

# **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**  
**18 May 2023**

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

1. **To Elect a Chairman**

It was proposed by Cllr Gallant and seconded by Cllr Billany that Cllr Storr be Chairman of the Property Committee. There were no other nominations and Cllr Storr was elected.

**Resolved:** that Cllr Storr was elected as Chairman of the Property Committee

2. **Election of Vice Chairman**

It was proposed by Cllr Brindley and seconded by Cllr Goldspink that Cllr Rommell be Vice Chairman of the Property Committee. There were no other nominations and Cllr Rommell was elected unopposed.

**Resolved:** that Cllr Rommell was elected as Vice Chairman of the Property Committee

3. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Banks (prior commitment).

**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 13 April 2023 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**

There were no updates

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 approve expenditure on restoration of 'William Poultney' painting**

The Chairman considered the cost of the work and confirmed Earmarked reserves

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of £10,000 for the project. A quote from Critchlow & Kukkonen Ltd for two levels of restoration had been previously circulated. It was noted that the hourly rate differed between option A and option B; the Clerk would enquire why this was so. Members commented that it was important to maintain the town's valuable historic assets and agreed to restore the painting to option B standard.

**Resolved:** that the Council would proceed with the restoration by Critchlow & KuKKonen of 'William Poultney' painting and agreed the work would be carried out to option B criteria – Full Treatment with full structural work.

8. To receive full tree report

The Chairman noted the summary of the tree report previously circulated.

**Resolved:** that the Council received the report.

9. To consider letter from Mr Ellis regards Natural England's proposal for Local Council grass cutting

Members considered and discussed the proposal in Mr Ellis's letter and understand the motivation for the request. However, there are other considerations, keeping the town's green spaces trimmed and clean and to a standard residents expect. It was agreed that all things considered the Council would continue with the established grass cutting schedule.

**Resolved:** that the Council would continue with the established grass cutting schedule.

10. Update on the condition of the drain at Drapers Lane/Far Bank

*Cllr Goldspink declared a personal interest in this item as owner of a property in the vicinity of the drain.*

The Clerk confirmed that the General Works Supervisor had inspected the drain earlier in the week and provided photographs confirming there had been no change, the drain remained dry.

**Resolved:** Council accepted the report would continue to monitor the situation.

11. Correspondence

No correspondence to report

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

- 12.1 Near miss at the cemetery – the Clerk reported an incident involving a glass vase sunk into the ground at the cemetery which was broken during the ground maintenance teams weekly grass cutting. All glass and ceramic items were removed from the graves following this incident to mitigate the hazard of harm to workers and the general public. It was noted that it is prohibited in the cemetery rules to position any mementos or memorabilia upon the graves, specifically mentioning glass flower vases. This particular cemetery rule would be reviewed at the next meeting.