

Hedon Town Council
Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of
Finance & General Purposes Committee
held at the Town Hall, St Augustine's Gate, Hedon
29 September 2022

Present: In the Chair – Cllr S Gallant
Cllrs: C Billany, J Brindley, J Dennis, Mrs B Goldspink, Miss S Rommell,
Miss D Storr and D Thompson
Town Clerk: K Gray

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllrs: S Banks (prior engagement), Black (illness), B Hanson (prior engagement)
and B Stockdale (access issues)
Resolved: that the apologies were accepted
2. Confirmation of the Minutes
The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held
on 29 July 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
Jul Update from ERYC on the visibility at Farbridge Lane/Sheriff's Highway; no
suggestions were forthcoming on how the safety of the junction can be
improved.
4. Declaration of Interests
 - 4.1 To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect
of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should
identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared
 - 4.2 To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of the
agenda items listed below.
5. To note Accounts Payable Schedule – August
The Schedule previously circulated to Members, will form part of the Minutes.
Resolved: that the schedule of payments for August 2022, signed by two
Councillors, in the sum of £20,391.99 was approved
6. To approve Accounts Payable Schedule - September
The Schedule previously circulated to Members, will form part of the Minutes.
Resolved: that the schedule of payments for September 2022, subject to two
noted adjustments and signed by two Councillors, in the sum of
£22,034.24 was approved

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7. To receive an update on the financial position of the Council as at 31 August 2022
The Chairman referred to the documents attached to these Minutes which had been circulated to all Councillors; the documents indicated the financial position of the Council as at 31 August 2022.
Resolved: that the schedules showing receipts/payments made during August and the budget monitoring report were approved

8. To approve full Risk Report for 'Financial Management', 'Gifts' and 'Land'
The Chairman referred to the Risk Reports for 'Financial Management', 'Gifts' and 'Land'.
Resolved: that the Risk Assessment Reports for 'Financial Management', 'Gifts' and 'Land of Staff' were approved as tabled

9. To note report from Events Working Group and approve actions taken
Cllr Thompson reported that the calendar is now finalised and ready to go to VPS Print for printing. Events for 2023 provisionally agreed are Scruffs, Arts Festival, Flower Festival, Hedfest, a Treasure Hunt, Christmas lights and a re-enactment event.
Cllr Gallant noted that Heritage weekend was well attended and the organiser Tony Port did an excellent job.
Resolved: that the report was noted and the actions taken were approved

Resolved: that the Clerk would send a letter of thanks to Mr Porter

10. To note report from Hedfest Working Group and approve actions taken
Cllr Brindley reported that preparations for Hedfest 2023 were underway and the stage is booked. The Church is booked for the Friday event, but the suggestion of a bar at this event has been rejected.
Resolved: that the report was noted and the actions taken were approved

11. To consider apply to Do it for East Yorkshire fund for Christmas Lights Switch-on
Cllr Gallant reported that funding was available again this year from Do it for East Yorkshire Grant Fund.
Resolved: that the application for funding for £5,000 for Christmas Lights Switch-on was noted and agreed.

12. To agree entry fee to visit Father Christmas at the Light Switch-on
Cllr Goldspink asked what gifts the children would receive this year? Books will be given again this year as an alternative to sweets or chocolate as they were well received at the last year.
Cllr Billany asked if David Young would be Father Christmas again this year.
Cllr Brindley suggested not charging or reducing the cost this year.

Resolved: that David Young would be asked to be Father Christmas

Resolved: that the entry fee for the grotto would be agreed when the outcome of the grant application is known.

