

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

10 July 2025

Present: S Wright in the Chair
Cllrs: Cllr S Archer, C Billany, Cllr J Brindley, Cllr J Dennis, Cllr S Gallant,
Cllr B Goldspink and Cllr D Thompson
Town Clerk: C Addy

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from S Banks (prior commitment), Cllr Dennis (prior commitment) and S Rommell (Prior commitment) Cllr Pocklington (illness)

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 12 June 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 To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of the

5. Proposal for Solar Lighting - update

The Clerk updated members on her conversation with Proelectric regarding purchase of the lights; which could be done prior to installation. Quotes had been received for installation with the best quote being received from L & K Warcup. The Clerk reminded members that permission for installation of the lights had not yet been received from ERYC, nor had any up-to-date consultation with residents on Ivy Lane or Grape Lane taken place, which could have a bearing on ERYC's decision.

After discussion members agreed that, despite not having permission from ERYC, they would purchase the lights and store them inhouse until this was received. If ERYC denied permission, then the Council would store the lights until alternative locations were agreed.

Resolved: that the quote from Proelectric for supply of 2 solar lights was accepted at a cost of £4530 plus VAT; the lights to be stored inhouse if permission for the sites proposed was not given by ERYC

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6. Town Hall damp issue – update

Members noted that the work to the Town Clerk's office would be carried out on 5/6 August 2025.

7. To consider painting of Town Hall frontage

The Clerk had requested up to date quotes for the painting work required to the front of the Town Hall. After discussions members agreed to defer their decision until the up to date quotes were received.

8. Hedon Museum – update on Hedon Charters held

Cllr Hinch confirmed that all the Council's charters were present and correct and held by Hedon Museum on loan from the Council. The documents were being kept in the appropriate condition for their age.

9. To consider rota of Councillors for Heritage Weekend (20/21 Sept)

The Clerk asked Councillors to fill in their availability on a rota sheet for the opening of the Town Hall for Heritage Weekend. The Town Hall could only be open if two Councillors were on duty during the period.

10. To consider siting of Memorial Bench for Allen Marshall

A request had been received from the family of ex Councillor Allen Marshall to site a memorial bench on Market Hill at the family's cost. Members felt that this was an appropriate area and the Town Clerk was asked to meet the family to confirm the actual site.

Resolved: that the Council approved the siting of a memorial bench, to be supplied and installed by the family of Allen Marshall, on Market Hill

11. Tree matters – update following meeting with the Tree Consultants (JCA)

The Clerk updated members on her meeting with JCA who were the consultants that did the surveys and supplied the reports. The historical issue was that the work set out in the report following the surveys should have been carried out by Rennisons (who have always carried out the tree work in Hedon that cannot be done by the Council's own workforce); unfortunately, there had been a misunderstanding of exactly who did what in the last three years resulting in a backlog of work required at a cost of £19k. The Clerk was awaiting Rennison's confirmation of whether they could split the cost over two financial years and she would bring that back to the next meeting for a decision.

Cllr Goldspink raised her concern at the health of the trees at the entrance to Merryman Garth; the Clerk would ask the Works Supervisor to check them out.

12. Far Bank Play Area and Skate Park – update on maintenance required

The Clerk reported that a recent annual inspection for the play area and skate park had raised some maintenance issues that needed dealing with. Anti-social behaviour, particularly with regard to the skate park, was a concern and had been reported to the police on every occasion it happened. Members noted that the Clerk was proceeding with the possibility of funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner with regard to CCTV but the cost would be in the region of £12k. There was no provision for borrowing a camera any more. ERYC Anti-Social Team were aware and the area was on their list for a visit sometime in the future.

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Members discussed various suggestions on how to prevent anti-social behaviour and the Clerk would investigate.

Resolved: that the maintenance work set out in the annual inspection would be carried out as soon as possible

13. To consider provision of additional children's play area for Inmans

Cllr Hinch outlined the history of the fact that planners would require any new development to have a play area but that was not the case when Inmans was built. He had looked at Greville Road as a possible site but it was not suitable due to access problems. He felt that the land owned by the Council known as The Gannock could be considered for a small play area. He noted that there was a residents group who were campaigning for this and had done some work already on plans for where, what and how to fund such a play area.

After a lengthy discussion members felt that there was merit in the proposal but that more work was required on funding especially. The Council supported the need for a play area on this estate and asked the residents' group to report back with information on costings and funding. No work would be undertaken before a proper consultation process with all the residents in the area had taken place and the large cost of any proposal would mean that the work could not be undertaken this year even if it was agreed.

The Council did not have the budget to embark on such a proposal within the near future but work could be to explore the project and agree a way forward.

Resolved: that the Council would look into the feasibility of siting a small play area on Council owned land on Inmans Estate

14. Hosewell Poind Working Group – update following first meeting

Cllr Hinch updated members on the first meeting of the working group; the main topic of discussion had been how to get the pond back in working order. The group were still in the investigation stages and would report back when they had more information.

15. Cemetery Benches

Cllr Wright declared an interest in this item as the person requesting the replacement bench was a relative. She took part in the vote.

A request had been made by a resident to replace a bench in the cemetery but not from the Council's agreed supplier. Members discussed this but felt that the rules should apply to everyone and that all benches in the cemetery should be purchased through the approved supplier. The Clerk would obtain a price for the resident from the Council's supplier. It was suggested that once the price was obtained it was added to the list of Council charges document.

Resolved: that any benches installed in the cemetery would be supplied through the Council by the approved contractor and the request was therefore denied; however, the Clerk would contact the Council's supplier to obtain a quote for a replacement bench

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16. Prolectric – Alured Garth – replacement columns from review visit

The Chair referred to the letter received from Prolectric following the maintenance visit and survey of the solar lights.

Resolved: that option (2) in the Prolectric letter was approved: with annual inspections of columns and free replacements as and when required.

17. Correspondence

17.1 Members noted the e-mail from a resident but where very happy with the current arrangements.

18. Members' points of information and items or the agenda

18.1 Cllr Hinch raised the possibility of tables and chairs being used on the Market Place for hospitality in line with other towns. Members felt this was a good idea and Cllr Hinch would discuss the possibility with the owner of the restaurant on Market Place.⁸

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Chairman of Property