

Hedon Town Council
Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of
The Property Committee of the Hedon Town Council
Held by remote access (Zoom)
11 February 2021

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs:
Stockdale, 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 14 January 2021 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

Min 5 – The Scout Group had sent the Heads of Terms document to their solicitor and would reply to the Council soon.

Min 6 – Yorkshire Water had agreed to investigate the Town Hall drains from the public drain towards the building; the work should be undertaken within the next 14 days.

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 report on recommended future maintenance work to gutter systems to rear of Town Hall

A report on recommended future maintenance work to the gutter system had been received, along with a quote from the contractor who carried out the recent emergency repair. Members noted that it had not been possible to obtain comparative quotes for the earlier repair work and agreed that the work recommended needed doing as soon as possible.

Resolved: that the work was awarded to West Design & Build at a cost of £800 to be carried out as soon as possible

6. Heritage Open Days (10 – 20 September 2021)

6.1 To confirm inclusion of Hedon Town Hall

Resolved: that the Town Hall should be included in the Heritage Open Days in September 2021

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- 6.2 To approve wording in brochure (as last year) -
Resolved: that the wording in the 2020 brochure was approved
- 6.3 To consider 'Silver Show' in connection with Heritage Open Days -
After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that this item should be placed on the March agenda when more might be known about the 'road map' out of Covid restrictions. In the meantime the Town Clerk was asked to find out the insurance/security implications of holding a Silver Show as proposed.
7. To approve expenditure on black ribbons/black bag for Mayoral Chains and the Ceremonial Mace
After discussion Members felt that with regret these items were likely to be needed in the foreseeable future.

Resolved: that the expenditure of £121 was approved
8. Update re consultation with Charities Commission on Trusteeship of Hedon Preservation Society and to consider way forward with regard to review of the constitution and administrative changes required
Members noted the likely cost of legal fees in respect of the constitution review and administrative changes that were required and agreed that it was important that this process was carried out in a professional manner.

Resolved: that the estimate and work required as set out by Rollits Solicitors was approved
9. To approve expenditure on Ceremonial Mace (2021-2022 financial year)
The Chairman noted that the expenditure required to repair the mace had been included in the 2021-2022 budget. Members agreed that it was very important that the work was carried to the historic artifact and that it would be sensible to have the work done whilst there were no mayoral events so long as the invoice for the work was received after 31 March 2020.

Resolved: that the work to repair the Ceremonial Mace was awarded to Ged Collins in accordance with his quote of £10,500 (based on the Feb 2020 price for silver fix which could vary)
Resolved: that the work should be carried out as soon as possible whilst there were no mayoral events due to Covid restrictions; the invoice to be received/paid after the financial year end
10. To consider Heads of Terms from ERYC for a Licence relating to the Former Library Vehicle Store, Church Lane
The Chairman referred to the information provided by the ERYC.

Resolved: that the Heads of Terms were approved
11. Verbal report from the Amenity Areas Working Group (Mtg 11.2.21)
The Chairman updated Members on the discussions held earlier that day; notes would be circulated to all Members. The group had identified amenity areas owned by the Council and would visit and discuss each area in detail over the coming months.

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Areas owned by other parties had also been identified to see if improvements could be made to other community facilities.

12. Response to questions from Public Participation Session (28.1.21)

12.1 Childrens' Play Area, Drapers Lane

12.2 Goalposts – Greville Road community field

12.3 Potential uses of Greville Road community field and/or other potential sites for children's play area

As reported under item 11 all these areas would be looked into in detail by the Amenity Areas Working Group and its findings and recommendations would be dealt with through the Property Committee.

12.4 Railings in Market Place – It was noted that it wouldn't be possible to put railings outside the Co-op as there was a bus stop there. However, if railings were to be considered then the smaller area outside Greenprint was most suitable; there were disabled spaces at the other side of the parking area and access was required along the shop fronts. If the railings were to be installed then ERYC Highways would need to be consulted and the design of the street furniture would need to be in keeping with the Conservation Area.

Resolved: that the Town Council discuss the suggestion with ERYC Highways

13. Correspondence

None

14. Members' points of information and items for the agenda

None

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Chairman of Property Committee