

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

12 March 2026

Present: Cllr S Wright/ Cllr P Hinch in the Chair
Cllrs: Cllr S Banks, Cllr C Billany, Cllr J Brindley, Cllr J Dennis, Cllr S Gallant, Cllr B Goldspink, Cllr G Pocklington, and Cllr S Wright

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Thompson(illness) and S Archer (prior commitments)

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 12 February 2026 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 agenda items listed below

5. Replica of King John Charter and Seal - Update

Members noted that Mr Hawkes of the Arts Restoration Company would visit Hedon Museum, meeting with Martin Craven and the Mayor, to look at the charters that required replicating on Wednesday 18 March. Council's decision on the King John Charter seal had been passed on and the work would be undertaken accordingly.

6. Security Gate outside Kitchen – reaffirm decision from F & GP (26.2.26)

The Town Clerk explained that there had been some confusion when the decision had been taken on the work for a security gate outside the kitchen and Members had approved an incorrect price for the work required. Only one quote had been received for the work required at a cost of £1800 plus VAT, not £1475 plus VAT as recorded at the F&GP meeting. Members were asked to clarify if they wished the work to go ahead at the correct price.

Resolved: Members agreed that the work to provide a security gate outside the Town Hall kitchen should be awarded to Shade and Secure at a cost of £1800 + VAT

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7. To note Public Right of Way dispute – Hedon Haven

Cllr Wright declared a pecuniary interest as she is a neighbouring landowner, she left the room and took no part in the discussion or vote. Cllr Hinch chaired the meeting for this item.

Members noted the information received earlier from a resident who had recently bought land on Hedon Haven for charitable purposes. He had requested access across the Town Council section of land that gives access onto this piece of land either by purchasing it or by obtaining Council's permission. There was discussion about exactly who had access to/across the Council's piece of land and what rights off way were in place currently, and whether alternative rights of way could be agreed with ERYC that would satisfy all parties. Members noted that the Council had a policy of not selling Council land and agreed that the piece of land at Hedon Haven was not for sale.

Members the discussed whether they would be willing to allow a wayleave for anyone wishing to cross this land and what the cost would be. Members agreed that they were willing to enter in wayleaves with all parties that wished to have access across Town Council land in principle. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should arrange a meeting with Andrew Chudley (ERYC) as soon as possible to discuss what could be agreed with regard to the current rights of way and whether it was possible to re-route the paths in this area. The Council could then discuss the terms of a wayleave agreement for all parties requiring access across this piece of land.

Resolved: that the Town Council land at Hedon Haven was not for sale

Resolved: that the Town Council agreed in principle to putting in place wayleaves across the piece of land at Hedon Haven, subject to generic terms being agreed for all parties requiring access to/across the land

8. To consider inclusion in the Heritage Open Days weekend 19/20 September 2026

Councillors agreed to be part of the Heritage Open weekend in September 2026 but asked that the information contained in the 2026 information booklet could be checked before publication, as the opening times for 2025 had been incorrect.

Resolved: that the Council would take part in the Heritage Open Days weekend

9. To consider request for potential use of land behind the Amy Black Centre to site two containers permanently

Cllrs Brindley and Rommell declared personal interests in this item as they were on the Amy Black Community Centre Committee. Cllr Dennis declared a personal interest as he had had discussions with the Men in Sheds organisers previously

The Chairman noted the information which had been received from the Men in Sheds regarding their request for use of land behind the Amy Black Community Centre.

The meeting was suspended for five minutes to allow the Men in Sheds organisers to answer questions from Members.

Following a discussion various concerns were raised including where on the field behind the Amy Black Community Centre the building could be sited, whether a road would be required to get to any proposed site for the 'Men in Sheds' building, whether any consultation with nearby residences would be required, what size of building was envisaged and what services/facilities would be required. Members felt that more information was required before a decision could be made. The Town Clerk was asked to investigate what permission had been given to the Amy Black Community Centre Committee by the Council, some years ago, regarding use of the land immediately behind the Community Centre.

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The Men in Sheds organisers were asked to provide a more detailed proposal in time for the next Property Committee meeting which would be held on 9 April 2026.

Resolved: A decision on this item was deferred to the next Property Committee Meeting when more information would be available

10. Correspondence

10.1 Members noted that the information asked for under a FOI request from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service on the number of ambulance callouts to The Stride had been received as follows:

November 2025 - 5

December 2025 - 5

January 2026 - 9

10.2 The Town Clerk reported that the quarterly Play Area Inspection Report had highlighted a 'very high risk' for one of the springers in the children's play area and the item required immediate removal or replacement. A quote of £1485 had been received from Streetscape for replacement of the item.

Resolved: that the springer should be replaced asap by Streetscape at a cost of £1485

11. Members' points of information and items on the agenda

11.1 Provision of a Bleed Kit – due to the difficulty involved in obtaining planning permission for a second cabinet on the outside of the Town Hall, the Town Clerk was looking at the cost of a replacement cabinet which could house both the defibrillator and a bleed kit. Cllr Hinch suggested that there could be alternative locations for the Bleed Kit on street furniture owned by the Council eg the noticeboard on the Market Place. This item would be on the next Property Committee agenda for further discussion.

11.2 The Town Clerk noted the information that she had received regarding the UK Town of Culture (2028 Expression of Interest) and asked whether Members were interested in putting in an Expression of Interest (these were due by 31 March). After discussion Members felt that more information was required on the frequency of this eg annually etc before a decision could be taken. It was felt that a lot of towns in the East Riding region had expressed their interest initially and it may be better to look at this in the future rather than rush in when the deadline for Expressions of Interest was so soon. The Town Clerk was asked to find out more information and put this on the F&GP Agenda for a decision.

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Chairman of Property