

MEETING:	HAXBY & WIGGINTON
DATE:	07 th FEBRUARY 2007
PRESENT:	CLLR HALL CLLR R WATSON CLLR HOGG
APOLOGIES:	Iain Dunn, Street Environment Officer Sgt Donna Musgrove, North Yorkshire Police Rachel Buxton, Waste Strategy Unit
IN ATTENDANCE:	13 Local Residents Mobile Police Unit Nikki Terry, Neighbourhood Pride Officer, CYC

1. Welcome & Minutes

Cllr Hall welcomed everybody to the meeting and the minutes of the last Ward Committee were agreed.

2. Allocation of the 2007/08 Ward Committee Budget

The Ward Committee budget decision was announced and approved. The supported schemes are provisional, as Full Council has not yet set the actual Ward Committee budget for 2007/08. Therefore the figures in the table below may change or schemes may not be funded at all in some cases. The Councillors have allocated the budget with consideration to the different age groups and different schemes across the whole of the ward. The number of votes received from residents also influenced the decision.

Reference	Scheme	Original amount requested	Amount allocated	Capital or Revenue
HW-07-03	Community Ranger Service	£5,000	£5,000	Revenue
HW-07-04	Install dropped kerbs at Wandhill and at the junction of Forestgate and Oak Tree Lane (X 3 pairs of kerbs)	£2,100	£2,100	Capital
HW-07-05	Provide a disabled parking bay near to the entrance of Haxby Memorial Hall.	£500	£500	Capital
HW-07-06	Grant to Wigginton Old School Management Committee to paint the interior and exterior of the Old School. This will not only enhance the appearance of the building but will hopefully improve booking numbers to consequently enable the committee to make further improvements to the building for the whole community to benefit from.	£2,395	£950	Revenue
HW-07-07	Grant to Haxby Memorial Hall to refurbish the disabled toilet facilities. This will include relocating the door to the toilet to improve access and fitting an alarm.	£2,000	£2,000	Revenue
HW-07-08	Install a dog dirt bin on the green space near 60-62 Oaken Grove.	£595	£595	Revenue/ Capital
HW-07-09	Grant to the Churchfield Management Committee to replace the existing slide with an update to meet present legislations. Also the replacement of the rotten fencing abounding the dog walking and garden area. This will be complimented with extra Hawthorn Whips being planted to support new hedge growth and thickening.	£9,849	£3,000	Revenue
HW-07-12	Grant to York & District Citizens Advice Bureau to continue the outreach advice service in Haxby & Wigginton. Advice offered would include debt, housing, consumer, employment and benefits advice.	£3,934	£3,934	Revenue
HW-07-13	Grant to York & District Sports Federation to manage a 'funds for the gifted' project which	£250	£250	Revenue

	targets young sports persons aged 18 years and under who meet F.F.G criteria, to help defray the training, travel and equipment costs associated with their chosen sport.			
HW-07-15	Grant to Haxby Town Council to replace the existing slide in the play area on Ethel Ward Playing Field including new wet-pour safety surfacing	£10,500	£3,000	Revenue
HW-07-16	Grant to Haxby & Wigginton Youth & Community Association to cover running costs	£6,000	£6,000	Revenue
HW-07-17	Grant to Flying Ducks Youth Theatre Company for the purchase of stage costumes	£500	£500	Revenue
HW-07-18	Pot of money to install additional street lighting in the ward	£9,000	£9,000	Capital

The priority list that was published in the January Your Ward newsletter contained a small error. Scheme HW-07-06 should have been listed as a revenue scheme not a capital scheme.

Residents raised the following questions/concerns:

- i. A resident stated that in his opinion the Community Ranger scheme should not be supported as the Police receive enough money to provide a satisfactory service – Cllr Watson explained that it was clear from the communities response via the ballot papers that the Community Ranger service was required. Despite the fact that Policing in Haxby & Wigginton has increased residents still voted highly for the additional service.
- ii. Another resident stated that when the Post Office was broken into there was no police presence at all and suggested that the Police are using the Community Rangers as an excuse to avoid doing their job – Its was explained that the Police ask the Community Rangers to deal with minor issues. The Rangers are employed to act as a deterrent and also to collect evidence.
- iii. Another resident wanted to know why the additional money that is being spent on the City of York Council's (CYC) new building couldn't be put towards new Police Officers? - CYC currently operate out of sixteen different buildings most of which are coming to the end of their leases. The new building will in fact save money. Residents were urged to ask for more details if required.
- iv. A resident wanted to know why the ballot results were not made public? - They are published.
- v. Schemes HW-07-15, HW-07-16 and HW-07-17 were not on the original ballot list, why are the on the provisional list? – Theses schemes were late bids, and were announced at the last Ward Committee meeting.
- vi. A resident thought that they did not have enough information regarding the Community Ranger service to come to a fair conclusion concerning their influence – It was explained that articles are often included in the Your Ward newsletter and Group Response have attended Ward Committee meetings in the past.

3. Have Your Say

Residents raised the following questions/concerns:

- I. A representative thanked the Ward Committee on behalf of Eddie Benson for the funding allocated to the Haxby & Wigginton Youth and Community Association. This money will be spent well to ensure that all young people in the ward are provided with activities and opportunities
- II. Has the CYC considered investing in a waste disposal incinerator? – An incinerator has been ruled out due to the toxins they produce. The CYC are however looking at biological digesters as an alternative.
- III. What will happen to the schemes that have been allocated money if the 2007/08 Ward budget is cut? – Schemes from the bottom of the list will unfortunately have to be discarded.
- IV. Cllr Hall brought everyone's attention to the Neighbourhood Actions Plan that was inserted into the Your Ward Newsletter. He urged everyone to fill in the form and return it to the appropriate address. A resident asked how the Neighbourhood Actions Plans were being funded – From the Venture Capital Fund.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Cllr Charles Hall – Chair.