

MINUTES of Haxby Town Council Meeting held on Monday 9 September 2013 in the Memorial Hall, Haxby, at 7.30 pm.

<u>PRESENT</u>	Cllr M Crawford (Chairman)	Cllr M Harrison
	Cllr M Preston	Cllr D Lee
	Cllr G Cockburn	Cllr R Cousans
	Cllr N Wyatt	Cllr M Guilford
	Mr M W Scott (Clerk)	Mrs J Bell (Deputy Clerk)

Also in attendance were Chris Moss and George Tuthill, trustees for The Memorial Hall Trust, Ward Councillor Ian Cuthbertson and ten members of the public.

Before the meeting started the Chairman addressed the members of public to enquire as to the agenda item they wanted to comment on. They replied that they had come to speak about Mancroft. Contrary to Standing Orders in respect of the fact that Mancroft was not on the agenda, the Chairman allowed them to speak. After explaining their concerns over noise coming from Mancroft the residents handed a petition in. The Chairman thanked them for their comments and they left the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. Apologies had been received from Cllr S Newton, Cllr A Richardson Cllr D Rice, Cllr H Ridge & Cllr D Hunter.

Cllr A Leak was not present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. None

MINUTES

3. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2013 be confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.**

MEMORIAL HALL PLANNING APPLICATION

4. **RESOLVED that the Council will act as agent for the Memorial Hall Trustees and submit plans on their behalf.**

COUNCILLOR LEAK

5. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Cllr Leak which confirmed he was standing down as a councillor effective from 9 September 2013. The Chairman and the whole of the Council wished to pass on their thanks to Councillor Leak and also commented on the wonderful job he had done with the village flowers this year

CODE OF CONDUCT, PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION

6. The Clerk reminded Councillors of the Code of Conduct and in particular the rules concerning pecuniary interests and the need for a dispensation approved by the Council should a pecuniary interest exist.

MATTERS ARISING

7. None

STANDING ORDERS & ADOBE ACROBAT

8. The Clerk reported that Adobe Acrobat 9 had been purchased and that this had enabled Cllr Newton and himself to update Standing Orders on the Haxby Town Council website and that links were working as planned.

POLICE REPORT

9. The Chairman read out the report received from the police. The report stated that 24 crimes had taken place in August 2013, which was down 1.8% on August 2012. The report stated there had been no significant rise in any area including burglary, which was surprising given the time of year. The report also gave details concerning incidents relating to Mancroft that stated that the police had received 2 calls during August concerning youths on the play area. One was attended by a PCSO and it was found that six youths were sitting, chatting, doing no harm. The police also advised that they can be now contacted by Twitter. The address being @SNAYORKNORTH

CASH CHECK

10. Two Councillors had carried out a Financial/Cash Check on 2 September 2013 checking cash held, transfers between bank accounts and online direct payments and had found everything to be in order.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 31 AUGUST 2013

11. **RESOLVED** that the financial statement as at 31 August 2013 be approved.

BUDGET OUTTURN FIGURES AT 31 AUGUST 2013

12. The Budget Outturn figures as at 31 August 2013 were copied to each Councillor. The Clerk explained that these had been updated with details of projected income/expenditure for the year ending 31 March 2014. These were received.

YORK AND NORTH YORKSHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

13. The Chairman read out a report from YLCA which said that the York & North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association is to be wound up. The decision being prompted by changes in circumstances in providing funding and advice for playing fields and children's play areas.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

14. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the office is closed to the public on Wednesdays. He explained that the reason for this is that Wednesdays can be very busy as this is usually the day when agendas are finalised for forthcoming meeting. The Clerk asked if Councillors could bear this in mind and try and refrain from calling in to the office on a Wednesday.

JULIAN STURDY'S MEETING

15. The Chairman reminded Councillors of Julian Sturdy's meeting which was due to take place at Huntington Memorial Hall on Thursday 26th September from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Cllr Lee and Cllr Guilford said they would attend.

TOPICS FOR THE NEXT TOWN CRIER

16. The Chairman asked Councillors for any ideas for articles for the next edition of the Town Crier. Various suggestions were made and the Chairman will use some when preparing the magazine.

WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATIONS

17. The Clerk explained that 2014 will mark one hundred years since the outbreak of WW1. He asked Councillors to consider how this event could be recognised in the village next year. Cllr Lee explained that plans are in place nationally to have annual commemorations for each of the next 5 years. Ideas initially suggested by Councillors were, the planting of poppy seeds, articles in the Town Crier and liaison with the history group. This will be discussed again at future meetings.

ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

18. The Clerk advised that the report had not yet been received.

LITTER PICKER'S CONTRACT

19. The Clerk explained that the litter picker's contract is due to expire on September 30th 2013.
RESOLVED to renew the Litter Picker's contract for a period of six months from 1st October 2013 at the agreed rate of £7.40ph based on a 5 hour week.

CITY OF YORK'S LATE NIGHT LEVY

20. The Chairman read out a report from City of York that said that they are currently consulting on a proposal to introduce a late night levy. Views are being sought and the website address for further details is www.york.gov.uk/latenightlevy. The levy would allow local authorities to charge a levy to licensed premises who are authorised to supply alcohol during the period between midnight and 6am. The levy will go towards the cost of late night policing.

2014 ENGLISH LOCAL ELECTIONS

21. The Clerk advised Councillors that the English Local elections in 2014 will not affect the city of York.

ID CARDS UPDATE

22. The Clerk advised that he had been in contact with City of York and showed Councillors an example of an identity card that had been put together by City of York Council.
RESOLVED to purchase identity cards for Councillors and staff at a cost of £3.50 each

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

23. The minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2013 were received.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

24. The minutes of the meeting held on 29 August 2013 were received.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

25. The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2013 were received.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

26. Councillor Wyatt asked for the subject of Mancroft to be included in the January 2014 agenda

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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Chairman

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