

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

10 September 2026

Present: Cllr P Hinch in the Chair
Cllrs: S Archer, S Banks, C Billany, J Brindley, J Dennis, S Gallant,
B Goldspink, G Pocklington, D Storr and S Rommell

1. Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from S Wright (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 9 July 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. Cemetery Memorial Wall:
 - 5.1 To consider allowing memorial plaques update – The Town Clerk has requested quotes but more information is required before quotes can be obtained regarding uniformity of font and size of lettering. After a lengthy discussion Members felt that, due to limited space on the wall which would allow for approx. 100 plaques, the spaces should be reserved for people who were authorised to scatter ashes in the cemetery and therefore did not have a headstone/memorial stone to visit.
Resolved: that the plaque spaces should be reserved for those that are authorised by the Town Council to scatter ashes in the cemetery
 - 5.2 To consider purchase of two benches update – Members noted that there had been considerable overspend of the current year's budget so far in the current financial year and it was felt that the purchase of the benches should be postponed until the next financial year.
Resolved: that the purchase of two benches for the Memorial Wall would be postponed until the next financial year
6. To consider request for play area – Greville Road
Members were reminded that a consultation regarding this play area had been consulted a few years ago and the residents had not wanted play equipment (other than the goalposts) in this area. There had been no changes to the access to the area which comprised of a narrow pedestrian path which would cause problems for construction and/or emergency access.

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Members were also conscious of the cost of providing any play area and that there was no provision in the current year's budget for such a large project.

Resolved: that the Council did not feel that the Greville Road play area was an appropriate place for play equipment; however, they would be looking at other areas as part of the budget discussions for the next financial year

7. To consider repair work to Town Hall drainage pipe (including scaffolding)

Members noted that during the recent decorating works it had been noted that further repair work was required to replace a badly damaged cast iron downpipe; unfortunately, it had not been possible to retain the scaffolding that was erected for the decorating work to enable the pipe to be replaced (scaffolding being a large part of the quote for the work).

Resolved: that the work to replace the downpipe be carried out as soon as possible by West Design & Build at a cost of £2290 plus vat.

8. To consider replacement of damaged 'springer' equipment in play area – as highlighted by a recent inspection

The Town Clerk reported on the recent inspection of the play area and skate park which had highlighted the requirement for some repairs. The damaged 'springer' required removing or replacing as a matter of urgency. After discussion Members agreed that the item should be removed for now and an amount included in the 2027-28 budget for a new 'springer'.

Resolved: that the 'springer' be removed due to safety concerns and replaced in the next financial year (2027-28)

9. Update following Memorial Safety Inspection

Members noted that the inspection was complete with only three headstones having to be laid down in the churchyard and two in the cemetery. There were a number of 'amber' highlights that needed looking at. The Cemetery Supervisor is looking at any stones that were highlighted for work and will provide a report to the Town Clerk. In some cases the work is required due to changes in the way headstones are erected. Once the report is available the Town Clerk would write to the owners as any work is the responsibility of the owners of the headstones.

10. To consider request from the British Legion to add five names to the War Memorial

Cllr Hinch updated Members on the request from the British Legion to add five names to the Cenotaph that had been missed when the names of those lost had been carved on the memorial after WWI and WWII. The Legion had written to the War Memorials Grave Trust for permission to add the names to the Cenotaph. The missing names were from both WWI and WWII. The Town Clerk had obtained an initial quote, depending on the style of an additional stone for the names but the estimated cost would be in the region of £10k. The names would be added to the Roll of Honour that was read out during the Act of Remembrance.

Resolved: that the Council agreed in principle, and subject to cost and design approval, would look to include the work in the next financial year's budget

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11. Correspondence

- 11.1 The Town Clerk noted that a proposal had been received for a 'Community Bike Jump Park' in the area next to the Skate Park. The proposal was for permission to use the land at no cost to the Town Council. Discussions would need to include responsibility for health and safety/insurance. The Town Clerk would put this item on the agenda for the next meeting and invite the proposer to attend.

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

- 12.1 The Town Clerk reminded Members that more Councillors were required to man the Town Hall during the Heritage Weekend (Sat/Sun 29/20 Sept). In order to open the building two people were required to be in the building at all times.
- 12.2 Members noted that the Charters were back in the Town Hall safely stored in the new cabinet and the framed replicas were in the Council Chamber ready for hanging. Members discussed proposed changes to the pictures and documents currently hung in the room. It was also reported that the unframed charter copies which the Council were donating to the Museum had now been received and it was hoped that the Mayor could present them to the Museum at their upcoming event.
- 12.3 Cllr Billany reported that a pathway between Ivy Lane and Farrand Road had cracks; he was invited to report it to directly ERYC through their portal.

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Chairman of Property Committee

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