

Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustee of The War Memorial and Garden of Edward Elmhirst Duckering Charity
held at the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey
on Monday 14th July 2025 at 7:45pm.

Present: David Garritt (Chair), Hazel Fox, Pat Frankish, Joy Kofoed and Suzanne Stephenson.

Members not present: Karen Gunn and Tony Kitchen.

Also present: Two members of the public and Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson

MINUTES

2507/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Barry Starkie.

2507/02 Public Participation

No matters were raised.

2507/03 Minutes

The Trustee Members approved the minutes of the meeting held 26th October 2022.

RESOLUTION: *That the minutes were duly approved and signed.*

2507/04 Peace Garden

a. The Trustee members received updates from the Town Council on matters regarding the Peace Garden. It was noted that in April the Town Council had resolved 'that roses are relocated to other existing flower beds in the town and to the rose bed nearest the boundary of the Peace Garden area, the two empty rose beds then to be grassed over'; and in May funding had come forward and 'that the generous offer from Amara Care was accepted for annual sponsorship of the required maintenance to look after the three Peace Garden rose beds properly'. Town Council planting contractor was notified that the works quoted for proper maintenance and care of the Peace Garden rose beds was now funded and agreed. The Trustee members discussed the concerns raised by the public on the initial decision in April and that a number of people in the town remain keen to volunteer to help with maintenance of the three Peace Garden beds. Efforts continue to link with volunteers with the contractor for joint maintenance efforts.

b. The Trustee members considered the request from the Royal British Legion Kirton in Lindsey to install a bench so people can sit amongst the beds for quiet reflection. The background of the Peace Garden development was given, noting the initial plan had included a larger scheme including seating but was not completed. Land registration work resulted in the Town Council and Trustee members pausing work in the area due to any uncertainty of ownership. As Trustee members considered that these matters were now resolved the request from the Royal British Legion were supported unanimously.

RESOLUTION: *That the following proposals were supported unanimously:*

- *They would prefer position between bed next to bollards and next bed, at an angle facing the War Memorial.*
- *They feel a concrete base would not be required, but they could secure it by digging four small holes and pouring concrete in those holes and attaching fixings. They would either do the work themselves or pay someone to do it. That way it would not spoil the appearance of the rose beds and grass around them.*

- *They already have a bench which they have purchased.*
 - *The Royal British Legion will take responsibility for any future upkeep in perpetuity.*
- RESOLUTION: *That the Town Clerk confirms this unanimous decision with the Royal British Legion.*
- ACTION: Town Clerk

2507/05

Update on Deeds and Land Registration work

The Town Clerk provided a brief update confirming that stage one of the work was completed; to register the entire plot of land, including the Green and the War Memorial areas under ownership of the Green Charity.

The second stage, as previously agreed, was for The Green and The Market Place Charity to then consider transferring the area of land recognised to be, and identified on the plan of 1920 as, the 'War Memorial & Garden' area, to the War Memorial and Garden of Edward Elmhirst Duckering Charity as a gift so that both sites are then owned by the individual charities.

The Green and The Market Place Charity had resolved to do this.

RESOLUTION: *That the generous offer from The Green and The Market Place Charity to gift the area of land is accepted.*

ACTION: Town Clerk