

QUESTIONS FOR - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION – 24 July 2025

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

FROM:	QUESTION
Written question from D Ellis	<p>Maintenance Cost of playgrounds during the 3 financial years - the reason for asking for 3 years cost is because if there is vandalism to equipment and safety surfacing this wouldn't give a true picture of the average annual cost</p> <p><i>Answer: The information for the previous accounting year was contained in the accounts of the Town Council which were open to view by residents of Hedon between 3 June and 14 July. The resident made an appointment to view these documents but cancelled it. There is an opportunity every year for residents to do this which is advertised on the website and in noticeboards.</i></p>
Written questions from D Ellis	<p>Why are the 2 no hanging baskets outside the Town Hall larger than the rest on the main road</p> <p><i>Answer: The Council pays for 14" hanging baskets for outside the Town Hall which are slightly more expensive than the 12" baskets it sells to retailers; the idea is to keep the costs down for residents/retailers. Council decision.</i></p>
Written question from D Ellis	<p>I am very surprised of the cost of Memorial Benches for locating in Watson Park, open spaces and Hedon Cemetery As a 'responsible council' should officers seek a better price for a provision of this service as this cost may be unaffordable for residents wishing to provide one for family and friends? I appreciate the HTC wants to support local traders but at what cost to stakeholders.</p> <p><i>Answer: There are no benches in Watson Park and the Council does not own any benches in open spaces. There is limited space in the Cemetery for memorial benches and a decision was taken some years ago to have a standard of extremely robust benches from one contractor to keep down maintenance costs for residents who purchase benches.</i></p>
Written question from D Ellis	<p>I am often asked by residents I meet whilst walking our dog what services does HTC provide to Council taxpayers? Obviously, Hedon Cemetery, Market Square Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance Split between HTC & ERYC Street scene Services, Playground and small outdoor events like Christmas Lights Switch-On, Bi- annual Hedfest and Dog Show</p> <p><i>Answer: All of the above. HTC also has a role to play in the Planning process, runs allotments, maintains town assets like the Town Hall, has a civic function with the Senior town Mayor in Yorkshire, and is the voice for Hedon residents within East Riding of Yorkshire Council. All residents are welcome to come to all council meetings to see what is dealt with or ask an elected member for information.</i></p>

<p>Written question from D Ellis</p>	<p>Items affecting Hedon residents taken to East Riding of Yorkshire Councils and outcomes - could these be displayed on the Town Hall & Market Square notice boards twice a year on a sheet of A4 paper? I have asked Cllr John Dennis 4 times over recent years, but this has not been answered. As John, Sue and Steve are paid a salary surely, they should report back to not only Councillors but residents? Not many people read Council minutes and may only find out in the informative Holderness Heartbeat magazine!</p> <p><i>Answer: Any discussion, decisions that Hedon Town Council ask ERYC Councillors to take up on their behalf with ERYC are contained in the Town Council minutes and are open to the public. They can be accessed on the website, or any resident can come into the Town Hall, and ask to see minutes. Or attend meetings!</i></p> <p><i>How ERYC Councillors report back to residents is not an issue for the Town Council. If residents want to know what the ERYC Councillors are doing on their behalf, then, again, they have access to the minutes of ERYC meetings which are open to the public. They can also attend meetings in person or watch proceedings online for most ERYC meetings.</i></p>
<p>Question from the floor</p>	<p>Could Hedon Town Council sort the weeds around the Market Place and clean the road signs</p> <p><i>Answer: Weed killer has already been applied to this area but the Clerk would ask the General Works Supervisor to regularly check this area. So far as cleaning the road signs are concerned, this is the responsibility of ERYC and cannot be undertaken by Town Council staff.</i></p>
<p>Question from the floor</p>	<p>Regarding Stride on Baxtergate, the resident was concerned at the foul language coming out of the outside space and asked what could be done about the issue.</p> <p><i>Answer: the local policing team were in attendance and answered this point. They asked if any reports had been made to the police on this issue because they have meetings every three weeks to discuss whether there had been reported problems; which they then take up with the Manager. The resident had not made reports on this occasion; the police reiterated their request that all anti-social behaviour was reported to them so they could do something about it. The Mayor also said that any anti-social behaviour should also be reported to the ASB Team at ERYC who provide blank logs for this purpose.</i></p>
<p>Question from the floor</p>	<p>Regarding Stride on Baxtergate, the resident was concerned that his wife was being verbally abused by Stride residents sitting in Watsons Park early in the morning, drinking and swearing.</p> <p><i>Answer: again, the local policing team answered this point. Any anti-social behaviour must be reported to the police in order for them to do anything about it. The answer above refers.</i></p>

Question from the floor	<p>When were the trees in the Cemetery having work done to trim the branches as they were hanging quite low.</p> <p>Answer: <i>All the tree work required in the Cemetery was scheduled to be done in the autumn. The Clerk would ask the General Works Supervisor to look at the particular branch that was causing a problem.</i></p>
Any question that does not receive an answer due to time pressures would be put on the relevant agenda for the next council committee meeting	

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