

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 March 2022

Present: Cllr Billany in the Chair
Cllrs: Mrs S Banks, J Brindley, J Dennis, S Gallant, 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 (prior commitment)

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 10 February 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 8 The applicant requesting permission to metal detect on Council owned land had not yet returned the confirmations required.

Min 7 The Amenity Areas Working Group meeting had been postponed – this will be rearranged.

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 Update on repair of chimney stack

It was noted that the Contractor was obtaining H&S permits for the scaffolding that was required and work would be carried out week commencing 14 March, within the current financial year.

5.2 To approve expenditure on repair of stairwell ceiling following survey
The Chairman referred to the amended quote that had been received following the survey (also circulated). After discussion Members agreed that the work should be approved and started as soon as possible. The Town Clerk was asked to obtain decorating quotes for when the plaster work was complete.

Resolved: that the work was awarded to Hirst Conservation in accordance with their additional quote of £2280 which includes the cost of paint analysis

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6. To approve expenditure on tree work required in Elsiegate
The Chairman referred to the quote received from the tree contractor to complete the further works required to trees that are alongside the pathway at Elsiegate. After discussion Members agreed that the safety of pedestrians was paramount and that the work should be done as soon as possible.

Resolved: that the work was approved at a cost of £2700 and, if possible, should be carried out within the current financial year

7. To consider request to realign hedge/fence at Watson Park (Magdalen Lane junction)

The Chairman referred to the request which cited safety issues as the reason for possibly realigning the hedge/fence; however, accident statistics from ERYC did not support this. Members did not feel that the cost was justified.

Resolved: that the resident should be sent the statistical information confirming that the work would not be carried out as it was not justified

8. To consider way forward re valuations of Town Hall and Silver Collection (for insurance purposes)

The Chairman referred to the correspondence from Zurich; main concern is that the rebuilding valuation in the event that the Town Hall suffers some extreme damage is not enough.

After a lengthy discussion which included when both valuations were last carried out, what would be included, and who might be the best company to go to; Councillors agreed that both valuations should be carried out. However, more information was required on costs and who would carry out the valuations.

Resolved: that more information would be obtained on costs and who could carry out the work; this would be reported on at the next meeting.

9. Correspondence

9.1.1 Members noted an e-mail that had been received from a relative of Mrs Hilda Ives MBE, a former Honorary Burgess of Hedon offering some items from Mrs Ives estate to either the Town Council on loan, or to Hedon Museum as a gift. This item would be on the next agenda for a decision.

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

10.1 Members discussed a date for the next Amenity Areas Working Group; this was scheduled for 11 am on Thursday 17 March.

10.2 Members agreed that the Council should purchase and fly the Ukrainian flag in support of the Ukraine during the current conflict; this item would be on the F&GP agenda for a formal decision.

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Chairman of Property Committee