

Hedon Town Council

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

Held at St Augustine's Church, Church Lane, Hedon

13 May 2021

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs: 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 8 April 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 6 – Hedon Museum had confirmed they would not be borrowing the Silver Cigarette Box for the Exhibition beginning on 22 May 2021 as they did not have a lockable display cabinet.

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. Market Place, Hedon

5.1 Update re suggestion of railings at the north end of the Market Place – ERYC had confirmed that they did not think there was sufficient width on the footway to install any pedestrian guard railing; and they did not think there was a need for it.

Resolved: that the Committee would take no further action

5.2 To consider suggestion from ERYC to request a Traffic Regulation Order amendment for double yellow lines at the north end and south end of the Market Place

Resolved: that the Committee supported the suggestion from ERYC that an amendment to the TRO be made for 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions to the north and south end of the Market Place

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- 5.3 To consider request from Luxe for permission to place tables and chairs on the north end of the Market Place (5.30pm – 10.30pm 7 days a week) – Members thought the scheme was interesting and had some support from residents but there are many elements to this which needed further discussion.

Resolved: that a Working Group meet as soon as possible to look into all aspects of the proposal and make recommendations to the next Property Committee Meeting; Cllrs Billany, Brindley, Dennis, Gallant, Goldspink, Rommell, Stockdale and Thompson would form the Working Group

6. Watson Park – to consider seating and signage (Dogs on Leads)
Cllr Dennis declared a personal interest as he has a relative living close by.
Members were reminded that no wildflower seeds would be sown this year as spraying of the docks continued to try and eradicate the problem; seeding would be carried out from spring 2022.

Members were mindful of the covenant attached to the land that forbade manmade structures on Watsons Park but felt that more could be done with putting in logs for seating. The Town Clerk would liaise with the tree consultant so that if and when any Council owned tree was felled, and if it was a suitable size, the log would be put into Watson Park to be used as seating.

Members agreed that the 'No Dogs on Leads' sign should remain although they appreciated that it was not enforceable.

7. To approve expenditure on the eastern section of St Augustine's Churchyard boundary wall (including section that has been damaged by a vehicle collision)
Cllr Goldspink declared a personal interest as she was a Member of PCC.
Members noted that the next section of the Churchyard boundary wall to be repaired would include a section that had been damaged from a vehicle collision.

Resolved: that the expenditure was approved

8. To consider feasibility of displaying items of Hedon Silver through the Hedon Museum
Cllr Goldspink declared a personal interest as she was a member of the Hedon Museum.
It was noted that the Museum did not have lockable display cabinets which would be a problem with regard to insurance if items of the silver were to be put on display. After discussion it was agreed that no further action should be taken on this proposal.

Resolved: that no further action would be taken on this proposal

9. Report from Amenity Areas Working Group
The Chairman noted that the Group had been unable to meet since the last Property Committee Meeting; a date would be set as soon as possible.

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Since the last Working Group meeting replies had been received from ERYC re community facilities in Hedon, the owners of the private access drive to Greville Road community field and the Trustees of Drapers Lane football field.

Resolved: that a Working Group meeting would be arranged as soon as possible

10. To consider request for a memorial picnic table/bench and plaque in Elsiegate
The Chairman referred to the correspondence which had been previously circulated to all Members. She suspended the meeting to allow Mrs Smith to outline the proposal and answer questions from Members.

Members noted that the Council was in the process of transferring trusteeship of Elsiegate to the Town Council (as Managing Trustee) and Mr Bamford (one of the original Trustees of the Hedon Preservation Society). Councillors supported the request for a high-quality picnic bench/table in Elsiegate with a concrete base (the base to be installed by the Town Council) and the furniture provided by Mrs Smith and her family.

Resolved: that the Committee approved the request for installation of a picnic bench/table in Elsiegate; site to be agreed with the family

Resolved: that the concrete base would be installed by the Town Council

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 Copy letter re a tree on The Gannock – Members noted that the tree would be surveyed during the full tree survey that the tree consultant was undertaking over the next few months.

Cllr Goldspink declared a personal interest in item 11.2 as she lived in close proximity to the correspondent.

- 11.2 Copy correspondence re a horse chestnut on Merryman Garth side of the drain – Members noted that the resident had confirmed he would deal with the tree.

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

- 12.1 None

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Chairman of Property Committee