Hedon Town Council

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of

Finance & General Purposes Committee

held at the Town Hall, St Augustine's Gate, Hedon

22 October 2026

Present: In the Chair – Cllr S Gallant
Cllrs: S Archer, S Banks, J Brindley, J Dennis, B Goldspink, P Hinch, G Pocklington, S Rommell, D Storr and S Wright
C Addy (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllrs: C Billany, (Prior Commitment)

2. Confirmation of the Minutes
The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 24 September 2026 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat.
Resolved: That the minutes were confirmed as a true record.

3. Updates on the Minutes
Resolved: There were no updates to the minutes.

4. Declaration of Interests
4.1 To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.
4.2 To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

5. To approve Accounts Payable Schedules – Oct 2026
The Schedules previously circulated to Members, will form part of the Minutes.
Resolved: that the schedule of payments for October 2026, signed by the two Councillors in the sum of £42,705.70 was approved.
The Town Clerk was asked to look into whether the Town Council still received a number of bookings free of charge from the Alexandra Hall Committee.

6. To receive an update on the financial position of the Council as at 30 September 2026
The Chairman referred to the documents attached to these Minutes which had been circulated to all Councillors; the documents indicated the financial position of the Council as at 30 September 2026. The Chairman noted that there had been some large expenditure over the last few months which had been unavoidable but not budgeted for. The Chairman reported that ERYC had sent estimated tax base numbers regarding the change in parish boundaries from May 2027 covering the additional properties that would be included within the Hedon boundary and the associated increase in precept would go some way towards offsetting the expenditure taken out of reserves in the current financial year.
Resolved: that the schedules showing receipts/payments made during September 2026 and the budget monitoring report were approved.

7. To review Risk Assessments for Land, Litter Bins, Management Systems, Markets and Meetings of Council
The Chairman referred to the Risk Reports for Land, Litter Bins, Management Systems, Markets and Meetings of Council, all members discussed the Risk Reports and approved them as tabled.

Resolved: that the Risk Assessment Reports for Land, Litter Bins, Management Systems, Markets and Meetings of Council were approved as tabled

8. Yorkshire Day Event 2027 Working Group - Update

The Town Clerk gave an update from the Working Group meeting which had taken place immediately before the F&GP Committee Meeting. Cllr Hinch updated members on sponsorship; he was waiting to hear from KCom, ERYC and the Mayor of Hull & East Riding but unfortunately ABP had replied that they would not be sponsoring. Hed'on Inn had agreed to sponsor the wine for the Civic Dinner. The Macebearer had offered to sponsor the buses to be used for Civics parking at Holderness Academy. There was a website dedicated to the event which would be constantly updated as more information became available. A draft timeline had been produced for the Sunday; it had been agreed that a visit to Fort Paull would not happen as there was enough happening to fill the day for visiting civics. The schools and public houses had been consulted regarding advertising the event and some funding should be coming in from public houses towards advertising. It was hoped that sponsorship could be found for provision of white roses which would be worn by civic guests and given out during the parade. The group were still looking into sponsorship for the gift bags that were given to visiting civics. The group wanted to include a 3D print of the Hedon Penny in the civics gift bags which could be provided free of charge; however the 'Penny' would need to be taken off site for the first print to be taken. Members agreed that Cllr Hinch and the Town Clerk would make the necessary arrangements and an item would be put on the next Property Committee agenda to ratify the decision. The group were also looking to providing a 'local' speaker for the meal. Cllr Hinch noted that it was very important that the group targeted sponsorship as it was very important to offset the cost of the event as far as possible. Notes of the meeting would be available and circulated to all Councillors as soon as possible. A suggestion of having a video playing during the Sunday morning arrival/breakfast showing Hedon's history and perhaps some of the interesting silver items had been made. It was hoped that, with appropriate security, the 1415 mace might be on show.

9. Events Working Group meeting - update

Cllr Banks reported that she had received a suggestion that Hedon have a bike event, along the lines of Barton Bike Night which would be discussed at the next Events Working Group meeting. It was noted that the Xmas Lights event organisation was well underway.

10 To discuss parking problems at Market Hill (Cllr Storr)

Cllr Storr referred to a list of suggestions that she had circulated to Members referring to how more parking for disabled and less bodied residents could be put in place particularly on Market Hill where the doctors' surgeries are and on St Augustine's Gate. As ERYC parking enforcement is sporadic the car parks are generally filled with cars of people who work in Hedon rather than visitors or shoppers. Also, there is an additional problem of Iveson Car Park being part owned by ERYC, the Town Council and Marston Breweries (who stuck to the letter of their lease and would not take part in any maintenance of the car park or changes to the status quo).

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact ERYC to have an officer conduct a site visit with members of the Council to look at each of the areas raised in the document and parking generally. Cllr Storr, Banks, Archer and Rommell would like to be included in the visit.

Resolved: that the Town Clerk would arrange a site visit by an ERYC officer as soon as practicable

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11 To approve ERYC 5-year Umbrella Licence

The Town Clerk reported that the Umbrella Licence between ERYC and the Town Council was due for renewal in November 2026. Due to the time it will take for the legal document to be put in place ERYC would produce a Heads of Terms letter which the Council would need to agree to allow events to be held during the interim period eg Xmas Lights switch on

Resolved: that the Council agreed in principle to the renewal of the 5 year Umbrella Licence with ERYC; the Town Clerk would bring the Heads of Terms letter to the next available Council meeting for approval

14. Correspondence

None

15. Members' points of information and items for the agenda

The Town Clerk would include an item on the next agenda regarding local bus services.

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Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee