

Hedon Town Council
Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of
The Property Committee of the Hedon Town Council
Held in the Town Hall, St Augustine's Gate, Hedon
10 February 2022

Present: Cllr Billany in the Chair
Cllrs: Mrs S Banks, J Brindley, J Dennis, S Gallant, B Hanson,
Mrs B Goldspink, Miss S Rommell and D Thompson
Clerk: J Macklin, Town Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs: N Black (illness), B Stockdale (access difficulties), Miss D Storr (illness)
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 13 January 2022 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 3 The Solicitor's advice has now been received on the proposed amendments to the Scout Lease; the working group would meet again to discuss before reporting back to the next Committee meeting.
4. Declaration of Interests
 - 4.1 It was agreed that any declaration of interest be dealt with at the time the relevant item was discussed.
 - 4.2 There were no dispensations to be noted.
5. Town Hall - maintenance
 - 5.1 To approve expenditure for repair of chimney stack
The Chairman referred to the blind quote information that had been previously circulated. After discussion Councillors agreed that, although more expensive, Contractor A had taken substantial measures in a public area to make sure that health and safety issues were completely covered.
Resolved: that the work was awarded to West Design & Build at a cost of £4,900
 - 5.2 To approve expenditure on repair of stairwell ceiling
The Chairman referred to the blind quote information (and individual specifications from each contractor approached) that had been previously circulated. All the specifications received had been sent to the ERYC Conservation Office for comment and his comments had been received on the day of the meeting; this information had been given to Members (without contractor's names being mentioned).

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Members discussed the different specifications in line with the Conservation Officer's comments and agreed with him that Contractor C seemed to give the most appropriate course of action. Contractor C's quote did include a price for doing a complete survey before carrying out the repairs, and the repair figure itself was provisional based on survey findings. Members agreed that the work should be awarded to Contractor C but if the provisional figure increased then this would be reported back to the Committee for approval before the repair work was undertaken.

Resolved: that the work was awarded to Hirst Conservation in accordance with their quote of £6310 (this figure included a provision sum for repair which, if increased following the survey, would be reported back to the Committee for approval)

6. To approve expenditure on replacement cutter deck for the tractor
The Chairman referred to the blind quote information that had been previously circulated and noted that only two local suppliers were able to provide the equipment needed.

Resolved: that the expenditure of £3000 for a replacement 54" Cutter Deck for the tractor from F G Adamson & Son was approved

7. To receive report from Amenity Areas Working Group and to approve actions taken

Cllr Dennis declared a personal interest in any discussions about Watson Park as his daughter lived on the boundary.

The Chairman reported on the discussions of the working group at a meeting on 28 January, notes had been previously circulated to all Members. Discussions were still ongoing regarding providing/replacing goalposts in Greville Road community field and it was proving difficult to get sensible information on providers and costs. The funding streams approached couldn't provide funds to local councils. Discussions would be ongoing at the next meeting and more providers looked into with a view to a recommendation on a way forward being put to the next Property Committee meeting. The Chairman also noted that Watsons Park had been discussed with no action to be taken in this area other than providing some tree trunks for seating.

8. To consider request from S Maltas for metal detecting on Council owned land
Further to the initial request, more information had been received from the applicant but Members were concerned that information requested in line with the Council's policy had not been adequately addressed eg whether the applicant was engaged in an appropriate programme of research individually or as a member of a group; information on public liability insurance and confirmation that anything found would remain the property of the Town Council.

Resolved: that more information should be sought before a decision was made; specifically on public liability insurance cover; whether this was an individual or group programme of research and confirmation that any finds would remain the property of the Town Council – in line with the policy

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9. To agree way forward for Elsiegate/Hedon Preservation Society (Trustees Meeting to agree amended Constitution)
It was noted that since the updating of the Trustee information with the Charities Commission the Council's solicitors had forwarded suggestions for an amended/updated Constitution for the Trust. Members agreed that a Trust meeting should be organised when Mr Bamford was able to attend.
10. Correspondence
None
11. Members' points of information and items for the agenda
None

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Chairman of Property Committee

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