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13. To receive a report from the ERNLLCA AGM on 22 September 2022
Cllr Billany reported that the topics discussed at the meeting were illegal encampments and ERYC's acceptance of an illegal encampment policy, ERYC's Climate Change Strategy and a number of town and parish councils have declared a state of emergency and discussion to find a replacement President.
14. To agree insurance revaluation, rebuild cost assessment site survey for Town Hall
Cllr Gallant noted that one business out of three that were approached, quoted to survey the building. Before making a decision, further enquiries need to be made to locate at least one other surveyor closer to hand than those contacts provided by the Conservation Office, to provide comparative quotes.
Resolved: that the Clerk will look to acquire comparative quotes from other surveyors.
15. To note Full Tree Survey for 2022 by new Tree Consultant
Cllr Gallant reported that the unprecedented weather conditions over the summer prompted the outgoing Tree Consultant to change his original recommendation from the scheduled intermediate tree survey to a full tree survey.
Resolved: that a full tree survey was agreed.
16. To note the latest update from Holderness Health Council Forum on 15 Aug 2022
Cllr Gallant referred to the Holderness Health's report and the opening of the new call centre. Cllr Thompson attend the Forum and reported that things are moving in the right direction and the service is improving, although there are still issue that need to be addressed. As from October evening and Saturday appointments are to introduced in Hedon and Withernsea.
17. Market Place
17.1 To consider planter cycle racks in Market Place
Cllr Gallant reported that the general consensus was that the planters were insubstantial and alternative need to be sought. ERYC have already noted the issues with the planter cycle rack and are proposing to replace these with tubular steel racks as per the photographs circulated.
Resolved: that the proposed replacement would be acceptable alternatives

17.2 To consider the ERYC's suggestion to install additional bollards
Cllr Gallant reported that ERYC are planning to install additional bollards. The addition of bollards and tubular cycle racks will result in the area being in accessible for use at the Xmas Light event. In addition, too many bollards three or four bollards would be sufficient.
Resolved: that the Clerk would make a request to ERYC for removeable bollards and a reduction in the number to three.

17.3 To consider motorcycle parking in Market Place
Cllr Gallant referred to the lack of motorcycle parking in the town. Suitable areas were discussed. The last parking bay or the cross-hatched area by HTC's noticeboard was suggested as a possible solution. However, this area is used for the Town Christmas.
Resolved: that the Clerk would approach ERYC about the implications of re-allocating an area at the south end of the parking in Market Place for motorcycles; and Councillors would consider other location for consideration at the next meeting.

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18. To discuss response to ERYC's Climate Change Strategy update
Cllr Gallant noted that without ERYC's Climate Change Strategy it was too early to hold the next Climate Change Working Group meeting. Councillors discussed what they can expect to see included in the strategy and how Councils can be involved.
19. To discuss lifting of fracking moratorium
Cllr Gallant noted that the lifting of the fracking moratorium could have an impact on the area; methane escaping from the wells into the atmosphere and the damage to the landscape, and suggested that the Council write a letter of opposition to ERYC, local Councils and Graham Stuart MP.
Resolved: that Cllr Gallant would draft a letter in opposition to fracking to send to ERYC, local council and Graham Stuart MP.
20. To discuss ERYC's update on funding to level up rural communities
Cllr Gallant reported the announcement of £1.8m the levelling up fund available to East Riding. As yet no specific information about how this will be spent has been made available.
21. To discuss speed limits in the town centre
Cllr Gallant note the comments from the public participation session in July regarding the 20mph in the town, but these need enforcement.
Resolved: that the Clerk will ask ERYC for more information about their plans for Souttergate and the local Police about enforcement.
22. Correspondence
22.1 Graham Stuart has asked for more details about illegal parking to then write to the Director of the Council. A revised meeting date of Friday 18 November 12:30pm to discuss the matter.
22.2 Confirmation of a clean External Audit received.
22.3 Chairmanship Training date available for Councillors.
22.4 Reminder of the Communities and Environment Town & Parish Council Event Withernsea 19 October from 4pm-7pm
22.5 Reminder Hedon Preservation Society Meeting 6 October 7:15pm
23. Members' points of information and items for the agenda
23.1 Hedon Street names, Cllr Goldspink proposed Kathleen Moody, the first female Mayor of Hedon, as a name for consideration.
23.2 Cllr Goldspink ask if any communication had been received from Haven Arms regarding the use of Farbank for the Bonfire night events.

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Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee