

MINUTES of the Meeting of Haxby Town Council held on Monday 8 December 2014 in the Memorial Hall, Haxby, at 7.30 pm.

<u>PRESENT</u>	Cllr M Crawford (Chairman)	Cllr Richardson
	Cllr M Guilford	Cllr D Hunter
	Cllr D Lee	Cllr D Rice
	Cllr H Ridge	Cllr G Cockburn
	Cllr S Newton	Cllr N Wyatt
	Cllr D Harkess	Cllr M Harrison
	Cllr M Preston	Mr M W Scott (Clerk)

In addition PCSO Andy Smith was also present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. Apologies were received from Cllr R Cousans.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. None.

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2014

3. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.**

POLICE REPORT

4. The Chairman introduced PCSO 5520 Andy Smith who gave the Police Ward Report for November 2014. The report detailed 14 crimes within the Ward during November and he commented that this was the same as the figure for November 2013. PCSO Smith added that there had been no burglaries in the Ward for the third month running which was a good indication that residents were taking steps to ensure that their properties and outbuildings were being secured. He also explained that there had been no calls during the month relating to anti-social behaviour at the play areas situated at Ethel Ward or Mancroft. PCSO Smith then went on to talk about parking issues within the village and mainly where people are parking their cars in a way that causes an obstruction. He advised that police can deal with some instances but that the majority are to be reported to City of York Council on 01904552427.

He ended by advising Councillors that another restructure is presently taking place regarding police coverage of the area. PSCO Smith stated that in his opinion the new structure would improve policing within the village as officers would be visible seven days a week.

PCSO Smith then left the meeting.

CASH CHECK

5. Two Councillors had carried out a Financial/Cash Check on 4 December 2014 checking cash held, transfers between bank accounts and online direct payments and had found everything to be in order.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 30 NOVEMBER 2014

6.

Financial Statement for Haxby Town Council for November 2014

Details		Amount
<u>Receipts to 30th November 2014</u>		
T Robert Hardy Nursery Rent		286.16
Haxby Netball		1000.00
VAT Refund		2475.40
Allotment Rents		55.00
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		3816.56
<u>Payments Made to 30th November 2014</u>		
Aldby Field	106150	107.40
Dean Landscapes	106151	1582.90
York Window Cleaning Service	106152	59.25
York Poppy Appeal	106153	117.00
Stoneplan	106154	156.00
Lewis Trees	106155	984.00
Haxby Memorial Hall Trust	106156	27.53
HMRC	DP	1116.14
North Yorkshire Pension Fund	DP	1381.25
Talk Talk	DD	15.31
Jennifer Bell	DP	1039.70
Steve Gray	DP	1064.30
Mark Scott	DP	1513.87
Npower	DD	43.00
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		9207.65
Statement brought forward (m/e October 2014)		130990.18
Receipts		<hr/>
		3816.56
		134806.74
Payments		9207.65

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Balance carried forward

125599.09

RESOLVED that the financial statement as at 30 November 2014 which detailed payments totalling £9207.65 inclusive of VAT be approved.

BUDGET OUTTURN FIGURES AT 30 NOVEMBER 2014 & FIRST DRAFT OF 2015/2016 BUDGET.

7. The Budget Outturn figures as at 30 November 2014 were copied to each Councillor. These were received.

FINANCE WORKING PARTY

8. The Clerk reported that the Finance Working Party had met and had put together an initial draft of the 2015/2016 budget. He also reported that the Working Party had suggested that the Council establish a Finance Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. **RESOLVED to establish a Finance Committee and that Cllrs Harrison, Harkess, Lee, Guilford, Crawford and Rice be appointed as members of the Committee.**

MEETING FOR PARISH COUNCILS

10. Councillor Guilford and the Clerk gave a brief summary of a meeting they attended on 19 November 2014. They said that City of York Council had confirmed that Double Taxation monies will continue to be received by Parish/Town Councils for at least the next 3 years but that the City of York Council would have to make massive cuts in coming years due to their funding from Central Government being reduced by approximately one third. Cllr Guilford explained that City of York Council would be looking for local residents in certain areas to perform duties such as litter picking and grass cutting on a voluntary unpaid basis.

LOCAL ACTION PLAN GROUP ALLIANCE

11. Councillors Guilford and Richardson gave a brief summary of a meeting they attended on the evening of 19 November 2014. The meeting consisted of a gathering of 34 delegates from 20 parishes and rural districts of York. The meeting took place in respect of the City of York's Local Plan. The goal of the meeting was to hopefully persuade Planners and Voting Council Members to take residents views in to account before the next version of the Local Plan is finalised. Cllrs Guilford and Richardson said that in their opinion, all of the delegates who spoke were opposed to the Plan. They concluded by saying that a second meeting had been arranged for Tuesday 9 December 2014. It was agreed that Cllr Harkess would attend the meeting on behalf of Haxby Town Council and that he would report back at the January 2015 Full Council meeting.

PAY AWARD

12. Details of the pay award relating to the salaries of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk covering 2014-2016 had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Clerk clarified that a 2.2% pay rise, effective from 1 January 2015 had been agreed by The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) in addition to which a 0.45% bonus based on the new salaries (pro-rata for part-time) would also be payable. The first £100 of this is to be paid in December 2014 salaries with any remainder paid in April 2015 salaries.

HAXBY MEMORIAL HALL

13. The Clerk read out an email from the Treasurer of the Memorial Hall which asked for discussions with the Council to assess to what extent the Council would help the Memorial Hall financially with their redevelopment plans. The Clerk explained that he had responded by asking for details of costings and for a business plan to be provided prior to any discussions. The Council confirmed that these details would indeed be required first.

LOCAL PLAN MEETING

14. The Chairman gave a summary to the Committee of a meeting which a number of Councillors had recently with Martin Grainger and Frances Harrison of City of York Council concerning the City of York's Local Plan and its impact on Haxby. The opinion of those who had attended was that they believed it had been the first time in the whole formulation of the Local Plan that their comments had been listened to. The Chairman understood that a further meeting would take place in January 2015. The Chairman then stated that Haxby should consider formulating its own Neighbourhood Plan and that the Haxby Town Council's Local Plan Working Party should meet soon to consider its next moves.

RESOLVED that the Local Plan Working Party will meet on 16 January 2014 in the Council Office at 9.30am.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW FOR YORK

15. The Clerk advised that New Earswick Parish Council had responded to Haxby Town Council's proposal to have the boundary line between the villages of Haxby and New Earswick moved from its present location to the A1237 road. Their response said that they had canvassed the houses affected by the move and had received the following results:

In favour	= 11
Against	= 8
No preference	= 3
No return	= 3

New Earswick Parish Council had ended by commenting that their results would be forwarded to Andrew Flecknor at City of York Council suggesting that it should be he who makes the final decision.

COUNCIL OFFICE RENT INCREASE

16. At last month's meeting the Council had requested that the Trustees of the Memorial Hall be contacted to ask why RPI had been used instead of CPI in order to calculate the increase to the Council Office rent effective from 1 April 2015. The response from the Memorial Hall Trustees was received and it was agreed to resolve the issue at the next Full Council meeting which is due to take place on 12 January 2015.

YLCA WHITE ROSE UPDATE

17. The Clerk reported that no update had been received this month.

SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

18. **RESOLVED to renew the Clerk's membership of the Society for Local Council Clerks at an annual subscription of £210.**

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

19. The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2014 were received.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

20. The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2014 were received.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

21. The minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2014 were received.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

22. Matters for inclusion on the next agenda are:

- Parking in front of Sainsburys

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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Chairman

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