

MINUTES of Haxby Town Council Recreational and Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 June 2020 by videoconference at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr T Carmichael (Chairman) Cllr M Preston
 Cllr N Wyatt Cllr D Rice
 Mr M W Scott (Clerk)

In addition one member of the public was also present as was Cllr Guilford.

APOLOGIES

1. None

TO APPROVE ANY REASONS FOR ABSENCE

2. None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. None

MINUTES

4. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.**

ETHEL WARD TREES

5. The Clerk advised that a tree near the play equipment on Ethel Ward had broken during recent high winds and fallen to the ground. He explained that the debris had been removed swiftly, the remainder of the tree felled and the stump ground down. He also advised that he was to arrange for similar trees close by to be professionally inspected.

ASHWOOD GLADE TREES

6. The Clerk explained that he and Cllr Guilford had met with a contractor at Ashwood Glade concerning possible work on some of the trees on the open space. Cllr Guilford then explained that the meeting had resulted in talks with some of the residents whose houses back on to the open space and that the discussion had resulted in the possible need to have 5 trees felled and removed. The Clerk added that since the meeting he had received numerous letters from others living around the open space, the majority of which were also requesting the felling of the trees. He then

added that as a result of this he had obtained a quote for such work amounting to the sum of £4830. With this in mind the committee asked the clerk to arrange for another quote and report back.

SPORTS WALL

7. Cllr Preston updated the committee on the latest position with getting grants for resurfacing the area near the sports wall on Ethel Ward playing field. He advised that the provision of grants was somewhat suspended for the time being due to COVID-19 but from his finding he also advised that once grants become available again that they are looked on more favourably if floodlighting the area is part of the proposal. It was agreed that Cllr Preston should continue progressing the search for grants.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – INSPECTION REPORTS

8. Prior to the meeting the Clerk had provided members with copies of the latest playground inspection reports and estimates to cover the cost of the repairs deemed necessary by the inspection company. The committee discussed the reports and the estimates and decided that before authorising any repairs they should meet up to investigate the items detailed for themselves. It was agreed the Cllr Carmichael, the Clerk and the Goundsman would arrange to meet in order to carry out the inspection.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

9. The Clerk reported that as lockdown measures were now being loosened it was evident that members of the public were not adhering to the guidance that playground equipment should not be used. The committee discussed the situation and agreed that trying to cordon off every piece of playground equipment in the village was not possible and that instead notes should be added to the Council's website and Facebook page to say that the equipment should still not be used as per government guidance. They also agreed that the Clerk should look in to putting signs on pieces of equipment stating they should not be used.

HAXBY FAIR

10. The Clerk reported that the gentleman who brings his fair to Haxby had made enquiries about coming in September/October 2020. He had stated that he wished to address the committee with his thought at the ROSC's July meeting. This committee agreed to this.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION

11. Councillors were asked to submit any requests they felt needed to be addressed by the Committee, in writing to the Clerk for inclusion on the next agenda, 7 days prior to the date of the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12. The next meeting of the Recreational and Open Spaces Committee is to take place on Monday 20th July 2020 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

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Chairman

(These Minutes are displayed 'unsigned' and are subject to correction at the next Council meeting.)

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