

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
HIGHTOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 16th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT THE ALT CENTRE**

Present: Cllrs: Shacklady (in the chair), Langley, Munro and Stobie.

2024/61. Apologies for absence.
Cllrs Barlow, Magill and Williams.

2024/62. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th July 2024.
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th July 2024 be approved as a correct record.

2024/63. Declarations of interest - Members are requested to give notice of any interest relating to any item on the agenda.
None.

2024/64. To adjourn the meeting to receive public comments.
A resident attended to provide an update regarding amenity land at Thirlmere Drive and to advise that the seesaw in the park is damaged.
Cllr McNabb attended to advise that he was pushing for improvements to the signage relating to the coastal path to include information on Hightown and also discussed options for the Christmas tree.

2024/65. Friends of Hightown update.
RESOLVED that:

1. The agreement with Sefton in respect to work on the highways be approved having clarified the position regarding the insurance cover and the group to proceed as part of the Parish Council rather than a separate group;
2. Cllr Langley be appointed to take the group forward and, together with the clerk, meet with a representative from Sefton to agree the areas where they would work; and
3. All volunteers working for the group be asked to enter into the volunteer agreement already in use for people working within the Alt Centre.

2024/66. Christmas lights switch on.
RESOLVED that this item would be deferred to an extra meeting

on the 3rd October to discuss Christmas arrangements in more detail and obtain further information in the meantime.

2024/67. Remembrance wreath.

RESOLVED that a donation in the sum of £50 be made to the Royal British Legion for a wreath to lay on Remembrance Day.

Ken Ward attended from the RBL to advise that from next year the police would no longer assist with the closure of roads for the Remembrance Service.

2024/68. Reports of meetings.

Cllr Munro advised that the new Commandant at Altcar camp, Carl Gardner had been invited to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council and also that she has been appointed as the new locality representative under the Health Watch scheme for the Hightown area.

2024/69. Correspondence.

The clerk reported on correspondence from a resident relating to the Old Acre tree and advised that residents should contact Sefton.

Hightown Beach Clean group provided information about desirable projects on the coastal path and were advised to complete a grant application form in respect of costs needed for these projects.

2024/70. Planning applications.

RESOLVED that the applications be noted.

2024/71. Accounts paid and for payment.

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