



Howden Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of Howden Town Council held Tuesday September 15th 2026 at 7pm at the Town Council Offices

Present: Councillors Drury (Chair), Hart, Pears, Blee, Cave, Levitt, Clarke, McLellan, Ward, Young, Howard, Long

In Attendance: L Smith (Tourism and Marketing Officer), Two Members of the Public, Member of the Press, ERYC Councillor Nigel Wilkinson

Clerk: S Boggitt

2026-163-FC: Apologies for absence – to receive and accept.

Apologies were received from Councillor Coutts – accepted.

2026-164-FC: Declaration of Interest –

2026-164.1-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.

Councillor Blee declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 2026-171-FC.

2026-164.2-FC For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the Clerk prior to the meeting and their resolution.

None.

2026-165-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).

Residents of Hailgate made representation on agenda item 2026-171-FC to report alleged increased speeding, damage to cars and HGVs allegedly exceeding the weight limit on Hailgate. A public meeting was held with reports of 10 cars damaged in the recent months.

2026-166-FC: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held Tuesday August 11th 2026 – to agree and approve as a true record.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held Tuesday August 11th 2026 were received and agreed and approved as a true record.

2026-167-FC: Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Tuesday September 1st 2026 – to receive. (No recommendations to approve)

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Tuesday September 1st 2026 were received with no recommendations to approve.



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2026-168-FC: Minutes of the Resources and Asset Management Committee meeting held Tuesday September 8th 2026 – to receive and accept any recommendations.

The minutes of the Resources and Asset Management Committee meeting held Tuesday September 8th 2026 were received. Council resolved to adopt the following policies: Environment and Sustainability Policy, Data Protection Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy, Expenses Policy, IT Policy and the Grant Policy and Application Form.

Council approved the Risk Management Scheme.

2026-169-FC: Planning Applications – to discuss, agree and submit Council's observations. (Please note this on the Full Council agenda as the closure date for comments is before our next Planning Committee meeting and an extension could not be granted)

[PLAN/26/02159/PLF](#) Erection of 5 dwellings (Amended scheme 21/00405/PLF) at Land South of Park Farm, Selby Road, Howden, East Riding of Yorkshire, DN134 7JP.

The Town Council ask if Committee is minded to approve this application, we would like the footpath to be extended to the junction with Park Farm entrance and the 30mph extended to 100m Selby side of the bend at the junction with Park Farm.

2026-170-FC: Anti-Social Behaviour. To receive report and resident's concerns and agree any actions.

The Clerk reported back on resident's concerns regarding a specific incident in Howden in August where a dispersal order was imposed after ASB reports. It has been confirmed this was an isolated incident with one member of the public arrested. ASB levels remain low across Howden.

2026-171-FC: Highways Issues. To receive report on the 20mph zone and feedback from the speedchecks.

It was reported back that the 7 day speed check on Flatgate would be delayed until later in September due to the current roadworks affecting the area.

Following the concerns voiced from residents of Hailgate, it was agreed to speak with ERYC to request speed checks in this area. Noting the new zebra crossing is due to be installed in the coming months. The Clerk to pass on details of the Community Speedwatch scheme to the residents how have shown an interest in resurrecting the scheme. It was also noted that all instances of any dangerous driving/vandalism/ASB should all be reported to Humberside Police.



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2026-172-FC: Local Transport Plan's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPS). To receive updated document from ERYC and suggest amendments / improvements to the plan.

Council noted there were many outdated areas on the plan and these to be fed back to ERYC:

- 1) The nominated cycle path in Buttfield Road is not listed
- 2) Carter Street and the Ashes Playing Field are whited out and not included in the plan area
- 3) The new Bellway development is not listed

However, Council were happy with all the recommendations on the plan and requested the following be added:

- 1) A refuge crossing area on Thorpe Road
- 2) A footpath/cycle path be added on Selby Road from Barn Hill to Park Farm corner

2026-173-FC: Traffic Regulation Order. To receive details of Traffic Regulation Order (THE EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL (B1230 BETWEEN GILBERDYKE AND HOWDEN) (50MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2026) and agree any actions.

Council supported the TRO.

2026-174-FC: Howden Marsh Containers. To receive report from the Chair and Clerk and agree any actions.

Councillor Drury reported there had been four quotes received for the already agreed container purchase at Howden Marsh. As Council have not got the land prepared yet Council approved his proposal for the purchase to be delayed and delegated to the Chair and the Clerk at whatever point it is deemed necessary to purchase up to a total of £3,000, without the need to come back to a future meeting.

2026-175-FC: Tourism and Marketing Officer Report. To receive report and agree any actions.

The following was reported:

- 1) A successful Trader's Meeting had taken place earlier in the week which was also attended by Howden's new rector. Agreed to continue with the Traders' Trick or Treat and Best Dressed Window Competition for Halloween
- 2) The bench purchased as part of the Howden Marsh Trail using funds from the DIFEY grant had been installed. The brass rubbings would be installed later in the year with the new map boards to follow
- 3) Photos for the 2027 Howden Calendar had been submitted from Howden Camera Club
- 4) Everything in place for Remembrance Sunday with a final report to Amenities/FC in October



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- 5) Howden is organising a late-night shopping event with the Shire Hall opening with indoor market stalls and traders staying open late. This would be the first Thursday in December
- 6) Soup and Carols confirmed for Monday December 7th with all plans in place
- 7) PA Media have not come back to the Council with plans for this year's Christmas tree. It was proposed that the Council take on the purchase of the tree moving forwards with monies from reserves used for 2026 and it be budgeted for 2027 and moving forwards. Council agreed a spend up to £1200 to include the tree (circa £1,000 and a new banner)
- 8) Council also agreed the funding of up to two more Councillors to undertake first aid training

2026-176-FC: Ashes Committee. To receive update from the Clerk.

It was reported Councillor Drury and the Clerk had attended a site visit meeting with Trustees from the Ashes Playing Field Trust. It was confirmed the wheelchair swing would be installed in the coming weeks with future plans discussed. Minutes of previous Trust meetings would be sent to the Council.

2026-177-FC: Finance August/September. 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 (182-216) with attached invoices were received and approved. Payments totalling £12116.68 were approved and invoices and schedule signed by Councillors Long and Young.

Bank reconciliations (Co-Op) up to August 28th 2026, (Hinckley and Rugby) up to September 8th 2026 and (CCLA) August 31st 2026 were received. The bank reconciliations were agreed and signed by the Chair.

2026-178-FC: Monthly Checklist. To receive the Clerk's monthly checklist.

Received.

2026-179-FC: Ward Councillor. To receive report from Ward Councillor David Howard and agree any items for next agenda.

Councillor Howard reported Howden's new Fire Station would be opening in two weeks' time. A new Youth Club/Café is now confirmed and will be opening Mondays and Tuesdays at Howden Social Club. Funding is secured for 16/18 weeks with plans in place to try to secure additional funding to move forwards after this.

2026-180-FC: Correspondence.

None.



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2026-181-FC: Items for next agenda.

Standing Items.

2026-182-FC: Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday October 20th 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm.