

MINUTES of Haxby Town Council Recreational and Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 August 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)

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 20 July 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.**

OLD DIKE LANDS

5. The Clerk advised that work had been carried out to reduce the size of bushes on Old Dike Lands and that he was awaiting a quote regarding work which need doing on some trees on the open space.

ASHWOOD GLADE TREES

6. The Clerk explained that the report that had come from City of York Council concerning the trees on Ashwood Glade had indicated that 4 trees were in need of work over the next 2 years and that he was in the process of getting a quote for the work specified.

ASHWOOD GLADE PICNIC TABLE

7. The Clerk read out an email from a resident which complained about the gathering of youths and their antics since a new picnic table had been put in to place on Ashwood Glade Open Space. The Clerk was asked to speak to the local PCSO asking for the area to be spot checked every evening. The committee also decided that the bench was to remain in situ and not removed as the author of the email was requesting.

SPORTS WALL

8. Cllr Preston updated the committee on the latest position regarding the obtaining of grants for resurfacing the area near the sports wall on Ethel Ward playing field. He advised that due to many reasons the best way forward would be to simply resurface the area around the sports wall in line with the original estimate of £18039. The committee agreed with Cllr Preston's recommendation.

RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that the resurfacing of the area around the sports wall be resurfaced at a cost of £18039 and request approval of the amount.

PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

9. The Clerk advised the committee that he had authorised repairs to play equipment on Ethel Ward and Mancroft under Health and Safety at a cost of £2215 plus VAT and that further inspection reports were due shortly.

HAXBY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

10. Cllr Preston advised the committee about a couple of requests he had received from Haxby Town FC.
 1. The first referred to a request for a reduction in levies for the current year due to a reduction in the football clubs income caused by the current COVID-19 pandemic. He explained that a major source of the club's income comes from match days and that due to the season being curtailed this income had been lost.
RESOLVED that levies for the current year will be decided upon at the September meeting and that the amount set would then be reduced by £500.
 2. Cllr Preston then explained that the football club had been carrying out a number of fund raising events in a bid to raise money to buy some moveable football goal posts/nets and they had raised sufficient monies to do this but now they required a safe storage area for them. Cllr Preston said he had seen plans for a fenced off

area to be created adjacent to the pavilion on Ethel Ward for this purpose. The committee were in favour of this proposal but wanted to see the plans in order to establish the footprint of the fencing. **RESOLVED to approve the creating of a fenced off area in principle subject to the plans being suitable and for the matter to be referred to the Full Council for confirmation at its September meeting.**

ETHEL WARD – ACTIVITY GROUPS

11. Cllr Guilford commented on the amount of requests that were being received from persons which to carry out activities such as gym sessions on Ethel Ward Playing Field. The Committee believed that there was no problem with this provided that the organisers kept clear of the football pitches.

Cllr Preston then commented that other football teams, who were not based in Haxby, were making enquiries about using the football pitches on Ethel Ward. The Committee decided that based on the amount spent on the pitches each year to keep them in order that such requests would be turned down.

WEST NOOKS

12. The Clerk explained that an enquiry had been received from a gentleman who was wishing for land adjacent to West Nooks to be allowed to be set aside for wild flowers. He pointed out that the land in question was currently owned by City of York Council. The Committee decided that should the gentleman gain support from fellow local residents for his idea that it would support his request with City of York Council.

MANCROFT - SHRUBS

13. The Clerk explained that a resident had complained about the size of a tree on Mancroft, which backed on to her house. It was agreed that Cllr Carmichael would go and take a look at the tree and report back his findings.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION

14. 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

15. The next meeting of the Recreational and Open Spaces Committee is to take place on Monday 21st September 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 11.04am

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Chairman

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