

MINUTES of the joint meeting of Haxby Town Council's Recreational and Open Spaces Committee and Community Assets Committee held on Monday 15 March 2021 by videoconference at 6.30pm.

<u>PRESENT</u>	Cllr M Guilford	Cllr M Preston
	Cllr N Wyatt	Cllr D Rice
	Cllr G Cockburn	Cllr L Beverley
	Cllr T Carmichael (Chairman)	Cllr E Pearson
	Mr M W Scott (Clerk)	

#### APOLOGIES

1. None

#### TO APPROVE ANY REASONS FOR ABSENCE

2. None

#### MINUTES

3. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.**

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. None

#### REVERTING BACK TO HAVING SEPARATE MEETINGS

5. **RESOLVED that the Recreational and Open Spaces Committee and the Community Assets Committee would go back to having separate meetings with effect from May 2021.**

#### CARNIVAL

6. Cllrs Beverley and Preston reported that at the recent meeting of the Carnival Sub-Committee the decision had been taken that the Haxby Carnival would not take place in 2021 due COVID-19 restrictions.

SPORTS WALL

7. The Clerk advised the Committee of the decision made at the most recent Full Council meeting that the Council had approved spending on the re-surfacing of the artificial surface around the sports wall providing a £9000 grant was forthcoming from the Ward Committee. Cllr Pearson, who is also a Ward Councillor, then advised that the grant had been awarded but that due to staff shortages they had not as yet advised the Town Council of the award in writing. **RESOLVED that the Clerk should give the go-ahead for work to start providing the original quote of £18039 was still valid and that confirmation of the grant's approval had been received in writing.**

ASHWOOD GLADE

8. The Chairman advised that following the decision made at last month's meeting, a meeting with a contractor had taken place at Ashwood Glade Open Space and that the clearance of some self-seeding trees and brambles had taken place at a cost of £680 plus VAT.

ETHEL WARD PLAYING FIELD – TODDLER PLAY AREA

9. The working group set up to look into the re-development of the toddler area on Ethel Ward reported that they had met now with two playground equipment suppliers and that one quote had been received so far. The group was looking to meet with a third supplier to get further suggestions.

EASTFIELD AVENUE SNICKET

10. Cllr Guilford reported that following a visit to the footpath leading from Eastfield Avenue to Westfield Wood, it had been established that the footpath belonged to City of York Council and as such it is they who are responsible for it's upkeep.

BUS SHELTERS

11. Cllr Pearson explained that he was still in the process of gathering information concerning the upgrading of the bus shelters within Haxby and advised that he will give a further update at the meeting in April. Cllr Guilford did point out that the brick bus shelter on York Road needed tidying up as it had foliage growing from it. It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for this to be done.

NOTICE BOARDS

12. Cllr Guilford reported that following a tour of the village notice boards it had been established that the condition of the notice boards was poor. The Committee agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries in to the cost of new notice boards.

### BENCHES

13. Cllr Guilford reported that following his tour of the village it had been established that the benches in Haxby were also in need of attention. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the Groundsman to systematically clean each of the benches

### NETBALL COURTS

14. The annual cleaning of the netball courts was discussed and it was agreed that the cost of this should be born by the netball club. The Clerk was asked to arrange a Zoom meeting with representatives of the netball club in order to start discussions. Cllrs Guilford, Cockburn and Preston were selected to represent the Council.

### PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REPORT

15. Prior to the meeting the Clerk had sent out to the members, copies of the most recent playground inspection reports. He advised that he had requested a quote for the repairs highlighted but that he had not received them at the time. The Committee agreed that as a re-vamp of the Toddler Area was currently being discussed, then no work should be authorised in the toddler area.

### ALLOTMENTS

16. The Clerk explained that the gentleman who had previously worked the first 3 plots on row 1 of the allotments had now left the village and that due to the very wet nature of the three plots the office was having trouble re-renting the plots. The Committee agreed that the office should keep trying to rent out the plots and offer a six-month discount on the price as an incentive.

### MANCROFT

17. Cllr Carmichael commented on two issues that the Council had discussed in previous years. These related to the planting of trees on Mancroft Open Space and the installation of gates at the entrances to the dog walking area. The general feeling was that these two issues had been fully explored already and that neither matter should be taken forward.

### ASHWOOD GLADE

18. A number of issues relating to Ashwood Glade Open Space were discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should write again to a resident of Foxcroft about the dumping of garden waste on to the open space. The residents had taken no action after the first letter.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION

19. 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

20. The next joint meeting of the Recreational and Open Spaces Committee and the Community Assets Committee is to take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

.....  
Chairman

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