



## Howden Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Howden Town Council held Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> 2026 7pm at the Town Council Offices

Present: Councillors Drury (Chair), Hart, Ward, Clarke, Pears, Long, Howard, Coutts, Cave

In Attendance: Representative from Humberside Police, L Smith (Town and Tourism Officer), Two Co-Option Candidates, Three Members of the Public

Clerk: S Boggitt

**2026-109-FC: Apologies for absence – to receive and accept.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Young, Blee and McLellan – all accepted.

**2026-110-FC: Declaration of Interest –**

2026-110.1-FC Declarations of Interests, in respect to Agenda items, to be made and recorded in the minutes even if an interest has been declared in the register.

None.

2026-110.2-FC For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the Clerk prior to the meeting and their resolution.

None.

**2026-111-FC: Public Participation. To adjourn (for a maximum of 15 minutes) the meeting for members of the public to make representation over any item on the agenda. (NB any item not on the agenda will not be discussed but may be considered for a future meeting).**

None.

**2026-112-FC: Co-Option. To receive applications for the office of Town Councillor and to co-opt a candidate to fill the one existing vacancy. For resolution.**

Following the co-option procedure, Mr Graeme Levitt received a majority vote to fill the existing vacancy. He signed the declaration of office and sat on Council immediately. Resolved.

**2026-113-FC: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2026 – to agree and approve as a true record.**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2026 were received and were agreed and approved as a true record.

**2026-114-FC: Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> – to receive. (No recommendations to approve)**



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The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> were received with no recommendations to be approved. Noted.

**2026-115-FC: Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> – to receive. (No recommendations to approve)**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> were received with no recommendations to approve. Noted.

**2026-116-FC: Humberside Police. To receive update from Humberside Police representatives. (To include discussion on feedback of extended 20mph speed limit and to agree any actions).**

Council welcomed PC Naomi Marrone from Humberside Police. She reported speedchecks had been carried out on Flatgate over two recent days. There had been 8 vehicles stopped and checked who were shown to be driving in excess of the speed limit. A member of the public noted he thought they had been undertaken at the wrong time of day, this was noted with PC Marrone stating more checks were due to be undertaken. She will also bring up with ERYC the issue of signage along the route. The Town Council were told there would be no more signage installed, however it was agreed more would be beneficial as a lot of people are stating they don't realise it has been reduced to a 20mph limit. Councillor Ward brought up the issue of alleged jumping of red lights/speeding at Howden station level crossing. Council thanked PC Marrone for her time.

**2026-117-FC: Tourism and Marketing Officer Report. To receive report and agree any actions.**

It was reported the summer Heritage Trail was completed and would be live in the coming weeks. It was agreed to provide Visit Howden postcards for the Howdenshire Music concerts. Council agreed a spend of £45.00 for 1,000. Council also agreed the proposal for TC pin badges for staff and Councillors, a cost of £100 for 50. Council also agreed a cost of £50 for Visit Howden promotion at Howden Show. It was also reported that the DIFEY grant bid had been successful and the Howden Marsh Trail would now be worked on with a delivery date of no later than end of January 2027.

**2026-118-FC: Ashes Committee. To receive update from the Clerk.**

No update.

**2026-119-FC: Finance May/June. To authorise the invoices and monthly schedules for payment; to receive a copy of the bank transactions and reconciled bank statements since the last meeting and a copy of finance package reports to receive and accept.**

A copy of the latest monthly schedule with voucher numbers for each invoice received (65-97) with attached invoices were received and approved. Payments totalling £54,977.10 were approved and invoices and schedule signed by Councillors Ward and Long.



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Bank reconciliations (Co-Op) up to May 29<sup>th</sup> 2026, (Hinckley and Rugby) up to June 15<sup>th</sup> 2026 and (CCLA) May 31<sup>st</sup> 2026 were received. The bank reconciliations were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**2026-120-FC: Monthly Checklist. To receive the Clerk's monthly checklist.**

Received.

**2026-121-FC: Ward Councillor. To receive report from Ward Councillor David Howard and agree any items for next agenda.**

Councillor Howard shared plans for his proposed Community Garden on Shelford Avenue (previously agreed by Amenities Committee). He will undertake a consultation with residents. A clean and tidy up of Derwent Play Park has been proposed, dates to be confirmed at the next meeting. He reported that a plan for a three night a week Youth Club at Howden Social Club was entering into its final stage with funding applications being completed. A further update will be available at the next meeting.

**2026-122-FC: Correspondence.**

The Clerk reported the Council had received an FOI request which he had dealt with and a provisional date for foraging at Howden Marsh had been set for Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**2026-123-FC: Items for next agenda.**

Code of Conduct, Committee Membership, 20mph update.

**2026-124-FC: Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup> 2026 at 7pm.**

The meeting closed at 7.57pm.