

**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**  
**30 May 2024**

Present: In the Chair – Cllr S Gallant  
Cllrs: S Banks, C Billany, J Brindley, J Dennis, Mrs B Goldspink, P Hinch, Mrs G Pocklington, Miss S Rommell, Ms D Storr and D Thompson  
Kim Gray (Town Clerk)

1. To Elect a Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Thompson and seconded by Cllr Storr that Cllr Gallant be Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. It was also proposed by Cllr Goldspink and seconded by Cllr Rommell that Cllr Brindley be Chairman. Following a show of hands vote Cllr Gallant was elected.

**Resolved:** that Cllr Gallant was elected as Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

2. To Elect a Deputy Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Gallant and seconded by Cllr Pocklington that Cllr Brindley be Vice Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

**Resolved:** that Cllr Brindley was elected as Vice Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: Mrs S Wright (illness)

4. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 25 April 2024 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat.

**Resolved:** That the minutes were confirmed as a true record

5. Updates on the Minutes

5.1 Response from Mr Ledger regarding the return of his photograph – File Note previously circulated to Members. Council agreed that in light of Mr Ledger's comments (previously circulated) the photograph would be returned framed.

5.2 Update on clock repairs – Work due for completion 25/26 May.

5.3 Application for an A-Board licence submitted. Licence has now been received.

5.4 Update on the Community Bus Service No 84 – ERYC have confirmed that an additional day (Friday) will be funded this financial year through Bus Service Improvement Plan, commencing 7 June.

5.5 Update on the MS3 Poles Survey. MS3 CEO, Guy Miller, contacted about the survey but no further information in response to the request has been forthcoming. Letter to MS3 on the disapproval of the situation with the poles.

5.6 '20 is Plenty' update, Cllr Gallant will meet with ERYC Officers to discuss the public consultation and implementation.

6. Declaration of Interests

6.1 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.

6.2 To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

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At this point in the meeting the Chairman as Members would agree to bring forward Item 19 on the agenda.

**Resolved:** Members approved to bring forward Item 19 on the agenda.

*The Chairman closed the meeting at this point to allow members of the public to speak.*

*During the public participation of the meeting members of the public and Councillors spoke about matters relating to planting on graves and the removal of planting on two plots particular plots, and the placement and removal of memorabilia on plots.*

*The meeting was reconvened*

19. Cemetery Matters:

19.1 To review planting on cemetery plots

19.1 Request from Mrs Williams

19.2 Request from Mrs Jewitt-Holder

A Working Group was proposed and that all Councillors would be participants on the Working Group. Council approved the convening of a Cemetery Working Group. The Clerk would arrange a date for the meeting.

**Resolved:** that the Council would convene a Cemetery Working Group to consider the matter of planting on graves.

7. To approve Accounts Payable Schedule – May

The Schedule previously circulated to Members, will form part of the Minutes.

**Resolved:** that the schedule of payments for May 2024, signed by two Councillors, in the sum of £24,172.79 was approved unseen, subject to the schedule being checked by the Chairman and Vice Chair.

8. To receive an update on the financial position of the Council as at 30 April 2024

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 30 April 2024.

**Resolved:** that the schedules showing receipts/payments made during April and the budget monitoring report were approved.

9. To receive the Internal Auditor's report for the year ended 31.3.24

The Chairman referred to the report and the Town Clerk's reply which had been previously circulated.

**Resolved:** that the Internal Auditor's report was approved and the Clerk and Deputy Clerk were thanked for their work

10. To review arrangements for signing monthly payment schedule

Members agreed that the signing of the monthly payment schedule would be shared between all Members. A rota would be drafted by the Clerk to ensure two different Members sign the schedule each month.

**Resolved:** that the Council would return to a rota for Councillors share the signing of the monthly payment schedule

11. To appoint 4 members to the Personnel Committee

Cllrs Gallant, Goldspink, Hinch, Storr and Thompson stood for membership of the Personnel Committee. It was proposed that the Council would appoint all 5 members to the Personnel Committee; following a voting procedure Cllrs Gallant, Goldspink, Hinch, Storr and Thompson were appointed.

