

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

9 June 2022

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

1. To Elect a Chairman

It was Proposed by Cllr Rommell and Seconded by Cllr Banks that Cllr Storr be Chairman of the Property Committee. It was also Proposed by Cllr Gallant and Seconded by Cllr Hanson that Cllr Billany be Chairman of the Property Committee.

Resolved: On a show of hands vote Cllr Storr was elected as Chairman of the Property Committee

Cllr Storr took the Chair

2. To elect a Deputy Chairman

It was Proposed by Cllr Rommell and Seconded by Cllr Brindley that Cllr Banks be Deputy Chairman of the Property Committee. It was also Proposed by Cllr Gallant and Seconded by Cllr Hanson that Cllr Billany be Deputy Chairman of the Property Committee.

Resolved: On a show of hands vote, with the Chairman using the casting vote, it was resolved that Cllr Banks was elected as Deputy Chairman of the Property Committee

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs: N Black (illness), B Stockdale (access difficulties)

Resolved: that apologies were accepted

4. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Property Committee of the Hedon Town Council held on 12 May 2022 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings.

Resolved: That the minutes were confirmed as a true record

5. Updates on the Minutes

Apr Greville Road goalposts – ongoing, should be in place in the near future.

Min 7 Quotes for allotment fencing will be on the next agenda.

Min 8 A meeting will be arranged with Alexandra Hall Committee as soon as possible (waited for Queen's Jubilee organisation to be completed).

Min 10.3 Telephone box/cycle hub – investigations had shown that BT/KCom had no spare telephone boxes and to buy one would be prohibitively expensive.

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6. Declaration of Interests

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

6.2 There were no dispensations to be noted.

7. To consider proposal from Luxe re use of Market Place

The Chairman referred to the e-mail information previously circulated to all Members. More information had been received, by e-mail, just prior to the meeting which seemed to say that the Town Council's request for an amendment to the 'No Drinking Zone' for Market Hill had been refused by ERYC. The applicant was being asked to contact ERYC's Streetscene Department which seemed confusing. After a lengthy discussion the Town Clerk was asked to investigate with the sender of the e-mail to find out exactly what the situation was and how this can be moved on.

Resolved: that the request for a seating area on Market Day should be redirected by the applicant to the Market Manager (details had been sent); the Council did not think it was appropriate to have outside seating areas for lunch etc in this area during the day which would result in the loss of very busy parking spaces during the day. The Town Clerk was investigating what the situation was with the requested amendment to the Public Protection Order in respect of the 'No Drinking Zone'

8. Maintenance of Town Hall - update

The Chairman noted that the repair work on the ceiling was complete. However, over the weekend there had been a quite serious leak from a blocked fall pipe (now repaired) which required dehumidifiers to dry out the wall before decorating can be commenced. Authorisation was required for the expenditure for the work to the fall pipe and the hire of industrial de-humidifiers to dry out the area.

Resolved: that the Town Clerk was authorised to pay for the emergency repairs to the fall pipe and the hire of de-humidifiers to dry the area out

9. Far Bank permeable surface - update

Members noted that the work had been undertaken in time for Hedfest.

10. Churchyard boundary wall - update

Members noted that the maintenance of the boundary wall to St Augustine's Church for the current financial year has been completed.

11. To approve solar panels/eco-friendly lighting for Amy Black Community Centre

Cllrs Brindley and Rommell declared a pecuniary interest as they were on the Management Committee of the Amy Black Community Centre and left the room. Members noted that funding had been received to put solar panels on the roof on the roof of the Amy Black Community Centre which would greatly reduce the energy bills; also, the Committee wanted to change to LED lighting. Members agreed that both these things would be excellent going forward subject to clarification on what would happen to these items if and when the building reverted to the Town Council in the future, and that the funding body would not require any refunds if the building stopped being used for community purposes.

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Resolved: that the Council approved the changes subject to clarification of the above conditions

12. To consider expenditure on electrical testing work required following Fire risk Assessment

The Chairman referred to the blind quote information; only two contractors were willing to quote.

Resolved: that the work was awarded to MA Power Solutions at a cost of £270

13. To review decision to allow benches on Council owned part of Iveson car park

The Chairman referred to the decision by the Council to allow the benches to remain on Iveson Car Park over the winter months which was due for review. After a lengthy discussion Members agreed that the Council would write to Hed'On Inn to say that the two benches/tables could remain in place until October when the decision would be reviewed again; if the Council did agree at that point that the benches could remain in place then it would be looking for a financial arrangement going forward. Concern was raised at the loss of a parking space due to bins being placed in it and this would be included in the letter.

Resolved: that the Council would write to Hed'On Inn confirming the decision to allow the benches/seats to remain in place until a further review in October 2022 where, if permission was given going forward, the Council would be looking for a financial arrangement to be put in place

14. To consider future allotment site

Cllr storr outlined the possibility of the Council investigating whether it could provide a second allotment site; there were 15 people on the current waiting list for a plot. After a very lengthy discussion which included suggested areas that might be suitable (some owned by the Town Council and some not); Members agreed that they should put this on a future agenda to give them time to think about suitable areas and whether the expenditure would be justified.

Resolved: that this item would be on the agenda for the September Property Meeting to give Members time to investigate further

15. To consider location for picnic benches and tables

The three benches that had been put on Far Bank/Drapers Lane had been vandalised and were in the process of being repaired. Members discussed sites for them and agreed that they should be split up and put on Far Bank, Market Hill and Elsiegate. It was initially proposed that all three would be put on Market Hill but on a show of hands vote this was not carried.

Resolved: that the benches/tables would be split with one going on Far Bank, one on Market Hill and one on Elsiegate

16. Correspondence

None

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

- 17.1 An Amenity Areas WG was scheduled for 11am on Friday 11 July in the Town Hall.
- 17.2 Signs advertising the market in Hedon had been put up by ERYC.
- 17.3 Cllr Goldspink was interested in looking into what was kept in the Town Hall attic with a view to seeing what might be of interest to Hedon Museum. August would be a suitable time to have everything brought down so that it could be looked through by Cllr Goldspink and the Hedon Museums Exhibits Officer.
- 17.4 Cllr Storr had been approached by Haven Arms/Kings Head to see if the Council would allow the annual bonfire/fireworks to be held on Far Bank. Members agreed that this item would be on the next F&GP Agenda for discussion.
- 17.5 Cllr Brindley reported that the Amy Black Community Centre had been offered a portacabin, free of charge, which would be of great use to the Centre; this item would be put on the next F&GP Agenda for discussion as an early decision was required.

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Chairman of Property Committee

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