

Hedon Town Council
Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of
The Property Committee of the Hedon Town Council
Held in the Town Hall, St Augustine's Gate, Hedon

9 October 2025

Present: Cllr S Wright in the Chair
Cllrs: S Archer, S Banks, C Billany, J Brindley, J Dennis, S Gallant,
P Hinch and S Rommell
Town Clerk: C Addy

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr B Goldspink (prior commitment), Cllr G Pocklington (illness) and Cllr D Thompson (illness)

Resolved: that apologies were accepted

2. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Property Committee of the Hedon Town Council held on 11 September 2025 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings subject to the following amendments:

Resolved: that the minutes, subject to the above amendments, were confirmed as a true record.

3. Updates on the Minutes

No updates on the minutes

4. Declaration of Interests

4.1 It was agreed that any declaration of interest be dealt with at the time the relevant item was discussed.

4.2 To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of the

5. To consider proposals for outside eating area on the Market Place

Cllr Hinch declared an interest, he took no part in the discussion or vote and left the room.

Members discussed the proposal for outside seating on the Market Place for Santorini's. Although they were concerned at the loss of a parking space in this area; members felt that this enterprise should be supported subject to any necessary permissions from ERYC. They were willing to have a one-year trial period at a rent of £25 per week – again, subject to the applicant obtaining the relevant permissions from ERYC.

Resolved: that the Committee supported the application for outside seating on the Market Place for a trial period of one year at a rent of £25 per week; subject to the relevant permissions being obtained from ERYC

6. To consider ERYC's suggested location for PSPO signs

The Chairman referred to the list of suggested lamp posts for the newly extended PSPO alcohol prohibition signs which had been received from ERYC.

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Members agreed with all the locations but would wish to have two signs erected near the cemetery; one on the post outside the cemetery gate and one closer to Elsiegate. The Clerk would reply to ERYC.

7. To consider replacing equipment in the play area

The Clerk outlined quotations received from the two companies that replied to the request for prices etc for play equipment. After a lengthy discussion Members agreed that they should replace the seesaw piece of equipment; however, they did not agree on which of the quotes should be approved and asked the Clerk to obtain pictures of the actual equipment to enable them to make that decision at the next meeting and clarify the position on whether the quotes received included any repair to the wetpour surface.

8. To consider Memorial Safety Inspection

The Clerk updated members on the requirement for a Memorial Safety Inspection which was last done in 2020. Members discussed the best way of accomplishing this time-consuming job and agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotes for a suitable company to carry out the survey and any issues that may arise. A budget of at least £5k would be included in the budget for 2026-27 so that the work could be carried out early in the new financial year.

Resolved: that a budget item for Memorial Safety Inspection (of at least £5k) be included in the 2026/27 financial year budget; the Clerk would obtain quotes and bring that information back to a subsequent meeting

9. To consider re-instating Market Hill Footpath

Cllr Dennis raised the possibility of the Council reinstating the old stepping stone footpath that historically crossed Market Hill. Members felt that this would be an interesting and appropriate thing to investigate and the Town Clerk was asked to look into this this could be accomplished and what the costs might be.

10. Roll of Honour - Updating

Cllr Dennis asked Members to consider refurbishing the Rolls of Honour, particularly the most recent, to bring them all up to a standard. After discussion the Clerk was asked to investigate how this could be accomplished and what the associated costs might be. The information would be brought back to a future meeting for further discussion and, possibly, a budget item for 2026/27.

11. Correspondence

None

12. Members points of information and items for next agenda

12.1 Christmas Tree – Market Place: Cllr Hinch suggested that the decorations for the town Christmas tree be updated/replaced. The Clerk would look into costs of shatter-proof, large sized baubles and an item would be put on the F&GP Agenda for approval.

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- 12.2 It was noted that two trees (one of Merryman Garth and one on Farrand Way) that were dying had been removed by Rennisons.
- 12.3 The Clerk noted that there were various issues around the ownership and responsibility for trees that she was currently dealing with. The problem was that ERYC did not seem to understand their own position with regard to trees that were on either no-man's land or on private land. They insisted on sending residents to the Town Council about trees that the Town Council does not own. Town and Parish Councils have no legal powers to spend money on trees/land they do not own whereas unitary authorities, like ERYC, have legal powers to do so. She would raise this with Cllrs Dennis and Gallant as Ward Councillors as this problem needed a combined approach with ERYC to get a definitive answer.

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Chairman of Property