

LEDON TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
of the Hedon Town Council
Held in the Town Hall, St Augustine's Gate, Hedon

21 MAY 2026

Present: Councillor Cllr Hinch/Wright in the Chair
Councillors: S Archer, S Banks, C Billany, J Dennis, S Gallant,
G Pocklington, and S Rommell

1. Election of the Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council 2026/2027
It was proposed by Cllr S Gallant and seconded by Cllr S Rommell that Cllr S Wright be elected as Mayor of Hedon and Chairman of the Council for 2026/2027.

Resolved: that Cllr S Wright was elected as Mayor of Hedon and Chairman of the Council for 2026/2027

2. Apologies
Cllrs: J Brindley and B Goldspink

The Town Mayor retired to the Parlour for robing

3. Tribute by Cllr J Dennis to Cllr P Hinch – retiring Mayor – on his successful year in office
Cllr Dennis gave a tribute to Cllr P Hinch (retiring Mayor).

The Mayor returned to the Council Chamber and was invested with her Chain of Office

4. The Mayor to announce the appointment of her Consort
The Mayor announced that Mrs Emily Wilkin will be the Consort for 2026/2027.

The Consort was invested with her Chain of Office

5. The Mayor to announce the appointment of his Chaplain
The Mayor announced that the Rev Dr Susan Pulko will be the Mayor's Chaplain for 2026/2027.
6. Election of the Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman of the Council 2026/2027
It was proposed by Cllr G Pocklington and seconded by Cllr S Rommell that Cllr S Banks be elected as Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chairman of the Council for 2026/2027.

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Resolved: that Cllr S Banks was elected as Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman of the Council for 2026/2027

The Deputy Mayor was invested with her Chain of Office

7. The Deputy Mayor to announce the appointment of her Deputy Consort
The Deputy Mayor announced that Samantha Morid will be her Deputy Consort for 2026/2027.
8. The Mayor made presentations of gifts
The Mayor presented gifts to the outgoing Mayoress, Mrs Lisa Hinch; the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cllr S Wright and the incoming Deputy Mayor, Cllr S Banks and the incoming Chaplain, Rev Susan Pulko.

The Mayor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

9. Standing Committees
Resolved: that the following four standing Committees be appointed, each to comprise of all members of the Council:
Planning Committee, Property Committee, Finance & General Purposes Committee and Emergency Planning Committee
Resolved: that, except for the months of May, August and December when other dates will be decided; meetings will be held as follows:
Second Thursday of each month – Planning and Property Committees
Fourth Thursday of each month – Planning (if required) and Finance & General Purposes Committee plus the meeting of the Hedon Town Council
Resolved: that the Emergency Planning Committee would meet as required
Resolved: that the Personnel Committee would meet as required
10. Mayor's Sunday Announcement
The Mayor's Civic Service will be held at St. Augustine's Church, Hedon on Sunday 4th October 2026.

Chairman