

# 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 11 December 2025

Present: In the Chair – Cllr S Gallant  
Cllrs: S Archer, C Billany, J Brindley, J Dennis, S Rommell  
Clerk: C Addy

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: S Banks (prior commitment), P Hinch (prior commitment), B Goldspink (prior commitment), G Pocklington (prior commitment), S Wright (prior commitment) and D Thompson (illness)

2. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 27 November 2025 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat

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

3. Updates on the Minutes

None.

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 – December 2025

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

**Resolved:** that the schedule of payments for December 2025, signed by two Councillors, in the sum of £21,960.29 was approved

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

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

7. To review Risk Reports for Village Signs and War Memorials

The Chairman referred to the Risk Reports for Village Signs and War Memorials.

**Resolved:** that the Risk Assessment Reports for Village Signs and War Memorials were approved as tabled

8. Update on and ratify on Lloyds Banking/Cash Hub information

Cllr Dennis updated members following Graham Stuart's announcement regarding a Cash Hub in the town centre. Two shops had been interested in hosting the cash hub but the favoured place for this was inside the ERYC Library building.

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Concern was raised at the current opening hours of the library building which could be a barrier for residents. The Clerk said that discussions were happening around access possibilities to a dedicated area within the library building for out of hours. It was hoped that pressure could be brought to bear to ensure that the cash hub was in place before the bank closed.

## 9 Correspondence

- 9.1 ERYC consultation on designation of town centres across the region as High Street Rental Auction (HSRA) areas: Members felt that there were issues with this proposal in that landlords could and should not be forced to take lower rents. Fortunately, there were no empty shops in Hedon but Members opposed the proposals and the Clerk would reply to the consultation document.  
**Resolved:** that the Council opposed the proposals

## 10 Members' points of information and items for the agenda

- 10.1 Cllr Dennis informed Members of a proposal to have a 'Men in Sheds' in Hedon and the group were looking for suitable premises.
- 10.2 Cllr Billany updated Members on recent ERNLLCA meetings; legislation was in progress to introduce the ability to suspend Councillors by the Standards Committee for breaches to the Code of Conduct.
- 10.3 Cllr Brindley raised concerns at the lack of progress with regard to Hedfest organisation. The Clerk had spoken to Cllr Thompson (Chair of the Working Group) but she noted that no movement had been made on obtaining sponsorship or booking entertainment. She had suggested to Cllr Thompson that Hedfest could be moved to 2027 and be part of the Yorkshire Day Celebrations as a combined event. The Clerk would check with Africa Studios to see if anything was owed for work done towards a 2026 event so far. Cllr Thompson felt this was a good idea and it should be discussed at council. An item proposing postponement of the 2026 event would be discussed in more detail at the next F&GP meeting for a decision to be taken.
- 10.4 The Clerk updated members on the permission requested for filming in the cemetery; she outlined the further information she had been asked to request and which she had now received. Members were therefore happy to approve the request. An item would be on the next Property Committee agenda to formally approve the request.

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Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee