subject access request received.

RESOLVED to:

- Reaffirm the response already issued to the requestor.
- Reaffirm to the requestor that he/she can refer the matter to the Information Commissioner's Office.

125/2026 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.

126/2026 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of full council will be held on Monday 9 November 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed …… Date ……
Chair