

# 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

24 July 2025

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: S Banks (sickness) and B Goldspink (previous commitment)

2. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 25 June 2025 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat.

**Resolved:** That the minutes were confirmed as a true record

3. Updates on the Minutes

**Resolved:** There were no updates to the minutes.

4. 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.

5. To approve Accounts Payable Schedule – July 2025

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

**Resolved:** that the schedule of payments for July 2025, signed by two Councillors, in the sum of £19,210.46 was approved.

6. To receive an update on the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 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 June 2025.

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

7. To review Risk Reports for Employment of Staff, Financial Management, Gifts, Land and Litter Bins

The Chairman referred to the Risk Reports for Employment Staff, Financial Management, Gifts, Land and Litter Bins.

**Resolved:** that the Risk Assessment Reports for Employment of Staff, Financial Management, Gifts, Land and Litter Bins were approved as tabled

8. Events Working Group

In Cllr Banks absence, Cllr Thompson updated members on the discussions at the meeting held earlier. Cllr Thompson outlined the process that the group had gone through to obtain quotes for production of the Christmas/General cards and asked for approval for expenditure of £310 for 600 cards to be sold at £4 per pack of 6.

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**Resolved:** that expenditure of £310 to Greenprint for the production of 600 cards was approved

Plans were being made for Scruffs 2026 Dog Show with an agreed date of 18 April 2026 at The Station pub. Also, the group were holding a Flower Arranging evening on 13 August which was already being well attended but there were a few places left. The group also were looking into holding an art exhibition in 2026.

9. To approve purchase of xmas trees (town centre and for sale)

The Chairman outline the quotes that had been received for the xmas trees for the town centre and Town Hall; and also the trees that were sold on to retailers/households in the centre of Hedon.

**Resolved:** that the quote from Newsholme Christmas Trees of £637 for the town centre/Town Hall trees was approved to be delivered on 24 November 2025

**Resolved:** that the quote from Newsholme Christmas Trees for those trees that were sold to retailers/households in the centre of Hedon of £1276 was approved; delivered on 10 November 2025

10. To approve selling price for retail xmas trees

Members agreed that the selling price of the trees to retailers etc should remain the same as last year.

**Resolved:** that the trees should be sold at a price of £20 as last year

11. Hedfest Working Group 2026 - update

Cllr Thompson noted that the meeting due to be held earlier in the day had been rearranged to take place at 12 noon on Friday 26 July. The group would be looking at who could take ownership of the parade and the quotes received; it was hoped to bring more information to the next F&GP for approval on expenditure.

12. 'Rat Trail' purchases of Sculpture - Update

The Clerk confirmed that the organisers were planning to sell all of the 'rats' by auction and were looking for approximately £15k for each one. This wasn't something the Town Council could be involved in; however, Holderness Academy were still planning on purchasing the sculpture. If they were successful, they would be willing to leave 'Amy' in place until after Yorkshire Day 2027 but then it would be moved to the school grounds.

13. To approve purchase of John Deere tractor

The Chairman referred to the discussions held on the quotes received for a replacement tractor. The choice had been between a brand new tractor vs an ex-demo tractor with few miles on the clock at a reduced cost. The company was also willing to take the old tractor as a trade in against a new one. The Council felt the best value option would be to trade in the old tractor against the ex-demo tractor.

**Resolved:** that the quote from Ripon Farm Services of £16,500 plus VAT was approved

14. To confirm Yorkshire Day 2027 in Hedon and approve budgeting process for event

Cllr Hinch outlined his suggestions for what budget would be required for the event and that a working group was formed to look into this in more detail. He felt that a budget of £30k would be required but there would be opportunities for sponsorship, and opportunities to involve local companies in the event. It was noted that tickets would be sold to civics all over Yorkshire. The Chairman suggested that the Clerk talk to the ERYC Civic Officer for assistance. Members agreed that the working group should meet as soon as possible and a date of Thursday 11 September (before regular meetings) was agreed with all Councillors in attendance for the inaugural meeting.

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The Mayor would report back on the organisation from Yorkshire Day 2025 which he was attending on 1 August at Bradford.

**Resolved:** that Hedon would host Yorkshire Day in 2027 and that, in the first instance, councillors would form a working group to scope out what would be required with regards to finances, organisation and community involvement. The first meeting would take place on 11 September at 6pm

15. Correspondence  
None.

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

- 16.1 Members noted that the land next to Rush Lyvars was unsightly and seemed to have been left in that state as a recent planning application had been refused. The Clerk was asked to raise the concern that there may be contaminants on the site.
- 16.2 Solar Lights: The Clerk had met with ERYC Lighting Engineer to agree sites for the two solar lights which would be delivered soon. The Engineer would also have the relevant department look into whether the short bollards required any attention.

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Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee