

MINUTES of the meeting of Haxby Town Council's Recreational and Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 19th July 2021 at Oaken Grove Community Centre at 6.45pm.

<u>PRESENT</u>	Cllr N Wyatt	Cllr T Carmichael
	Cllr M Guilford	Cllr D Rice
	Cllr D Rice	Cllr L Beverley
	Mr M W Scott (Clerk)	

APOLOGIES

1. None. All members were present.

MINUTES

2. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. None

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4. The committee discussed the recent request from Haxby Town Juniors to erect permanent goal posts on the junior pitches on Ethel Ward Playing Field.
RESOLVED that permission was granted to allow permanent goal posts to be erected on the junior pitch located in the far, top right hand corner of Ethel Ward Playing Field.

REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

5. The chairman reported that the committee had carried out an inspection of the assets under its control and that it had drawn up a list of items which were in need of repair. The list is to be worked through with the necessary repairs undertaken.

ETHEL WARD TODDLER AREA

6. Cllr Beverley explained that herself and the working party had now formulated plans as to what improvements they would wish to see within the Toddler Area on Ethel Ward and that those plans had been sent to the 3 companies who have provided information to the working party. So far only one company had been back with a quote and she asked for the other 2 companies to be chased on the matter.

CITY OF YORK GRANT FOR TODDLER AREA

7. Cllr Guilford brought to the attention of the committee an article from the York Press about the way in which a recent grant awarded by City of York Council had been administered. The article indicated that due to political influence, less well off areas of the city had been overlooked in favour of more affluent areas which were run by the ruling party within City of York Council. With this in mind he expressed his opinion that the Town Council should reject the grant being offered. At this stage a discussion took place, and a proposal was made as follows:

‘Not to take any action regarding the recent articles in York Press and keep/accept the grant from City of York Council awarded to improve the toddlers play area on Ethel Ward Playing Field’. The proposal was seconded, and a vote was taken. The proposal **FAILED**.

The Clerk then asked if a proposal was going to be made regarding what to do with the funds, but no further proposal was put forward.

BIRD DROPPINGS

8. Cllr Beverley expressed concern about bird droppings on children’s play equipment within the village and asked if pigeon spikes could be attached to the tops of the play equipment to deter the birds. The committee discussed that a similar proposal had been made in the past and that at that stage advice received suggested that spikes should not be attached as they could affect the insurance cover should someone get hurt as a result. The clerk was asked to contact the council’s insurance company to clarify the position.

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 will be held on 20th September 2021 at Oaken Grove Community Centre starting at 06.45pm

Meeting closed at 7.15pm

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Chairman

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

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