

Hedon Town Council

Annual Town Meeting

Held in the Town Hall, St Augustine's Gate, Hedon

3 April 2025

Present: Cllr C Billany (in the Chair)
Chairmen of Town Council Committees: Cllrs Hinch, Billany and Gallant
Minute Taker: Mrs J Macklin

Members of the public signed the Attendance Sheet (attached)

1. Welcome by the Mayor
The Mayor, Cllr Billany, welcomed all those present to the meeting.
2. To agree and adopt the minutes of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting
The Questions and Answers document of the Annual Town Meeting 2024 were agreed as a correct record of the proceedings thereat.
3. To consider any matters arising from the minutes
None
4. To receive Town Mayor's Annual Report
Cllr Billany gave a report on the Mayoral year 2024/2025; the report is attached to the Minutes.
5. To receive Annual Reports from the Chairmen of Committees
Cllr C Billany, Chairman of the Planning Committee, gave a report on the activities of that Committee from 2024/2025.
Cllr P Hinch, Chairman of the Property Committee, gave a report on the activities of that Committee during 2024/2025.
Cllr S Gallant gave a report on the activities of the Finance and General Purposes Committee during 2024/2025.

The reports from Chairmen were attached to the Minutes.

PC Hazel Cross gave a report on the police figures for the month for Hedon. Annual crime figures had been sent to the Town Council recently which reported incidents from Preston, Paull and Thorngumbald as well as Hedon.

PC Cross commented on the fact that crimes that show up on Facebook do not generate a police crime report and are not, therefore, included in any police statistics – which is what drives action by the police. Residents should always report any incidents directly to the police. If residents feel unsafe where they live, they can contact the police who will make an appointment and visit to give tips on how to make your home more secure.

6. Open Forum – to receive Written Questions
A record of the questions received and the answers given is attached to the Minutes.

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The Mayor thanked those that had attended the meeting, and the Chairmen of the Committees for their reports, and for the questions that had been raised.

Chairman

JM/ATM/03.04.2025

Mayor's speech

My fellow Councillors and residents of Hedon.

As I approach the end of my Mayoral year, I would like to thank everyone who has helped Yvonne and I throughout the year. This year has been an enjoyable one, meeting many of the Mayors from throughout our large county of East Riding of Yorkshire.

There has been many memories that I will take with me from my second term as Mayor for this historic town of Hedon. Some good, some bad. My year started as every year starts with the historic penny throwing and Mayor Making dinner. The event was quickly followed by a visit to Pocklington for their Mayor making event, followed by an evening reception with the Lord Lieutenant in June, the main aim is having a chance to meet all the new Mayors for this year. One of my highlights was presenting at the D Day celebrations and helping the deputy Lord Lieutenant to light the becon. There were a few hiccups during the evening, but the event was successful.

At the end of June we attended the Lord Mayor's service, and also Brigg's.

July was quiet apart from leading the Hedfest Parade, and mingling with happy residents and guest afterwards.

In August we were invited to York for Yorkshire Day, an event we were looking forward to (as we enjoyed both Rippon and Whitby). However the day was an absolute disaster. Poured down with rain in the morning, no breakfast for the dignitaries. The parade wasn't organised, the service wasn't anything to do with Yorkshire, and the food was a disappointment. The entertainment was a typical Yorkshire mariachi band, and a polish rapper!

From a low to a high with a visit to Driffield Cadet Training Centre. To see the Cadets training, also taking part in some of the activities, and watching the band play with the Hedon drum in front and centre, and opening Ruben's Voice concert, which is becoming an annual event to promote an excellent cause.

In September we were invited to Leconfield for the annual formal reception at the defence school of transport. The day after was the Heritage open weekend. It was during this event I started having a conversation with the Yorkshire Society, firstly it was to

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hold a silver show for them. However, with further conversations the idea of giving Hedon their first Spotlight on Yorkshire award to Hedon was presented to me. This will happen later this year during the nexts Mayor's civic Sunday. Then we went to Bridlington for their Civic service in full robes, then Barton upon Humber a week later.

In October it was my turn to hold my civic Sunday. Followed by our first Civic Dinner in Beverley Masonic Hall. Then we had two events in one day! Chair of East Riding Civic in North Cave in the morning followed by Keyingham & Ottringham in the afternoon. I did both Yvonne was shattered. I had to do Keyingham & Ottringham as my cousin is the clerk to Keyingham and chair in Ottringham! The Lord Mayor's at home event was postponed by the election to my birthday, we managed to get some plants cheaply!!

November was quiet apart from Remembrance Sunday, and taking part during the minute silence on the 11th November.

In December we had an enjoyable evening with the Mix Voice Choir and Opera 17, followed by watching the Hedon Nursery performing their Nativity. Then the most surreal moment of the year at the panto. I was asked by a fellow mayor after tasting my Jam at the silvershow earlier in December to bring a selection of them for them to buy to put to my charity. So after the Panto had finished and everyone was about to leave. I brought the car up to be near the door and opened the boot for the mayors to chose what they wanted. I didn't realise that there was a queue of people with chains on waiting. It was a good job a police car didn't drive by at that time!! The visits to the care homes became just one visit at Albermarle as Merrywick had to cancel due to flu. But we had a good concert with the Holderness academy in St Augustine's church.

January started in Hornsea with their civic service, Bridlington Civic Dinner, and ended back over the bridge to Crowle and Ealand, in February we went to Hessele.

March was busy with the High Sheriff's Legal Service in Beverley followed by Withernsea the following Sunday. Then on the Friday I held My civic dinner at Lambert House due to some members of

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the civic party having mobility issues. But the venue stole the show. Everyone was impressed with Lambert House and the food was excellent. Then the following day we were off to Drifffield for an informal event. March ended with a quick trip to Immingham and a silvershow to friends and guests. During which I had the chance to teach my old History teacher Mr Baish some history he didn't know.

In April we will be attending the Lord Mayors Civic Dinner and Market Weighton Civic service and dinner, and a chance to see the Hull Silver, plus visiting Albermarle care home and a chance to walk on fire in support of Ruben's Voice. In May VE80, will be busy as I will be having two picnics in the space of 2 hrs, followed a concert in St Augustine's church celebrating the end of the second world war. I will be lighting the beacon with the Deputy Lord Lieutenant.

This year I have been raising money for Parkinson's UK. The amount is currently over £1,000. This has pleased me as I have not been as busy as I wanted to be. But the money raised has come from raffles at civic events, Jam and Bake sales in St Augustine's church and Christmas Lights.

So as I finish I hope Cllr Hinch has an enjoyable year from May, and his chaingang is as welcoming as this years were to Yvonne and I.

This Council year 24/25 has been a quiet year for big planning applications. This year the council has only had a few applications for new houses in Hedon. Although most of these applications were rejected and some were accepted by the council, but they were all rejected by the East Riding council.

In June we just had one application for a new side window and balcony.

July there were applications for a wind turbine near to Salt End, a Solar Farm north of Preston, a demolition of a wall for vehicular access on Baxtergate, and tree works also down Baxtergate.

In August when the council was supposed to be in recess, However, planning never stops. There was an enforcement order for Merrywick Hall, New windows down Souttergate which is in a conservation area, and tree works in King's place.

September just covered three tree works in a tree conservation area.

October covered a resubmitted application for three houses near to Rush Lyvers lakes, a resubmitted application for the wall on Baxtergate, and tree work at Holyrood house.

November covered a single storey extension on Acklam and some tree works at Lambert House.

December the main the change of conditions request by the developer for the land north west of Kingston Hotel (we know them as the Energy Park), a new garage door in a conservation area and two tree works.

January was mainly covering tree works at Cautley mews, Orchard Cottage and Baxter House and a update on the Energy Park.

February covered a MOT bay on Thorn road, a new wall and railings down Church Lane and a Conservatory on Thorn Road.

March had a resubmitted plan for a new house off Ainslie road, an addition to Shakespeare public house in the shape of a covered walkway, a boundary fence on Berkley drive and three tree works on souttergate.

All of the tree works were passed onto the Tree officer. Work in a conservation area was passed onto the Conservation officer. Some of the planning was asked to be put to a committee for the East Riding to discuss.

Planning rules and regulations are currently being discussed in parliament at the moment which should free up the planning regulations in the future. So the future will see if more or less planning applications be presented to the council.

F&GP Report 2023-2024

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen.

My report this evening covers the last 12 months of the 2024/25 Budget and the Budget we have set for the year ahead. So I would like to give a bit of background context first.

The Importance of retaining **Reserves** – Some years ago now our reserves had fallen to around £40,000 – that's only a couple of months worth of spending. We agreed a strategic objective to address this gradually and over 7 years we gradually increased the reserves to £221,649 by April 2022 including £57k of earmarked reserves for Hedfest, new Cemetery land and the restoration of assets. This received strong approval of our auditor as Councils are meant to keep healthy reserves of upto half a year's turnover.

We do try and budget for a years anticipated spend, but the reserves are there to meet any unforeseen expenses and we have had number of these in the last few years –not least the ceiling above the stairs falling in three years ago or Alexandra Hall's plumbing problems. We have been able to meet these costs from reserves without having to jack up the precept for residents.

The cost of living crisis has affected Councils just as much as families. So for 3 years we agreed to meet any shortfall between income and expenditure from reserves as well and set a Precept that increased by only 3% over those 3 years. Other Councils have not been in the position to do this, so we have seen Beverley, Preston and Cottingham for example have to raise their precepts by over 25%.

This meant our reserves were reduced to £182,000 by April 2024, a reduction of £38,000. The Auditor reported that the Accounts had been maintained to a very high standard and commented that the financial control within the Council is excellent. After many years of good management of our finances we perhaps take it for granted, but we really shouldn't. We only have to look at Preston to see what can happen if its neglected.

2024/25 Budget and Precept - When we came to set the Budget and Precept for 2024/25 in January 2024 we faced further increases in costs, but decided we needed to try and replenish the reserves as well. So the precept was increased by 15%. That equated to £1.26 for a Band D house. That means over the las four years that's only 4.6% a year.

Expenditure – As we're having this meeting early this year, the figures for year end have not yet been finalized. But during the year we have continued to face inflationary increases on energy, fuel, stationery, and a new requirement for a H&S consultant which have challenged the budget set 15 months ago. Our biggest cost, which is staffing has also risen due to national pay awards back dated to April 1st 2024. Staff costs are 59% of our overall expenditure.

We also completed the pictures restoration, though that has been funded from our earmarked reserves as was the 2024 Hedfest. This reduces the earmarked reserves by over £18,000.

During the year we reviewed all budget lines to see what could be underspent or delayed to future years.

Overall we had overspends of £11,000 against budget, and unbudgeted cost of a new water bowser at nearly £12,000. But we also put some projects on hold or underspent by £28,000 on other budget lines. So overall we should still be able to add around £15,000 to our reserves, taking us back to around £200,000. So we are broadly where we expected to be. I think that is pretty good considering it has been a difficult year.

Income – Our precept income came in as budgeted at £256,600 and overall our income should be over £290,000 when finalised. Cemetery income has come in below budget, but that is offset by interest on our high interest account at around £7000.

Budget 2025/26 –

When Council met in January to set the Budget for 2025/26 we were aware that, while the inflation rate has fallen costs are continuing to rise. So we have increased the budget provision for staffing, energy, fuel and the consultant.

We also agreed to set aside an extra £4000 for cemetery land and £4000 for elections as we have to pay for the recent byelection.

So we have increased the precept by 10% this year, which equates to 97pence per month for a Band D house. I hope residents will appreciate that we do make every effort to get value for money while maintaining the town and its assets to a high standard and the price is worth paying for living in such a lovely town.

The F&GP committee's role is to manage the demands of maintaining the town and its facilities and assets within our fairly limited financial resources. I'm satisfied we have a set a budget that achieves that again.

Other Projects

The F&GP Committee is also responsible for many other Council activities.

This year we plan to add to the three solar powered streetlights we have already installed (a first in the East Riding).

One recent initiative we have backed is the extension of the 20mph speed limit zones in the town and we will be working with East Riding to review its success this year.

Under East Riding's community governance review it has been agreed that Preston South will become part of the town of Hedon from May 2027. While there are obvious benefits to this change, one benefit will be that the new residents will be contributing around £50,000 to the Town Council's revenue from 2027/28 financial year though we will also have additional costs to manage the new areas of course.

Finally,

I would just like to record my thanks to Caroline, the Asst Town Clerk who has done an excellent job once again in managing the Councils finances and secured an excellent report from the Auditor on the management systems and processes the Council uses. I'd like to thank my fellow Councillors for entrusting me to Chair the F&G Committee for another year, and I'd like to thank Cllr Brindley for serving as Deputy Chair of F&GP for his assistance over the year.

Cllr Steve Gallant

Chair of F&GP - April 3rd 2025

Hedon Town Council Property Committee
Chairman's Report
April 2025

Introduction

As Chairman of the Property Committee, it is my pleasure to present this report on the activities and progress of the committee over the past year. Our primary responsibility continues to be overseeing the management, maintenance, and development of the Town Council's properties, ensuring they serve the needs of the community and comply with all regulatory requirements.

1. Property Maintenance and Upkeep

Throughout the year, our committee has focused on ensuring that all properties under the Town Council's management remain in good condition. Regular inspections were carried out, and a proactive approach to necessary repairs and maintenance has been implemented. Some of the key projects include:

- **The Town Hall:** The exterior of the Town Hall requires painting, and quotes have been obtained for the works. Additionally, the Clerk has reported damp issues in the office and moisture showing on the stone floor in the hallway. It was agreed that these damp issues should be investigated further. As the Council has a responsibility to maintain the historic building, further guidance will be sought from the listed buildings officer. As an interim measure, a dehumidifier has been purchased.
- **Bus Shelters:** The town's bus shelters have been maintained throughout the year, with several being painted. There was an offer from East Riding Council for potential new shelters; however, due to the current good coverage and financial constraints, the offer was declined. We remain committed to maintaining the current shelters, which are regularly checked.
- **Painting of William Poultney :** The William Poultney painting was sent for restoration using previously budgeted funds. Extensive work was done to bring the painting back to its former glory, and it has been returned to its display location. A thank you was sent to the restoration company for their excellent work.
- **Parks and Green Spaces:** Ongoing work in our local parks has ensured the grounds remain well-kept and accessible. The annual tree report was undertaken in 2024; however, the required work has not been completed. It was agreed that the report be reviewed fully, and the contractor will begin works as soon as possible, focusing on dealing with any dangerous trees as a priority.

We continue to monitor the condition of park furniture and facilities, with several waste bins being replaced or repaired.

It has been highlighted that the paly park flooring on far bank is in need of repair or replacement, this year the zip wire has been repaired, and it has been agreed a working group be set up to review the current assets and their condition

The pond on Ivy Lane had become untidy, with rubbish discarded in it. Grounds staff removed these items safely, and further work will be required. Due to the presence of a protected species of newt, a permit will be needed. It is suggested that this work be carried out between October 2025 and January 2026.

A recent health and safety report recommended replacing the deep-water signs, which has been actioned.

Prior to writing this report the pond still contained water and subsequently due to recent lack of rain and dry weather the pond is now completely dry and ground staff have tidied it up. It will be recommended at the next Property Committee meeting that a working group should be set up to review the pond as a whole with a view to moving it forward.

- **Cemetery (Ivy Lane):** Following reports of plant removals from plots in Ivy Lane Cemetery, which led to complaints from distressed relatives, it was decided that the current cemetery rules and regulations should be reviewed. A working group was set up, and recommendations for the cemetery rules were made. Additionally, feedback was collected from residents who had expressed concerns. It was agreed that Councillor Hinch would carry out a review of the plant removal circumstances, which led to the complaints. A report was submitted to the committee for ratification of the new rules.

It was agreed that the cemetery would remain a lawned cemetery and that the rules that had been reviewed were adopted including no planting.

It was further agreed that after the review findings were heard despite plots being in breach of the rules there had been communication breakdowns and procedures incorrectly followed, and it was agreed a letter of apology be sent to all concerned which has been actioned

2. Health and Safety Compliance

A major focus for the committee has been ensuring that all properties meet the required health and safety standards. We have worked closely with a company employed to support the Council in completing risk assessments and ensuring all safety measures, including fire safety protocols, are up to date. Fire safety compliance remains a priority, although it is recommended that additional staff training be scheduled in the coming year to further enhance our practices.

3. Property Leases and Tenancies

The Property Committee has reviewed the current lease agreements for several town-owned buildings. A number of issues remain outstanding, including:

- **Scout Hut Lease:** The lease for the Scout Hut is still under review, with ongoing correspondence between solicitors. Further scrutiny is needed to ensure this matter is resolved as soon as possible.
 - **Council-Leased Equipment Store:** Discussions with East Riding Council regarding the equipment store in the car park at the rear of Lloyds Bank continue. There have been issues surrounding the lack of power, and East Riding Council had requested that Hedon Town Council contribute towards the installation of power. However, as the Town Council is the tenant and not the property owner, this request has not been agreed to. The matter is ongoing.
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4. Development Projects

LED Lighting Initiatives: The committee has begun looking into areas within Hedon that have poor lighting. We are investigating the possibility of installing LED solar-powered lights along Grape Lane and welcome suggestions from members of the public for other proposed areas which will improve safety and energy efficiency in these areas. We must be mindful of the police concern that putting a light into a shaded area can attract anti-social behaviour; but we must also consider the safety of those residents walking through those areas.

5. Financial Overview

Our financial management has remained prudent, with all projects being funded within the established budgetary constraints. We continue to seek cost-effective solutions while maintaining high standards across our properties. The committee is also exploring grant opportunities to help fund future development and refurbishment projects.

6. Community Engagement and Feedback

In addition to the property-related work, the committee has been involved in various community initiatives, it has been agreed to host the RAT sculpture on market hill which should draw people to the area.

Hedon has also been selected to receive a plaque from the Yorkshire society which is an honour for the town.

It was agreed to commemorate former Councillor Neil Black by conferring upon him the status of Honorary Freeman. This recognition of his contribution to the town was well received by the community.

7. Looking Ahead

Looking forward to the year ahead, the committee remains committed to maintaining our properties, enhancing the services we provide, and exploring new projects that will benefit the town and its residents.

- **Heritage Weekend:** Based on the success of previous years, it was agreed to continue with the Heritage Weekend in September. This event continues to celebrate the town's history and bring the community together.
 - **Yorkshire society plaque siting**
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Conclusion

It has been another busy year and the coming year appears also going to be similar.

I would like to extend my thanks to all committee members for their hard work and dedication over the past year. Their continued commitment ensures that our properties remain valuable assets to the community. I would also like to thank the Town Council office staff and the residents of Hedon for their ongoing support and engagement. Together, we look forward to another year of progress and improvement for our town.

Thank you for your attention.

Phil Hinch

Chairman, Hedon Town Council Property Committee

QUESTIONS FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION – 3 APRIL 2025

The questions have been listed in the order they were received.

FROM:	QUESTION
Written question from R Purdue	<p>"Lighting down Ivy Lane: I would like the Hedon Town Council to look into lighting being installed down Ivy Lane. In all the years I have gone up and down Ivy Lane I have never noticed that there is no lighting down there, until I myself fell over the grey/green moss concrete unmarked bollards next to Elsiegate on the 5th of February 2025. Because of my fall, I sustained injuries to my shin, elbow and hand alongside my new watch being broken. I wrote to ERYC informing them of my accident and my concerns and in my reply letter they stated that the parish and town councils have the ability to fund lighting in such areas of this. Street lighting may not be a statutory obligation for the council, but they certainly have a duty of care to their residents who walk up and down Ivy Lane at all times of the day and night.</p> <p>There are so many places down there in which undesirable people could be lurking and in this changing world that we are told we are living in now god forbid anything nasty happening to any of the towns residents. We need to feel safe wherever we walk in Hedon and walking down Ivy Lane with no lights is not safe.</p> <p>Thank you for giving this matter your attention, I look forward to the Town Councils response."</p> <p><i>Answer: The Annual Town Meeting can only take questions from electors of Hedon and the resident who submitted this question is a resident of Preston; however, the question would be discussed at a Property Committee Meeting.</i></p>
Written questions from Sonia Foster	<p>"I write with concern about anti-social behaviour which is occurring down Grape Lane in Hedon. As you may know this is a public walkway used by the public and children from the nearby nursery. Myself, and others, that live close by to Grape Lane have great concerns because it has gone from anti-social behaviour to drug taking habits.</p> <p>I recently received a letter from yourself informing me you were considering providing some solar lighting. The residents, including the Vicar at the local church, thought this would be the best outcome to stop and prevent gangs of youths behaving unsociably down Grape Lane.</p> <p>I ask that the Council consider putting some lighting down Grape Lane before something untoward occurs. I am now logging incidents with the local police and the last incident was on 5 March 2025 which was drug taking, before anything very serious occurs."</p> <p><i>Answer: Cllr Hinch (Chairman of the Property Committee) had mentioned in his report earlier the pros and cons of putting lights into a dark area. The Committee considered carefully where it placed these assets. He urged residents to contact the police with any information on anti-social behaviour; the police work on reports and statistics and action will follow. Grape Lane was an area that was being considered for lighting and consultations would be held with residents in the area and local partners eg the police. He also asked that residents send their suggestions for other areas to the Town Council for consideration and they would be discussed by the Property Committee.</i></p>

Written question from Julia Dervey	<p>Following on from yet another example of appalling and childish behaviour exhibited by certain Councillors (as demonstrated at the recent Finance & General Purposes Meeting), I would like to submit my question as below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is going to be done about the management of Councillors who persist in behaving in a manner that is unacceptable to many Town Residents? 2. Whilst I understand that any local resident may attend meetings, is there a Code of Conduct to establish the sort of acceptable behaviour and to establish what is not acceptable behaviour? <p>It is deplorable that any adults should be allowed to behave like spoiled infants and that other adults should have to put up with such outrageous behaviour.</p> <p>I would like to propose that ALL of the adults concerned, should be banned from future meetings until they have signed pledges to kerb their behaviour in future. Any further infringements should result in bans (length to be determined by uninvolved Councillors). Such bans should also apply to Councillors and repeated infractions should be due cause for dismissal from the Council.</p> <p><i>Answer: The Mayor outlined the procedure for members of the public to report bad behaviour through the Standards Board. He also noted that there were voluntary training courses available to Councillors to help them in the role. The Council had agreed for members to attend such a course but no dates had yet been tied down and not all councillors were willing to attend. However, all Councillors had signed up to a Civility and Respect Pledge although that was not legally binding. He noted that the Council has no power to ban councillors from meetings or to sanction Councillors' behaviour – that can only be done by the Standards Board. Cllr Gallant noted that all Councillors were required to sign up to a Code of Conduct but quite rightly it is very difficult to remove Councillors as they have been legitimately elected. The Mayor confirmed that members of the public, and Councillors, could be removed from individual meetings if they misbehaved – it was within the Chair of the meeting's power to do so.</i></p>
Written question from Mr Stammers	<p>I would like Hedon Town Council to discuss the possibility of making Souttergate permit parking for residents. Parking is getting increasingly difficult to find if you are a resident of Souttergate. Many shoppers park along Souttergate in an irresponsible way taking up 2 parking spaces for one car. There is ample parking at the station car park and in the centre of Hedon but people just don't make use of them.</p> <p><i>Answer: Cllr Gallant and Dennis (also ERYC Councillors) were asked to take this question. Introducing permit parking is not something that ERYC want to do; it causes administration issues, residents would be required to pay annually (presently £100) for a parking permit that doesn't guarantee them an actual parking space. Issuing parking permits would not solve the problem and isn't something the Town Council could introduce.</i></p>
Written question from Mrs Joyce Whittle	<p>What measures are Hedon Town Councillors taking to prevent Hedon being subject to car parking charges as it will surely impact residents, the community and all local trade?</p> <p>There are mixed messages as to whether the meeting at ERYC in June is to consider charges for car parking or for instigating measures to protect areas from car parking charges now and in the future.</p> <p><i>Answer: Cllr Gallant and Dennis (also ERYC Councillors) were asked to take this question. JD felt that there were too many issues with introducing parking charges in Hedon eg Iveson car park has three different owners; the Town Council, ERYC and a brewery. It would be difficult to make it work. Cllr Hinch noted that when this issue was discussed</i></p>

	<p>at a recent council meeting, all members had been in agreement that the Council would fight against the introduction of charges as it would force residents to use out of town supermarkets rather than local shops and services. SG noted that the first ERYC review panel had taken place with a second one planned for June; that meeting would set up a process to look at each town and evaluate if they can take car park charges. If the panel decides it would be possible then there would be a local consultation. He had already spoken against this at ERYC. He felt that the process needed to be stopped at the second review panel as once the process has been passed to ERYC Officers there could be no further input from ERYC Councillors to stop it. He had met with the ERYC Leader, Cllr Hanley, who was also against further introduction of car parking charges. In areas where car parking charges have been introduced, the problem is just moved further out and people park in side streets which causes its own problems. He also noted that the review into car parking charges was looking at an extension to the times that parking would be charged eg Sundays in areas where there are already charges in place.</p> <p>If a campaign against charges was required then the Council would be involved.</p>
Written question from Mrs Joyce Whittle	<p>Regarding the two MS3 telegraph poles on the corner of St Anthony's Park, why isn't Hedon Town Council insisting on the removal of one of these poles?</p> <p>Answer: Cllr Gallant noted that the Town Council does not have any control over MS3 telegraph poles; it had consulted with ERYC Street Scene Team who were not going to insist that one of the poles is removed. JD said that the poles were classed as national infrastructure. The Mayor agreed that the Council could write to MS3 and ask again that one of the poles be removed; but the company had not listened to it in the past.</p>
Written question from Mrs Joyce Whittle	<p>Does Hedon Town Council not think that the solar farm will impact wildlife in that area and also impact visually our historic town?</p> <p>Answer: The Mayor confirmed that questions about the impact on wildlife had been asked by the Town Council of the developers during the consultation stage and of ERYC during the application process; however, ERYC had passed the application. SG noted that the developers were holding a public consultation at the Haven Arms on 3 April and would be meeting with Town Councillors before the next Planning Committee Meeting and concerns would be shared again. He noted that land around Newton Garth was being left for wildlife and that some of the land that had been secured would be left undeveloped for nature with new hedgerows being planted.</p>
Written question from Mr David Ellis	<p>What is Hedon's 25 year Structure Plan? I note the last one was prepared in 1999 and obviously the new 25 year plan is in progress. What is the procedure for input from the residents?</p> <p>Answer: The Mayor noted that the reference on the website to the 25 year Structure Plan for Hedon was historic; this document had been superseded by the EYRC Local Plan which had a section based on Hedon. The website wording would be updated to show that this is an historic document.</p>
Any question that does not receive an answer due to time pressures will be put on the relevant agenda for the next council committee meeting	