

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
HIGHTOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 20th MARCH 2023 AT THE ALT CENTRE**

Present: Cllrs: Munro (in the chair), Barlow, Grainger, Magill, Shacklady and Stobie.

2023/15. Apologies for absence.

None.

2023/16. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th January 2023.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th January 2023 be approved as a correct record subject to the correction of the date of the previous meeting.

2023/17. Declarations of interest - Members are requested to give notice of any interest relating to any item on the agenda.

None.

2023/18. To adjourn the meeting to receive public comments.

A resident attended to discuss the management plan for land off Thistledown Road.

Cllr Magill joined the meeting.

2023/19. GP update.

Four representatives from the new GP provider Primary Care 24 attended the meeting to provide an update on the service provision when they take over on 1st April 2023. They advised that the practice would initially be open 5 days per week until everything was up and running. A permanent GP will be available to undertake face to face appointments on 2 days per week, likely to be Tuesday and Thursday and a Practice Nurse would be available on a Monday. On the remaining days a nurse practitioner would be available. Once everything is up and running the opening times will reduce to 4 days per week with the closed day likely to be a Wednesday. In addition to face to face services a number of options for remote appointments by telephone or online will also be introduced over time.

2023/20. Post Office.

RESOLVED that comments would be submitted to the Post Office enquiring about the possibility of providing the service from a different location within the village.

2023/21. Community Policing.

RESOLVED that the clerk and chairman, Cllr Munro, would attend the upcoming Community Advisory Group meeting to be held by the Community Policing Team along with any other councillors available.

2023/22. Alt Centre.

RESOLVED that:

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| water leak in
off the
each excluding VAT | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cost of plumbing repairs in respect of the recent the sum of £490.00 be approved; 2. The cost of purchasing 2 storage cupboards for the room main hall at an estimated cost of up to £310.00 be approved. |
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2023/23. Acceptance of office book.

RESOLVED that the purchase of an acceptance of office book at a cost of £189.00 excluding VAT be approved.

2023/24. Grant application from St Stephen's Parochial Church
Council.

RESOLVED that the grant application received from St Stephen's Parochial Church Council for the sum of £2,000 to fund a public access defibrillator be declined with regret on the basis that there the Parish Council has insufficient funds available to meet this request and has already committed to working towards the placement of two public access defibrillators in other locations.

2023/25. Reimbursement of licence fee to Award Solutions.

RESOLVED that a refund of £100 for the period 18/12/22 to 1/1/23 be made but no refund be made for the period 7/3/22 to 28/3/22 as there is no known basis for such a refund to be made.

2023/26. Reports of meetings.

Clr Stobie reported on a meeting regarding the operations taking place at [REDACTED] the coalyard and advised that Bill Esterson had recently attended a meeting [REDACTED] with Network Rail regarding the issue.

Cllr Munro reported on a meeting with the Altcar camp and advised that helicopter manoeuvres will be taking place between 9/7 and 14/7/23 but there will be no public access to the camp during this time.

Cllr Grainger reported on the killing of deer and other criminal activity taking place in the wooded areas at the end of Blundell Road, these will be raised at the upcoming meeting with the Community Policing team.

Cllr Munro was nominated to write to Bill Esterson regarding the poor state of the railway station compared to other stations that were being upgraded.

2023/27. Correspondence.

The clerk reported on correspondence a possible donation for a new planter and fires occurring at Popes Wood Farm.

2023/28. Planning applications.

RESOLVED that the applications be noted.

2023/29. Accounts paid and for payment.

RESOLVED that the amounts listed on the schedule circulated be approved.