**Resolved:** that the Council would appoint 5 Members to the Person Committee; Cllrs Gallant, Goldspink, Hinch, Storr and Thompson were appointed to the Personnel Committee

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12. To approve Risk Reports for 'Allotments', 'Bus Shelters', and 'Car parks'  
The Chairman referred to the Risk Reports for 'Allotments', 'Bus Shelters', and 'Car parks'  
**Resolved:** that the Risk Reports for 'Allotments', 'Bus Shelters', and 'Car parks' were approved as tabled.
13. To receive a report from the Events Working Group and to approve actions taken  
Cllr Banks gave a report from the Events Working Group. Cllr Banks requested that Councillors submit their photographs for the 2025 calendar as soon as possible. Cllr Thompson reported that the Working Group were in contact with a local artist who would possibly be willing to assist in organising an art exhibition  
**Resolved:** that the report was noted, and the actions taken were approved.
14. To receive a report from the Hedfest Working Group and to approve actions taken  
Cllr Thompson gave a report from the Hedfest Working Group. All moving forward and work continues to fill the final few stalls. The lineup for the two stages is complete, fringe entertainment is in place and the parade is coming together.  
**Resolved:** that the report was noted, and the actions taken were approved.
15. To receive a report from the D-Day Working Group and to approve actions taken  
Cllr Billany gave a report from the D-Day Working Group. All arrangements were complete. The risk assessment as previously circulated would require consideration and approval. Members approved the risk assessment as circulated.  
**Resolved:** that the report was noted, and the risk assessment was approved
16. To consider additional suggested restoration work to the William Poultney painting  
The Chairman referred to the quotation previously circulated for addition work on the William Poultney painting uncovered by during the restoration work. Members considered the replacement of stretchers and agreed to the additional work at a cost of £  
**Resolved:** that the Council would approve the additional work to replace the stretcher, at a cost of £1,050
17. To approve repair to Zipwire on Farbank  
The Chairman referred to the quotation previously circulated to repair the broken cable on the zip wire at Farbank. Members agreed to the repair work at a cost of £825  
**Resolved:** that the Council would approve the repair work to the zip wire at a cost of £825
18. To approve replacement cost of replacing two damaged litter bins  
The Chairman referred to the quotation for the replacement of two damaged litters bins; one on Farbank, the other on Hull Road. Members approve the replacement costs of £600.98 per bin.  
**Resolved:** that the Council would approve replacement of two damaged litters bins; one on Farbank, the other on Hull Road at a cost of £600.98
20. To consider the Standing Orders  
A proposal to re-affirm the Standing Orders was approved by Members  
**Resolved:** that the Council would re-affirm the Standing Orders
21. To draft a response to the Consultation on Ward Boundaries of East Riding – SW Holderness Wards  
The Chairman noted that due to the forthcoming election the consultation would be extended until September. It was considered that Ward of South West Holderness is an appropriate size for three Ward Councillors and the allocation should remain as it is.  
**Resolved:** that the Council would respond that South West Holderness is the appropriate size and the number of Ward Councillors should remain three

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22. To consider a response to the East Riding Local Plan Update – Consultation on post-hearing notes

The Chairman referred to the email from ERYC relating to the consultation previously circulated.

**Resolved:** that the Council would be considered by the Planning Committee

23. Correspondence

23.1 Invitation to Councillors to meet with Songbirds Day Nursery. Council would be happy to receive a presentation but would not agree to a sit visit

23.2 Yorkshire Water Jetting part of Hedon's network, the track leading to Waverly House, as outlined in the email previously circulated.

23.3 Lithium Battery Consultation – the Council would like to ask for more information. Batteries disposal information would be placed on the noticeboards and social media

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

24.1 It was noted that there was no meeting of the Personnel Committee where a Chairman was elected.

*Cllr Rommell left the meeting*

## Part 2

### In Camera

25. To exclude the press and public in accordance with The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Agreed

26. To receive response from agent re: purchase of land

*Cllr Brindley declared a pecuniary interest in the item as the Amy Black Community Trust is a financial beneficiary of the Trustee selling the land; Cllr Brindley left the room*

After very careful consideration the Council cannot improve on the generous offer previously made and agreed to withdraw the existing offer.

**Resolved:** that the Council would not improve on the generous offer already made and would also withdraw that offer

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Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee