

# **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 November 2023**

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

1. Apologies for Absence  
Apologies were received from Cllrs: P Hinch (illness)  
**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 12 October 2023 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings.  
**Resolved:** that the minutes were confirmed as a true record
  
3. Updates on the Minutes  
There were no updates to the minutes.
  
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. To consider UK Shared Prosperity Funding  
Councillors had shown an interest in benefiting from this funding and noted that the deadline for submission of expressions of interest was 15 November 2023.  
It was agreed that the Clerk would submit four expressions of Interest for the following:
  - Pump track
  - Solar powered/boiler replacement
  - Hedon History Culture Tourism
  - Hedfest  
**Resolved** that the Council would submit four expressions of interest for – a Pump track project, boiler and solar powered light project, Hedon History, Culture and Tourism project and Hedfest funding.
  
6. To consider reclaiming Hedon's mounting block  
The Chairman referred members to Hedon's mounting block, it was note that it now resides outside the Doctor's cottage. It was thought to have been moved for safe keeping when the houses to the northern-eastern side of Souttergate were built. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Allan Marshall to ask if he could shed any light on what happened to the block. If the mount block in question is in fact the one outside the Doctor's Cottage, then a letter would be sent to the owner of the cottage to ask for its return.  
  
**Resolved** that the Council would consult with Allan Marshall on the whereabouts of the mounting block and letter would be sent to the owner of Doctor's Cottage

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7. To consider request from T Hoyes-Cockroft for a wayleave to across Town Council land  
The Chairman proposed suspending the meeting to allow the applicant a chance to speak on the request as they were present; Members agreed and the meeting was suspend.

*The meeting was reconvened*

Members noted that a request to purchase the land at the corner of Fairfax Drive was refused by the Council when the property was redeveloped some years ago. However, after due consideration of the facts submitted with the request and subsequent verbal information supplied by the property owner the Council agreed to grant a wayleave of £30 per year.

**Resolved** that the Council would grant T Hoyes-Cockroft a wayleave for a consideration of £30 per year

8. Update on the installation of MS3 poles on HTC land  
The Chairman directed members to the photographs of the two poles in question on Chestnut Avenue. The Council had previous support no MS3 telegraphs in Hedon and raised concerns about where legal liability would fall, with Town Council or MS3. After due consideration Council agreed that MS3 would be told to remove both telegraph poles as soon as permits to work are reinstated.

Cllr Gallant reported on the campaign meeting held in London to lobby Sir John Whittingdale who unfortunately didn't then make the meeting. However, Graham Stuart MP was in attendance and after an exchange of views admitted there was a need for the regulations pertaining to the erection and installation of this type of infrastructure to be tighten or the need to give planning authorities the power to stop the erection of poles in unsuitable locations. Cllr Gallant emphasised that if regulations were changed it would ease the problem, particularly on new developments where all infrastructure is subterranean. Emma Hardy MP was unfortunately not available to meet but will be petitioning Parliament about the matter. Cllr Gallant would also be arranging a meeting with the Planning Director at ERYC. It was also noted that any changes in the regulations must include the wording 'retrospectively' to ensure that not only applies to future installations but also included areas like Hedon where the infrastructure is already in situ. Progress is being made but the Minister, Sir John Whittingdale, needs to accept that the regulations need tightening up. It was noted that ERYC handed out 72 fines to MS3 for breaches in working practices and had revoked permits that halted work as of last week. In summary the issue needs government intervention.

**Resolved** that the Council would instruct MS3 to remove 2 telegraph poles identified in Chestnut Avenue, one on the other adversely affecting access to, Town Council land.

8. Correspondence

8.1 The Clerk reported that Mrs Christine Kitchin, who for many years had scrupulously tended the planting in Iveson car park and worked to keep the hardstanding areas weed free would be retiring her gardening gloves.  
*Cllr Billany declared a personal interest as Mrs Kitchin was a relation.*  
*Cllr Dennis declared a personal interest as Mrs Kitchin was a former employee.*  
It was agreed that a letter thanks and a pot plant/flowers would be sent to Mrs Kitchin

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

Cllr Banks asked for a response to be sent to the young lad who requested the pump track. The Clerk had already initially response but a further communication to let him know that the Council is looking into funding and perhaps put him and his friends to put thoughts together about what they want.

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Farbank electrical works that has churned up the grass in the area. The work is not yet complete, but the situation is being monitored and photographs are being taken. The Assistant Clerk is liaising with the appropriate parties to ensure the ground is restored to a suitable state.

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Chairman of Property Committee