

MINUTES of the joint meeting of Haxby Town Council's Recreational and Open Spaces Committee and Community Assets Committee held on Tuesday 27th April 2021 by videoconference at 6.30pm.

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

APOLOGIES

1. Cllr M Preston and Cllr T Carmichael

MINUTES

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. None

SPORTS WALL

4. The clerk advised the members that the resurfacing of the area adjacent to the sports wall would start week commencing 10th May 2021. He also advised that the grant allocated by the ward councillors of £9000 had been received. The clerk was then asked to have the sports wall power washed before the new surface was laid and to thank the ward councillors for the grant monies.

ETHEL WARD PAVILION

5. It was agreed that Cllr Pearson would help with the planning application for the improvements to the nursery.

ASHWOOD GLADE

6. The clerk advised that he had received thank yous from members of the public regarding the work that had recently taken place on Ashwood Glade. He also advised that another resident had been in touch asking that the area behind her house be inspected and cut back. The clerk and the chairman are to investigate.

ETHEL WARD PLAYING FIELD – TODDLER PLAY AREA

7. The working group set up to investigate the re-development of the toddler area on Ethel Ward reported that they had met now with two playground equipment suppliers and had received quotes from both. The group were looking to meet with a third supplier to get further suggestions. All the designs and quotes received so far were then discussed. The working party also requested an increase in its remit so that consideration could be given to the extending of the play area and also the planting of trees/bushes along the York Road side of the area to create screen from car exhaust fumes. This was agreed.

TODDLER AREA – PREFERRED OPTION

8. **RESOLVED that the preferred piece of new play equipment was an aeroplane design and that the design should be submitted o City of York Council in respect of the current grant application.**

BUS SHELTERS

9. Cllr Pearson had no update at this time in respect of his plans for the upgrading of the bus shelters. The clerk informed the members that yet again a glass panel in the bus shelter next to the Memorial Hall had been broken by youths. He explained that as well as breaking the glass the youths had this time removed the beading that held the glass in place. The members took the decision not to replace the glass at this stage.

NOTICE BOARDS

10. Cllr Guilford reported that following a meeting with the grounds man and clerk it was thought that the best course of action would be to repair the notice boards instead of buying new ones. The estimated cost of repair would be £100 per board compared to £700 -£1000 for new notice boards.
RESOLVED that the existing boards should be repaired starting with the one on the village green.

ALLOTMENTS

11. The Clerk explained that following the discussion last month; the plots on row 1 of the allotment had now been let.

MANCROFT –NEW TREES

12. The clerk advised that since last month's meeting he had received an update regarding a request for further trees on Mancroft Open Space. Initially it had been understood that additional trees were being requested around the edge of the open space. It now transpires that the lady is wanting a small copse planted in the middle of the dog walking area at Mancroft. The lady is to formulate her plans and then bring her ideas to the committee for discussion when ready.

BENCHES

13. This item was carried forward to next month.

NETBALL COURTS

14. It was reported that Cllr Preston had been unable to arrange any discussions with Haxby Netball concerning the cleaning of the netball courts etc due to the very sad passing of his father. It was agreed that Cllr Guilford will now take this matter up with Haxby Netball.

YOUTH SHELTER

15. The upkeep of the youth shelter on Ethel Ward Playing Field was discussed. **RESOLVED that the clerk is to check with the insurers that the shelter is insured for £5000 and to check with the scouts to see if the light within the shelter is in working order and PAT tested.**

VILLAGE GREEN (ADJACENT TO MILLERS FISH & CHIP SHOP

16. The chairman explained that he and the clerk had met with the owner of Miller's regarding a request from them and that under emergency powers the clerk had agreed to a short-term request to allow them to site two picnic benches on the village green adjacent to their shop. **RESOLVED to approve the clerk's decision with a review to take place again once the restaurant within the shop can reopen again on 17 May 2021.**

WYRE POND

17. The clerk advised that a lady had approached him about putting a duck house/nest boxes on/in Wyre Pond. He advised the members that he had asked for further details and would report back. It was agreed that Wyre Pond would be inspected to see if any cleaning/repairs were needed.

HAXBY JUNIORS FC

18. The clerk advised that he had received a request from Haxby Town Junior Football to have permanent goal posts erected on Ethel Ward Playing Field like the ones currently on the senior pitches. The members wanted to know how many sets this would involve and as such they asked the clerk to get further information and report back at the next meeting.

PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

19. This item was carried forward to next month.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION

20. 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

21. The next joint meeting of the Recreational and Open Spaces Committee and the Community Assets Committee is to be advised later due to changes to existing permission to carry out remote meetings

Meeting closed at 8.02pm

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Chairman

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