

Hedon Town Council
Notes of the Proceedings of
A Public Participation Meeting

Held at Inmans Primary School, Inmans Road, Hedon

6.45pm on 27 January 2022

The Mayor welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Written questions had been received from members of the public. The questions, and the answers given, are attached to these notes.

Councillors were concerned that some of the questions raised indicated an on-going problem of residents not knowing what was within the remit of the Town Council and what could only be done by ERYC. Members felt that an article in the Council newsletter would help.

An instance of fly tipping had been reported to ERYC and it was noted that ERYC could not remove rubbish from private land. Any problems with fly tipping should be reported directly to ERYC.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 7.05pm in order for the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting to begin; all questions that had been received were answered.

The Mayor thanked those that had attended the meeting for their contributions.

Chairman _____

QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION – 27 JANUARY 2022

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

FROM:	QUESTION
Written question from Neil Russell	The grassy area on Market Hill has been blighted over the years by anti-social behaviour in the evenings and frequent littering. The area already has 3 benches for public use which are regularly used late in the evening by youths as a place to gather, play loud music and take drugs (believe me, the smell of marijuana is overpowering when walking my dog there late at night). With this in mind, could someone please explain which bright spark came up with the idea of adding a further 3 benches to this small area which will no doubt make the problem worse? I assume also the council is happy to cover the additional cost of policing and cleaning this area up which will no doubt be necessary in the summer months as the weather improves. Given there are already 3 benches in this small area already could the council not find a more suitable location to site these new tables? Answer: <i>The benches were provided by ERYC as part of the 'Reopening High Street' funding and are not meant to be static; they were placed on the Market Hill initially but can be moved to other locations in the town. The police have not raised this area as a problem for anti-social behaviour and any incidents should be reported directly to the police.</i>
Written question from Neil Russell	Dog fouling in Hedon is rife. I challenged an elderly gent today who let his Jack Russell foul on the pavement walking down Baxtergate and refused to pick it up. Who do we report these people to please and will any action be taken if we do? Answer: <i>The Town Clerk had replied directly to the resident on this point and given the direct contact number for ERYC Dog Wardens who could hand out penalty notices for dog fouling where incidents were reported to them (can also be done via ERYC website). If there are particular areas of concern these should be reported and the Dog Wardens will visit those areas. The Town Council would look into using a stencil and paint on pavements in areas of specific concern.</i>
Written question from Neil Russell	Speeding on Souttergate – I appreciate that the Council are limited in their powers but as ERYC are not prepared to address this problem and given the route is used by schoolchildren on a daily basis I just wanted it noted on record that there is an accident waiting to happen on this stretch of road. I regularly see vehicles speed down this small one way street at speeds of what must be in excess of 50mph. Does it take the loss of a child's life to spur ERYC into action? Please raise this issue in the meeting and consider what action if any Hedon Town Council can take to address this serious issue. The average speed must be closer to 40mph rather than the 20mph limit. Answer: <i>ERYC have recently concluded a speed survey on Souttergate and it scored too low for any action to be taken by them. The Town Council were looking into hiring Speed Indicator Signs for Souttergate but the results of the survey mean that this action cannot be taken. The Town Council has requested a meeting with the police and ERYC Highways to discuss the problem but no reply has yet been received. The Town Clerk was asked to chase all parties for a reply.</i>

Written question from Tracy Moverley	I am emailing to enquire if the council is able to do anything about our local footpaths and bridleways areas off Elsiegate and areas of the old railway line they are extremely muddy and slippery. The area behind the cemetery has a lot of wood clippings which have been in bags for a long time, on my last walk a small area had been covered in these but could they be put to other areas too? Also, many railways have now been turned into cycle routes they have sustainable surfaces such as gravel etc. Could the council approach the organisation Sustrans.org, perhaps they could be approached? With lockdowns more people are using these countryside walks and it would be nice not to walk in a mudbath. More people have got dogs in the last couple of years and a lot of walkers would appreciate a less muddy walk to having as many muddy paws to clean. Answer: <i>The bridleways and public rights of way around the back of Elsiegate and the Cemetery are looked after by ERYC. The Town Council receives a small grant to cut the grass on some of the pathways but that is all the council are allowed to do unless further work is sanctioned by ERYC and they only have limited funds to look after all the PROWs across the East Riding of Yorkshire area. Putting wood chippings down on muddy paths only works for a very short time as they are quickly walked in and become part of the problem rather than the solution. The Town Clerk was asked to contact the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan Team to see if anything is planned for improvements to the railway track.</i>
Written questions from Tom & Jasmin of the Kings Head	What are the council's proposals for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June? Do the council have any plans to apply for road or street closures for a street party on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June? Would the council or committee involved with the planning of events such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Christmas Lights switch on be willing to liaise with the public houses and businesses of Hedon and work together on such events to give a better experience for residents of Hedon? Instead of events clashing or to be of a similar nature. If the council would agree to working more closely with the businesses of Hedon on large events I'm sure we could develop some great things. Could the Landlords/Business owners who have an interest in such events be invited onto the committee which organise them? Answer: <i>The Town Council has always tried to involve all residents and businesses in the events that it plans for Hedon; although it was recognised that this has not always been successful. Mr Croft had been invited to attend the QE70 Working Group meeting and be involved in the organisation of the Jubilee events planned for 2 – 5 June 2022 along with representatives from community groups.</i>
Any question that did not receive an answer due to time pressures would be put on the relevant agenda for the next council committee meeting	