

MINUTES of Haxby Town Council Recreational and Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 July 2020 by videoconference at 10.00am.

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, Scott Pullen, 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 15 June 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.**

PLAY EQUIPMENT

5. The Clerk advised that play equipment re-opened to the public on July 4th 2020. He explained that signs had been put up advising members of the public as to how the equipment should be used and that the public should maintain social distancing and use hand sanitizer.

HAXBY FAIR

6. At this stage of the meeting Scott Pullen introduced himself as the gentleman who has been bringing the fair to Haxby for nearly 30 years. He explained that due to the cancellation of the fair coming to Haxby in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic he was now looking to bring the fair to Haxby in late September or early October. He stressed that he would only bring the fair to Haxby provided it could be done safely within government guideline. He approached the committee for permission to do this.

RESOLVED that it was agreed that Mr Pullen could bring his fair to Haxby in late September or early October but that the situation should be reviewed closer to the time.

ASHWOOD GLADE TREES

6. The Clerk explained that he had made enquiries with City of York Council's Harvey Lowson about the trees on Ashwood Glade and that he had arranged for a report to be carried out by Harvey as to their safety. The report had been concluded and had found that there was no urgent work required. Harvey had said that the written report regarding this would be forwarded to the Town Council shortly. In addition Harvey had also provided the Clerk with documents relating to frequently asked questions about trees on neighbouring land and also on the City of York Council's Arboricultural Policy for the management of its trees. The committee decided to wait for the written report to come through before taking further action and also thought the documents provided by Mr Lowson could be adopted by the Town Council as its policy on the maintenance of trees. Cllr Guilford interjected at this time to say that it would be up to the Full Council to decide on the adoption of such a policy and not for this committee.

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 project was now extremely ambitious and was taking its time but that he will take the matter to its natural conclusion. The committee accepted this but was of the opinion that the plans may have to be scaled back.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION

9. 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

10. The next meeting of the Recreational and Open Spaces Committee is to take place on Monday 17th August 2020 at 10.00am or 06.30pm should certain councillors have been called back in to work due to the easing of lockdown restrictions.

Meeting closed at 10.30am

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Chairman

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

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