

Hedon Town Council

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of The Property Committee of the Hedon Town Council

Held by remote access (Zoom)

10 September 2020

Present: Cllr Rommell in the Chair
Councillors: C Billany, N Black, J Brindley, J Dennis, S Gallant,
D Thompson and G Thurston
Clerk: Judith Macklin, Town Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs:
Mrs B Goldspink, Stockdale and Miss D Storr

Resolved: that apologies were accepted

2. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Property Committee of the Hedon Town Council held on 12 March 2020 (not 13 February as stated on the agenda) were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat.

Resolved: That the minutes were confirmed as a true record

3. Updates on the Minutes

Members noted that the ceremonial mace had been taken to Fattorini's for a quote for repair work.

4. Declaration of Interests

a It was agreed that any declaration of interest be dealt with at the time the relevant item was discussed.

b There were no dispensations to be noted.

5. To receive the Clerk's report on decisions taken under delegated authority

Members noted that the funding application for the tree planting project on Drapers Lane had been submitted; a reply was awaited. Also, the contribution by the Council to the work to aid drainage into Horsewell Pond would be released once the work was complete.

Resolved: that the report was received

6. To note that the work to the concrete apron in St Augustine's Churchyard was completed in May 2020

It was reported that a letter of thanks had been received from St Augustine's Church.

Resolved: noted

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7. Bus Shelters

7.1 To note that the refurbishment of six bus shelters was completed in July 2020

Resolved: noted

7.2 To consider publicising Hedon Market by allowing Geraud UK to put up posters in the bus shelters – Members were mainly in support of the suggestion but concern was raised that the bus shelters did not turn into noticeboards with random leaflets/posters put up. Also, Members wanted the posters and the fixings put up by Geraud UK to be approved by the Chair/Dep Chair of the Property Committee and the Chair/Dep Chair of the F&GP Committee before they were fixed. The Town Clerk would check with ERYC Planning Department to see if any permissions were required under planning rules.

Resolved: that permission was given subject to the poster and fixings supplied by Geraud UK being approved by the Chair/Dep Chair of both the Property and the F&GP Committees

The Town Clerk was asked to write to the ERYC and request that the ERYC owned bus shelter on Thorn Road (near to Leaf Sail Farm access) was refurbished.

8. Watson Park

Cllr J Dennis declared a personal interest as a relative owned Trent Cottage

8.1 To note that the registration of land between Town Council land and Trent Cottage together with a strip of land to the west was granted by the Land Registry – Members noted that, on the advice of Rollits Solicitors, a small indemnity insurance policy for the possessory title had been taken out in the event that a third party challenged the Council's title to the property.

Resolved: Noted

8.2 To note that permission had been received from ERYC to fell two Ash trees which have Ash dieback disease

Resolved: Noted

9. Elsiegate – to agree a meeting with Trustee of Hedon Preservation Society to progress transfer of trusteeship

Cllr N Black declared a personal interest as he was a Trustee of the Hedon Preservation Society

Members noted the e-mail from Rollits and agreed that a meeting would move this project forward. Cllrs Rommell, Brindley, Thompson and Thurston would attend on behalf of the Council and the Town Clerk was asked to arrange the meeting to take place in Elsiegate.

Resolved: that Cllrs Rommell, Brindley, Thompson and Thurston would attend a meeting with the remaining Trustee of the Hedon Preservation Society

10. To receive report on expenditure required for work to Town Council owned Ash trees due to Ash dieback disease and agree a way forward

The Chairman referred to the report, which had been previously circulated, outlining the options and expenditure required for the work necessary to deal with the problem.

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After discussion Members authorised the ash tree works to take place over the current and next financial year, under the direction of A Whitehead Associates Ltd, with the contract for the current year's work being awarded to Rennison Tree Specialists Ltd at a cost of £10,150. This would require an increase in the 'Tree Work' budget for the current year of £7,000.

The Town Clerk was asked to contact A Whitehead to ensure that all chippings from the tree work were taken away or burnt rather than scattered in Hedon to ensure that there was no chance of spreading the disease; even if there was an extra charge for this service.

Resolved: that the quote of £10,150 from Rennison Tree Specialists Ltd is accepted for ash tree works (due to ash dieback disease) and that the current financial year's budget for tree works is increased from general reserves by £7k to cover the expenditure; the work required in the next financial year will be included in the budget discussions for 2021-2022; the trees and any chippings should be taken away or burnt rather than scattered to stop the spread of the disease even if there was an extra charge for this service

11. To approve expenditure on restoration of 'William Poultney' painting
Members were reminded that the Council had originally budgeted to have the restoration work done to the 'William Poultney' painting during this financial year; however, earlier in the year Members had discussed the possibility of repairs to the ceremonial mace maybe taking precedence. After discussion Members felt that the restoration work to the painting should be deferred and discussed again during budget discussions.

Resolved: that the restoration work to the 'William Poultney' painting would be deferred and discussed again during budget discussions (2021-2022)

12. Correspondence
None.

13. Members' points of information and items for the agenda
13.1 Members noted that the flailing to the wildflower areas in Watson Park would take place in the next couple of weeks.
13.2 Members discussed the possibility of repair/decorating works to the Council Chamber (a sum had been included in the current financial year's budget for Town Hall maintenance). The Town Clerk was requested to ask the advice of the ERYC Conservation Officer and put this item on the next agenda.

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Chairman of Property Committee