

# 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 26 March 2026

Present: In the Chair – Cllr S Gallant  
Cllrs: S Archer, C Billany, J Brindley, J Dennis, B Goldspink, P Hinch, and  
S Rommell,  
C Addy (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence  
Cllrs: S Banks, (Prior Commitment), G Pocklington (Prior Commitment), S Wright (Prior Commitment)
2. Confirmation of the Minutes  
The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 26 February 2026 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 –March 2026  
The Schedule previously circulated to Members, will form part of the Minutes.  
**Resolved:** that the schedule of payments for March 2026, signed by two Councillors, in the sum of £20,618.51 was approved.
6. To receive an update on the financial position of the Council as at 28 February 2026  
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 28 February 2026.  
**Resolved:** that the schedules showing receipts/payments made during February 2026 and the budget monitoring report were approved.
7. To note Insurance provision and cost for financial year 2026-27  
Members noted the Insurance provision and cost for the year 2026-27; it was noted that the Council would need to review the Insurance arrangements following the conclusion of the five-year agreement which comes to an end in April 2027.  
**Resolved:** that the Council accepted the Insurance provision and cost for 2026-27

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## 8. Yorkshire Day 2027/Hedfest - Update

Cllr Hinch updated Members on Yorkshire Day 2027/Hedfest weekend event; quotes were still awaited from Lambert House and Marquee companies. Cllr Hinch was investigating various sponsors and hoped that a meeting would be held soon. The next meeting of the working group was scheduled for 9 April. The Clerk reported that she had completed an application for the Mayor of Hull & ER fund for £10k. She was currently looking into other funding opportunities. A quote had been received from East Riding's Town Crier who had said he was available on the date if required, and he would work with the Macebearer.

## 9. Events Working Group - Update

The Town Clerk updated members on Scruffs Dog show, arrangements were in hand for 18<sup>th</sup> April and another working group meeting would take place before that date. The Clerk reported that the Spring Flower Arrangement Evening at the Town Hall on Wednesday 29 April was now sold out. The next working group meeting would be held at 12 noon on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

## 10. To consider advertising at South Holderness Cricket Club 2026 Season

*Cllr Goldspink declared a personal interest as her neighbour was involved in the Cricket Club.*

The Chairman referred to the document previously circulated giving details of the levels of expenditure on offer. Members agreed to sponsor the Cricket Club at Tier level 4 at a cost of £250.00. This would allow the Council to advertise events at the ground and on their website whilst supporting the Cricket Club. The Town Clerk was asked to find out when the Club were holding the next Sponsorship Day.

**Resolved:** that the Council would sponsor South Holderness Cricket Club at Tier 4 at a cost of £250 for the 2026 Season.

## 11. To note Fire Risk Assessment for Town Hall

The Clerk updated members that the assessment had taken place however the full Fire Risk Report had not yet been received. The report was being chased. It had been noted that there were no fire points in the downstairs offices which would need to be remedied.

**Resolved:** This item would be deferred to the next meeting once the report had been received

## 12. Memorial Safety Inspection – update on Quotes

The Clerk noted that only one quote had been received so far which worked out at approximately £9.5k for the Council; the quote was per headstone at £8.00 + VAT depending on headstone size – the Council had around 1200 headstones. The Clerk had contacted the contractor who had mentioned that two neighbouring parish councils were interested in having the same work done; the Clerk had asked whether there would be some reduction in the cost if all three councils had the work done at the same time. The Clerk had also recently received information on three more contractors from ICCM and it was hoped that more quotes could be received before the next meeting.

## 13. To consider 'Expression of Interest in UK Town of Culture 2028

The Chairman noted the information that had been circulated and the deadline for Expressions of Interest was 31 March 2026. The Clerk updated members that at the present it was planned as a one-off event but it could be that if it proved popular, which it seemed to be with multiple towns in the region putting in Expressions of Interest, that it would become a more frequent event. Concern was raised at the amount of work for the Council staff just to put in an Expression of Interest in a very short time; consultation with local community groups and people were an important part of the process. It was felt that too much was required in too short a time to be involved in the 2028 event.

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14. Correspondence

There no items of correspondence.

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

- 15.1 Cllr Brindley asked about an e-mail that had been sent from the contractor that had carried out the cleaning of the Cenotaph regarding further work to paths. The Town Clerk confirmed that the points raised in the e-mail would be an agenda item on the next Property Committee agenda.
- 15.2 Cllr Dennis again raised the possibility of a path across Market Hill; the Town Clerk reported that investigation work as to what was underneath the grass on Market Hill where the path was believed to be, would be carried out once the area had dried out sufficiently for the work to be done without causing damage to the grassy area.
- 15.3 Cllr Goldspink raised her concern at the inconsiderate and dangerous parking on the New Road/Roslyn Crescent junction which meant that some vehicles had to reverse onto the main road and emergency vehicle access was impossible. The Town Clerk was asked to report the concerns to ERYC to see if double yellow lines would be considered.

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Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee