

**Minutes of the Town Management Committee Meeting of the Town Council
held on Monday 2 February 2026 at 7.00pm**

Present

St Michael's Ward

Cllr R Sexton

St Paul's Ward

Cllr S Craddock

Cllr D Hayler

Cllr A Pearsall

In attendance

Heloise Marlow (Deputy Town Clerk)

2 members of public

25/52/TM Apologies for Absence

None

25/53/TM Declarations of Interests

None

25/54/TM Dispensations

There were no grants of dispensations made by the Town Clerk in relation to the business of this meeting.

25/55/TM Public Question Time for items on the agenda

None

25/56/TM Minutes of the Town Management Committee meeting held on 1 December 2025

Members RESOLVED unanimously to approve for accuracy the minutes of the Town Management Committee meeting held on 1st December 2025.

Proposed by Cllr Pearsall and seconded by Cllr Hayler

25/57/TM Town Centre Management Board

Cllr R Sexton confirmed that there was already public interest in the formation of a Town Centre Management Board which could then become one of the Council's Outside Bodies and invite Cllrs to join.

Committee agreed that a Town Centre Management Board could identify issues and project and support local businesses. The Board would lead on these with support from Honiton Town Council. Town Regeneration is one of the Council's Priority Projects.

Committee RESOLVED unanimously to recommend to Full Council that Honiton Town Council supports the creation of a Town Centre Management Board

Proposed by Cllr Craddock and seconded by Cllr Pearsall

25/58/TM Correspondence: Letter from Honiton business owner

Committee noted the points raised in the letter and responded as follows:

- Honiton Business Network were putting together a directory of local businesses.
- The siting of a Town Map on the Lloyds Bank wall.
- Holding some Town Council events at the bottom of the High Street.
- Better promotion of Town Council events.
- Siting of Christmas market cabins in front of the Family Church.
- Local businesses could have a market stall to promote themselves.

25/59/TM Sidmouth Road Roundabout

Cllr R Sexton spoke in favour of instructing a third-party contractor to carry out maintenance work on the Sidmouth Road roundabout and expressed concerns that if Honiton Town Council stopped maintaining the roundabout Devon County Council would not take this on.

Cllr Craddock and Cllr Hayler spoke against carrying out further maintenance work on a DCC asset without agreement terms and noted that previously Devon County Council had removed signage from the bank around the Tesco roundabout arguing that it was a distraction to motorists.

Cllr Pearsall spoke against HTC incurring maintenance costs and DCC receiving sponsorship funding.

Cllr R Sexton proposed that the Committee RESOLVE to recommend that Honiton Town Council continues to maintain the Sidmouth Road roundabout on behalf of Devon County Council and to delegate how the roundabout is maintained to Town Management Committee.

There being no seconder, the motion failed.

25/60/TM Honiton Bottom

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that EDDC were arranging a site meeting, and she would confirm the date and time of the meeting once received.

- 25/61/TM** **Exempt Business**
Committee RESOLVED unanimously to take the following item into exempt business.
Proposed by Cllr Pearsall and seconded by Cllr Craddock
- 25/62/TM** **S215 Letter and Minor Work**
Committee RESOLVED unanimously to defer the item to a later meeting of the Town Management Committee
Proposed by Cllr Craddock and seconded by Cllr Hayler
- 25/63/TM** **To close the meeting**
The meeting was closed at 20.15pm.