

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
25 June 2026

Present: In the Chair – Cllr S Gallant
Cllrs: S Archer, S Banks, C Billany, J Dennis, B Goldspink and G Pocklington
C Addy (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: J Brindley, (Prior Commitment), P Hinch (Prior Commitment), S Rommell (Prior Commitment) and S Wright (Prior Commitment)

2. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 28 May 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 – June 2026

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

Resolved: that the schedule of payments for June 2026, signed by two Councillors, in the sum of £23441.09 was approved.

6. To receive an update on the financial position of the Council as at 31 May 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 31 May 2026.

Resolved: that the schedules showing receipts/payments made during May 2026 and the budget monitoring report were approved.

The Chairman noted the reference in the Property Committee meeting to a list of wayleaves being reviewed; he reminded members that they annually reviewed the list of wayleaves which would be coming back to F&GP Committee for review within the next few months.

7. To review Risk Assessments for Allotments, Bus Shelters, Car Parks, CCTV

The Chairman referred to the Risk Reports for Allotments, Bus Shelters, Car Parks, CCTV, all members discussed the Risk Reports and approved them as tabled.

Resolved: that the Risk Assessment Reports for Allotments, Bus Shelters, Car Parks and CCTV were approved as tabled

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8. To consider grant application from St Augustine's Church – Organ Servicing
Cllr Billany declared a financial interest as he was a member of the PCC for St Augustine's Church and left the Chamber during the discussion and vote.
The Chairman referred to the grant application document received from St Augustine's Church for servicing the church organ. After discussion members approved a grant of £500 for this purpose.

Resolved: that the grant application for the sum of £500, for servicing St Augustine's Church organ, was approved

9. Yorkshire Day Event 2027 Working Group - Update
Cllr Billany gave a brief update from the last working group meeting; notes of which had been circulated to all members. The Town Clerk updated members on funding applications made; no confirmations had been received yet. It was imperative that members continued their work to obtain sponsorship in order to offset the cost of the event. It was agreed that a schedule for each day's events should be produced with a timetable for acts/events that could be added to as each item was put in place. The next meeting of the working group was scheduled for 9 July and sponsorship and schedule of events should be the priorities.

- 10 By-election vacancy update
The Chairman noted that there were three candidates for the upcoming by-election which would be held on 9 July. ERYC had asked if the Council wanted postal polling cards at a cost of approx. £6k and given 24 hours for a reply which had meant it was impossible to take the decision to a Council meeting. The Chair and Deputy Chair of F&GP Committee had felt it was not the best use funds and asked the Committee to confirm their decision not to have polling cards. Members were disappointed at the amount of time given for the decision, and at the cost, but felt that it was not appropriate to have polling cards. They did feel that as much advertising of the by-election should be put in place as possible and extra notices had been put up and were available for members to take out to local shops and businesses.

Resolved: That postal polling cards would not be made available for the by-election on 9 July, however the Council would advertise the event through posters and social media

- 11 Correspondence
11.1 The Town Clerk confirmed that ERNLLCA had provided advice regarding nomination of members for Chair/Deputy Chair of Committees if they were absent from the meeting (which had been circulated). It confirmed that members could be nominated to a position in their absence; however, members were reminded that if they were absent from a meeting they could not take part in a vote.
11.2 The Town Clerk noted the correspondence that had been received from the Environment Agency regarding investigation ground works that would be taking place in Hedon regarding the work required to the footbridges over the drain. The works were due to commence on 29 June. The Town Clerk also noted the repairs required to the bridge behind the cemetery which was on the right of way. The EA had denied the bridge was theirs and said it belonged to ERYC; a reply from ERYC was awaited. The bridge had been cordoned off for safety.

12. Members' points of information and items for the agenda
The Town Clerk was asked to pull the blinds in the Council Chamber during periods of intense heat; this would protect the paintings in the room and also make it a more pleasant environment for meetings.