

**LEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting**  
**of the Hedon Town Council**  
**Held in the Town Hall, St Augustine's Gate, Hedon**  
  
**22 MAY 2025**

Present: Councillor C Billany/Cllr Hinch in the Chair  
Councillors: S Banks, J Brindley, J Dennis,  
S Gallant, Mrs B Goldspink, D Thompson and Mrs S Wright

**There was a minute's silence**

1. Election of the Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council 2025/2026  
It was proposed by Cllr J Dennis and seconded by Cllr S Gallant that Cllr P Hinch be elected as Mayor of Hedon and Chairman of the Council for 2025/2026.

**Resolved:** that Cllr P Hinch be elected as Mayor of Hedon and Chairman of the Council for 2025/2026

2. Apologies  
Cllrs: S Archer, J Brindley and S Rommell

**The Town Mayor retired to the Parlour for robing**

3. Tribute by Cllr J Dennis to Cllr C Billany – retiring Mayor – on his successful year in office  
Cllr Dennis gave a tribute to Cllr C Billany retiring Mayor.

**The Mayor returned to the Council Chamber and was invested with his Chain of Office**

4. The Mayor to announce the appointment of his Mayoress  
The Mayor announced that Mrs Lisa Hinch will be the Mayoress for 2025/2026.

**The Mayoress was invested with her Chain of Office**

5. The Mayor to announce the appointment of his Chaplain  
The Mayor announced that the Rev Dr Susan Pulko will be the Mayor's Chaplain for 2025/2026.
6. Election of the Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman of the Council 2025/2026  
It was proposed by Cllr P Hinch and seconded by Cllr S Gallant that Cllr S Wright be elected as Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chairman of the Council for 2025/2026.

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**Resolved:** that Cllr S Wright be elected as Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman of the Council for 2025/2026

## **The Deputy Mayor was invested with her Chain of Office**

7. The Deputy Mayor to announce the appointment of her Deputy Consort  
The Deputy Mayor announced that Mr Howard Wright will be her Deputy Consort for 2025/2026.
8. The Mayor made presentations of gifts  
The Mayor presented gifts to the outgoing Mayoress, Mrs Yvonne Billany, the incoming Deputy Mayoress, Cllr S Wright and the incoming Chaplain, Rev Susan Pulko.

## **The Mayor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

### 9. Standing Committees

**Resolved:** that the following four standing Committees be appointed, each to comprise of all members of the Council:

Planning Committee, Property Committee, Finance & General Purposes Committee and Emergency Planning Committee

**Resolved:** that, except for the months of May, August and December when other dates will be decided; meetings will be held as follows:

**Second Thursday of each month** – Planning and Property Committees

**Fourth Thursday of each month** – Planning (if required) and Finance & General Purposes Committee plus the meeting of the Hedon Town Council

**Resolved:** that the Emergency Planning Committee would meet as required

11. Mayor's Sunday Announcement. The Town Mayor's Civic  
The Mayor's Civic Service will be held at St. Augustine's Church, Hedon on Sunday 12 October 2025

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_