

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

14 May 2026

Present: Cllr S Wright/Cllr P Hinch in the Chair
Cllrs: C Billany, J Brindley, J Dennis, G Pocklington, S Rommell & S Wright

1. Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllr S Archer (prior commitment) Cllr S Gallant (prior commitment) and Cllr B Goldspink (prior Commitment)
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 09 April 2026 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings
Resolved: that the minutes 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/Charter quote – Update
 - 5.1 It was noted that the King John Charter and Seal (together with the replicas) were being collected and returned to the Town Hall on Friday 15 May.
 - 5.2 Members also noted that all the historic charters previously stored at the Museum had been collected and would be taken to the Art Restoration Company on Friday 15 May for the agreed replicas to be made. Investigations had taken place into the purchase of a suitable storage cabinet for the originals to be stored in the Town Hall once the work was complete. An item would be on the next F&GP Committee agenda for approval of the expenditure required.
6. To consider work to Cemetery
 - 6.1 Work to Uneven Paths
The Town Clerk reported that temporary repairs had been completed on the uneven sections of path. However, members felt that due to health and safety reasons, all the work required to repair/renew paths should be carried out as a matter of urgency. Although the Town Clerk had invited various contractors to quote for the work required, only two quotes had been received. Members discussed the blind quote information and awarded the work to Contractor A.

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The Town Clerk was asked to contact the contractor and have the work done as a matter of urgency. The Clerk would put an item on the F&GP Agenda for 28 May to confirm the expenditure required.

Resolved: that the work to repair/renew uneven paths in the cemetery was awarded to RSG Groundworks Ltd at a total cost of £12,200; an agenda item would be put before the F&GP Committee on 28 May to confirm the expenditure

7 Update re painting of Town Hall frontage

Members noted that the decorating work to the Town Hall would need to be carried out before Hedon hosted Yorkshire Day 2027. Unfortunately, the quotes that had been received last year were now out of date. The Town Clerk had received one updated quote and had been in touch with the other contractors for updated information. Members asked that an item be included on the F&PG Committee agenda once all the updated quotes had been received so a decision could be taken.

8 To consider damage to Council owned land at Chestnut Avenue

Members discussed the damage that had been caused to Council owned land on Chestnut Avenue where a resident had damaged the grass alongside his property, but owned by the Town Council, and laid paving stones and gravel on land that he did not own. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would send a letter to the resident requesting that the land be reinstated to its original state within 14 days.

Resolved: That a letter would be sent to the resident concerned requesting that the land be reinstated to its original state within 14 days

9. To consider action following sewerage overflow into Watmough's Arcade (with regard to Town Hall/Alexandra Hall toilets and ERYC public toilets)

The Chairman outlined the recent issues with an overflow of sewage on Watmough's Arcade; she referred to a letter which had been received from Mr Reed (previously circulated to all Members). Yorkshire Water had confirmed that the problem had been caused by a blockage in the ERYC Public Toilets caused by users putting wetwipes down the toilets. The toilets in Alexandra Hall/Town Hall had been blocked as they system had backed up from ERYC Public Toilets. The Council had investigated the Town Hall toilets drainage system by having a camera put through the system which showed that the problem was not with our drains. The Town Clerk confirmed that Yorkshire Water refused to give a contact telephone number. It was noted that if ERYC Public Toilets malfunctioned the system backed up and then the Town Hall toilets backed up.

After discussion Members felt that ultimately the responsibility for fixing the issues lay with Yorkshire Water.

Resolved: that a letter would be sent to ERYC to request signage in the public toilets informing residents what they should and SHOULD NOT be putting down the toilets

Resolved: that a letter would be sent to Yorkshire Water asking what they intended to do to solve the issues with drainage in Watmough's Arcade

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10. Photographing 'Hedon Penny' update

After checking with the resident, the Town Clerk confirmed that the request to photograph the 'Hedon Penny' was purely for reference purposes as there was not a clear image of the coin elsewhere. After a discussion Members agreed to approve the request but asked the Town Clerk to put together some paperwork that stated that the photograph could only be used for reference purposes and was not to be put on social media etc. It was agreed that a copy of the photo should be given to Hedon Museum for their records.

Resolved: that the Council approved the request to photograph the 'Hedon Penny' for reference purposes, subject to agreement in writing that the photo was not to be put out on social media but was for reference purposes only

11. Correspondence

Cllr Wright took no part in the discussion as she owned the neighbouring land; Cllr Hinch chaired this item.

11.1 Members were updated on the actions of Mr Kirby who had cut back some hawthorn hedges and cut some grassed areas on the piece of land owned by the Town Council to make the area tidier. He had asked if raised boxes could be placed on the land. Mr Kirby was also still interested in having a wayleave over this piece of land. After discussion Members agreed to a site visit at 2.30pm on 10 June; once the visit had taken place the Committee would then discuss the future of this area again.

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

12.1 A suggestion was made that the Property Committee members could visit the various pieces of land owned by the Council to monitor the areas. The Town Clerk would look into providing a map showing areas owned by the Town Council and put an item on the next agenda to agree a way forward.

12.2 It was noted that there was a problem with nettles and overgrown foliage near the Old Station car park; the Grounds Work Supervisor knew about the issue and would deal with it as soon as he was able.

12.3 It was noted that more complaints were being reported to councillors and the staff at the Town Hall about people drinking during the day in Hedon; the Town Clerk noted that the police were aware and residents were being asked to report any instances of this directly to the police to drive action, as just letting councillors/council staff know was not enough.

12.4 The Chairman noted that she had been asked again by the Scouts about putting in a path on Far Bank; the Town Clerk reminded members that the Council did not own the relevant piece of land and that approaches should be made to the Environment Agency who were carrying out work in that area and on the bridge over the drain.

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- 12.5 The Chairman noted that, following a negative facebook post concerning the planters in the Market Place, she had thought it would be beneficial to invite children from both primary schools to help plant out the planters in the Market Place to discourage vandalism/theft of plants. She had made provisional plans for this to take place the day after she was elected as Mayor. Members felt this was a positive approach and agreed with the plans; the Town Clerk would put an item on the F&GP Committee agenda to confirm the decision.

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Chairman of Property

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