

Hedon Town Council
Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of
Emergency Planning Committee
Held in the Town Hall
At 2pm on Thursday 16 June 2022

Present: In the Chair – Cllr Storr/Brindley
Cllrs: Mrs S Banks, J Brindley, S Gallant, Mrs B Goldspink, B Hanson,
Miss S Rommell
Clerk: J Macklin

1. To Elect a Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Goldspink and seconded by Cllr Rommell that Cllr Brindley be nominated as Chairman of the Emergency Planning Committee. There were no other nominations.

Resolved: that Cllr Brindley was elected unopposed as Chairman of the Emergency Planning Committee

Cllr Brindley took the Chair

2. Election of Deputy Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Goldspink and seconded by Cllr Banks that Cllr Rommell be nominated as Deputy Chairman of the Emergency Planning Committee. There were no other nominations.

Resolved: that Cllr Rommell was elected unopposed as Deputy Chairman of the Emergency Planning Committee

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs:

C Billany (prior commitment), N Black (illness), B Stockdale (access difficulties) and D Thompson (on holiday)

Resolved: that apologies were accepted

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of a meeting held on 29 July 2021

The Minutes of a meeting of the Emergency Planning Committee held on 29 July 2021 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat.

Resolved: That the minutes were confirmed as a true record

5. Update on the Minutes

Min 7 It had been agreed that a discussion on the filling in of ditches/dykes would be discussed at this Committee and would be an item for a future agenda; however, Members felt that it was more appropriate for this item to be on the Property Committee in regard to the ditches/dykes owned by the Town Council.

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.

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7. To consider feedback from companies approached re a salting programme for winter

Members noted that the three companies approached had all declined to quote; an approach had been made to ERYC to see if any other companies in the area would be interested with no success. ERYC had recently reviewed their salting programme and, despite requests from the Town Council to increase the area covered, had not changed the programme of salting. Members discussed the fact that salt bins were in place around the town which were filled by ERYC and, if they were emptied, would be refilled. The salt was available to all members of the public to use and residents should be encouraged to use this facility and look out for elderly or vulnerable neighbours.

Resolved: that no further action would be taken in regard to the Town Council running a salting programme; however, the Town Council would publicise the location of salt bins and encourage residents to use this facility for themselves and look out for their neighbours

8. To agree wording for a notice for the Town Council website

Members wanted to put something on the Town Council's website that pointed residents to what they needed to do in the event of a local emergency. The Town Clerk was asked to look at the ERYC website to see how easy it was to contact someone in the event of an emergency. This item would be on the next agenda for discussion when that information was known. It was agreed that the two likely emergencies would be problems at BP or localised flooding. There was a link to an ERYC flooding leaflet on the Town Council's website.

Resolved: that the Town Clerk would look at ERYC website to see how easy it was to access emergency numbers and report back to the next meeting; in the meantime Members would consider what information they felt should be on the Town Council's website

9. Local Flood Prevention Plan - Update

No reply had yet been received from ERYC following the request to be involved in producing a Local Flood Plan despite follow up requests. This item was being pursued via the Climate Change WG and would be on the next F&GP Agenda for further discussion. It was noted that in the past Yorkshire Water had held regular forums with representatives from the local Councils and Members felt that this had worked well and should be revived. The Town Clerk was asked to find out who the YW contacts were and write and see if there were any plans to revive the forums.

10. Points of Information and items for next agenda

10.1 It was noted that a review of the contact details for the Emergency Plan should be undertaken; this was last carried out in March 2021.

10.2 An item would be put on the Property Agenda to review ditches/dykes owned by the Town Council.

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Chairman of Emergency Planning Committee