

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 March 2025

Present: Cllr P Hinch in the Chair
Cllrs: Cllr S Archer, Cllr C Billany, Cllr J Brindley, Cllr J Dennis, Cllr S Gallant,
Cllr B Goldspink, Cllr G Pocklington, Cllr S Rommell, Cllr Thompson and
Cllr S Wright
Clerk: Interim Clerk: C Addy & J Johnson Civic Officer

1. Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllr S Banks (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 13 February 2025 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings subject to the following amendments:
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. ERYC Replacement Bus Shelter Programme - update
Members noted that there had been no requests from the public either to the Town Council or to EYMS for new bus shelters. Members also considered the costs associated with applying for new sites with ERYC and the fact that maintenance costs of any new bus shelters agreed would be passed to the Town Council. The bus shelters already owned by the Town Council are well maintained. After discussion Members agreed to take no further action on this item.
Resolved: That no further action would be taken at present
6. Siting of NHS 'Health Inclusion' Van – update
The Clerk updated Members on her discussion with the Market Manager who was happy to have the NHS bus sited on the Market Place as he felt it would encourage people to come to the market. NHS would now confer with the Market Manager to make this happen.
7. Play Area – upgrade: the way forward
Members were aware that the play area was in need of some refurbishment as items had not been replaced for some time. There was some maintenance required eg wetpour repairs of the play area surface – identified at the last inspection.

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After discussion it was agreed that a working group of Cllrs: Billany, Thompson, Hinch and Pocklington would form a working group to look into what is required in more detail and report back to the next meeting. The Clerk would arrange a meeting with the Play Inspector and obtain prices for replacement play equipment.

8. Update re meeting with South Holderness IDB

Cllr Dennis declared an interest in this item as he was a member of the South Holderness IDB.

The Clerk updated Members that the date of the meeting was now proposed to be 9 April at 2pm in the Town Hall; once confirmation was received, she would update Members.

9. To consider Town Hall maintenance work re damp in Clerk's office

Members were made aware of the damp problem in the Town Clerk's office. West Design & Build (Terry West) had made an initial examination of the problem and outlined the issue for Members. There was no through air in this room or windows which made the problem worse. After lengthy discussion the Town Clerk was asked to contact the Conservation Officer at ERYC for suggestions on how to deal with rising damp in a Listed Building and perhaps to obtain quotes for the work required (although it was expected that the cost would be prohibitive). In the meantime, the Clerk was authorised to purchase a dehumidifier for use in the space.

Resolved: that the Clerk contact the Conservation Officer to look into how the problem could be solved and associated costs

Resolved: That the Clerk purchase a de-humidifier for the space

10. Tree Survey – update on tree works carried out

The Clerk updated Members on the fact that no remedial tree work had been carried during 2024 – 25 season which had only just come to light. The Clerk had contacted both JCA (consultants) and Rennison's (tree surgeons) prior to the meeting but neither company had been given any instructions in the current financial year. Members were concerned that the work identified as urgent in JCA's report had not been done, which carried health & safety/insurance implications. Members were also made aware that tree work could not be carried out during nesting season.

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact both JCA and Rennisons to find out the exact situation with regard to the trees that required work and when any remedial work could be undertaken as a matter of urgency. Cllr Hinch would inspect the Tree Survey to make himself familiar with the situation.

11. Update on Yorkshire Society spotlight status

Cllr Billany updated Members on his discussions with the Yorkshire Society around their plans for 'award for special status' plaques initiative. Members noted that there would be costs associated with being considered for this initiative but agreed to go ahead with their application. Cllr Billany would liaise with the Yorkshire Society on this. It was suggested that if the award is given, Mayor's Sunday would be a suitable occasion.

Members also discussed the possibility of hosting Yorkshire Day in 2027. After discussion Members agreed that it would be too difficult to have Hedfest and Yorkshire Day in the same year; Hedfest would take place in 2026 as originally agreed. Cllr Goldspink raised her concerns that hosting Yorkshire Day would put too much pressure on the Council staff and this must be taken into consideration before any agreement.

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It was also agreed that Cllr Billany (Mayor) would write to The Yorkshire Society informing them of the Council's interest in hosting Yorkshire Day in 2027, and - with the Mayor-Elect's approval – invite representatives to join the Council for the Annual Meeting (Mayormaking) and the dinner.

12. Correspondence

- 12.1 Cllr Gallant updated Members on the '20 is plenty' which comes into operation on 20 March. He asked that an item be put on the F&GP agenda for March.
- 12.2 The Clerk outlined an enquiry regarding a relative of someone interred in Hedon Cemetery who wanted to transplant a bench from Bridlington to Hedon. More information was required before the Council could make a decision and the Clerk would report back to the next meeting for a decision.
- 12.3 Councillors referred to the e-mail regarding the 'Mischief of Rats' sculpture which was proposed for Market Hill from May to September. Councillors had no problem with this as the sculpture would be looked after by the 'Mischief of Rats' organisation, covered by their insurance, and that organisation would also conduct a public consultation in the immediate area.

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

- 13.1.1 Cllr Gallant noted that ERYC were currently looking into the introduction of car parking charges for various areas, including Hedon.

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Chairman of Property