

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

29 MAY 2025

Present: In the Chair – Cllr S Gallant
Cllrs: S Archer, S Banks, C Billany, J Brindley, J Dennis, B Goldspink, P Hinch,
G Pocklington and D Thompson
Clerk: C Addy

1. To Elect a Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Billany and seconded by Cllr Banks that Cllr Gallant be Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. There were no other nominations and Cllr Gallant was elected unopposed.

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 Banks that Cllr Brindley be Vice Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. There were no other nominations and Cllr Brindley was elected unopposed.

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

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: S Rommel (illness) and S Wright (prior commitment)

4. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 24 April 2025 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat subject to an amendment under minute no 13; Cllr Goldspink was a volunteer at Hedon Museum not a Committee Member.

Resolved: That the minutes were confirmed as a true record subject to the amendment above

5. Updates on the Minutes

Resolved: There were no updates to the minutes.

6. Declaration of Interests

4.1 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.

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

7. To approve Accounts Payable Schedule – May 2025

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

Resolved: that the schedule of payments for May 2025, signed by two Councillors, in the sum of £20,288.90 was approved.

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8. To receive an update on the financial position of the Council as at 30 April 2025

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 2025. The Chairman referred to the Budget Monitoring Report and after discussion it was agreed that funds contained within Ear Marked Reserves for the following should be moved back into General Reserves:

- Restoration of Paintings (£12k) – the work is complete
- Bus Shelters (£2k) should be moved back into General Reserves
- Hedfest (£6,479) moved to General Reserve to cover cost of 2024 expenditure

Resolved: that the EMR movement set out above was approved

Resolved: that £20k would be transferred to the CCLA Investment Account

Resolved: that the schedules showing receipts/payments made during April 2025 and the budget monitoring report were approved.

9. To review Risk Reports for Allotments, Bus Shelters, Car Parks, CCTV, Cemeteries/Churchyards and Clocks

The Chairman referred to the Risk Reports for Allotments, Bus Shelters, Car Parks, CCTV, Cemeteries/Churchyards and Clocks.

With regard to CCTV risks; Cllr Hinch raised his concern at the anti-social behaviour being reported at the skate park and the damage caused to the surface. He felt that action was needed to mitigate risks. After discussion it was agreed that more investigation should be done to look into CCTV coverage of the skate park area and whether additional and/or mobile cameras were necessary elsewhere and how they could be funded. The Clerk was also asked to write to Inspector Foster to ask whether police patrols in the area could be increased.

Resolved: that the Risk Assessment Reports for Allotments, Bus Shelters, Car Parks, CCTV, Cemeteries/Churchyards and Clocks policies were approved as tabled

10. Events Working Group

Cllr Banks updated members on the discussions at the meeting held earlier. Members had discussed producing Christmas/general cards for sale rather than a Hedon calendar (which had not sold well in for 2025). The idea was for six cards to a pack and produced two different sets – one with Christmas messages and one blank. It was suggested that historic photos would work well. Cllr Banks was obtaining quotes for discussion and other events which are been suggested are Flower Arrangement night and Art Exhibition. The next meeting which will be held on 26 June at 6pm.

10.1 Diffey Fund (2024) – Update: The Clerk confirmed that all the outstanding information had now been sent to the funding section; a reply was awaited.

11. Hedfest Working Group 2026 - update

Cllr Thompson noted that the meeting scheduled for 25 April had not taken place. He confirmed previous discussed had suggested a date for Hedfest 2026 of 25 July and it was noted that the church was free on that date. Cllr Thompson had confirmed the date with Rev Pulko.

Cllrs Thompson and Banks were working on a funding proposal. The next meeting of the group was scheduled for 12 noon on Friday 13 June. It was hoped that more members would attend to move this project forward.

Resolved: that the date of Hedfest 2026 was confirmed as 25 July 2026

12. Correspondence

12.1 Members discussed the use of the Town Hall Chamber by South Holderness Academy for one to one tuition which had been put in place without reference to the Councillors and without paperwork. It appeared that permission had been given for one to one sessions for the January school term. Members did not feel that it was an appropriate location for one to one sessions and were concerned that no paperwork had been put in place by the previous Clerk. The Clerk was asked to bring this arrangement to an end.

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- 12.2 Cllr Gallant raised the possibility of the Council purchasing the 'Rat' once the 'Rat Trail' project comes to an end and the sculptures come up for sale. The Clerk was asked to investigate if the Council had the power to make this purchase and, if they do, to contact the company and make them aware of the Council's interest.
- 13. Members' points of information and items for the agenda
 - 13.1 Cllr Gallant updated members on ERYC's proposed amendments to car park charging in East Riding which had been scrapped at a meeting held recently. No further action will be taken on this for the foreseeable future.
 - 13.2 Cllr Thompson requested that a representative of Holderness Health be invited to talk to the Councillors regarding the new appointment system and whether the 'Forum' was still operating.

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Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee

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