

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
13 February 2025

Present: Cllr P Hinch in the Chair
Cllrs: Mr C Billany, Cllr J Brindley, Cllr Mr J Dennis, Cllr Mr S Gallant, Cllr Mr D Thompson, Cllr Mrs B Goldspink, Cllr Mrs G Pocklington, Cllr S Rommell and Cllr Mrs S Banks
Clerk: Interim Clerk: C Addy

1. Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllr S Wright (Prior Commitment),
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 16 January 2025 were, agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings subject to the following amendments:
Cllr Goldspink was in attendance and was added to that list
Cllr Thompson was duplicated in those present and 'apologies for absence' – he was absent and was removed from the present list.
Resolved: that the minutes, subject to the above amendments, were confirmed as a true record.
 3. Updates on the Minutes
No updates on 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. Cemetery working group update
Cllr Hinch updated members on events that had taken place since the group last met. He confirmed the decision that all graves were to be grassed starting with the new plots and working to the more historic. A notice would be put in the cemetery noticeboard informing plot holders with letters going to those who required items to be removed from the plots prior to the work taking place. He had met with a plot holder to discuss a specific issue with regard to grassing and the placement of an ashes urn base; the Clerk was asked to obtain a price for a plinth for the urn to be put on. The quote would be on the agenda for the next meeting for approval by the Committee. An apology was given regarding the uncertainty of the cemetery letter been received for unknown reasons.
Resolved: The letter would be resent out
- Cllr Hinch also addressed the issue of the length of the grass in the cemetery; the seasonal workers had been called in to cut the grass early. The Clerk was asked to look into extending the season for the workers in the future and this issue would be on the agenda of the next Personnel Committee Meeting.

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6. Horsewell Pond clearing and signage

- 6.1 To consider clearing rubbish in Horsewell Pond – Cllr Hinch noted that the window of opportunity for clearing the pond of rubbish had passed as a protected species of newt lived in the pond. The next opportunity would be October.

The Clerk was asked to check out any legal requirements for the work to be done and get a quote for clearing the pond and bring it back to the next meeting.

- 6.2 To Consider New Signage (H&S) – The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for renewal of the signs and add it to the F&GP agenda.

7. Heritage Open Days

- 7.1 To consider opening the Town Hall for Sat/Sun 20/21 September 2025 – Members approved the suggested dates and agreed that the Town Hall would be open for the dates above.
- 7.2 To agree wording for brochure -The Clerk was asked to obtain a proof of the advert in the brochure before it went to print to confirm the accuracy of the information.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 To consider request from Hedon Crochet Group re Xmas tree – Members were generally happy to go ahead with the proposal but concern was raised about the possible health and safety risks of installation. The Clerk would ask the group to provide a scale model so that they could make a final decision.
- 8.2 To consider request from Hed'on Inn for benches on Iveson Car Park – Members agreed that the request should be granted as in previous years at a cost of £125 until October 2025.
- Resolved:** that Hed'On Inn could site benches on Iveson Car Park from 1 May to 31 October 2025 in accordance with previous years.
- 8.3 To consider request for siting of 'Health Inclusion' Van – After discussion Members felt that the town could not afford to lose parking spaces in Iveson Car Park. When considering alternative venues, and for there to be sufficient footfall to make it a viable proposal, the only suitable space would be on the Market Place with market day (Wednesday) being the most sensible. As the Market Place is leased to the Market Manager on Wednesdays, the Clerk was asked to consult with him to see if there is available space and if he would agree to the proposal.
- 8.4 To consider letter from ERYC re Town owned Bus Shelter Replacement Programme – Members felt they needed more information before making a decision. For the next meeting the Clerk was asked to provide details of the shelters already owned by the Town Council.

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

The Clerk informed members of an issue with the Stores building which had been without electricity since before Christmas. She had raised this with ERYC who had carried out emergency repair work to the adjacent building, unfortunately the work had only reconnected the intruder alarm but there was no other power to the stores. ERYC had agreed to look into this after the Xmas holidays but no progress had been made so far. The Clerk also informed members that the Council had received a very large electricity bill for the Stores which she was disputing with British Gas.

Cllrs Gallant and Dennis would take up the electricity repair issue at County Hall and report back to the next meeting.

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Chairman of Property

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