

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
HIGHTOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 17th JULY 2023 AT THE ALT CENTRE**

Present: Cllrs: Munro (in the chair), Barlow, Magill and Williams.

2023/49 Apologies for absence.
Cllrs Shacklady and Stobie.

2023/50. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15th May 2023.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15th May 2023 be approved as a correct record.

2023/51. Declarations of interest - Members are requested to give notice of any interest relating to any item on the agenda.
Cllr Williams declared a general interest in item 13.

2023/52. To adjourn the meeting to receive public comments.
A resident attended to discuss the maintenance of verges on Thornbeck Avenue, the level of nitrates in the river Alt and also the presence of a dead porpoise on the beach that needed to be reported to DEFRA.

2023/53. Casual vacancy.
RESOLVED that the vacancy arising as a result of the resignation of Rachel Grainger be noted.

2023/54. Christmas lights switch on.
RESOLVED that the date of Wednesday 22nd November 2023 be set as the provisional date for the light switch on subject to confirmation of availability of the Salvation Army band and the Hightown.

2023/55. D Day anniversary.
Cllr Munro agreed to make enquiries with the church and Altcar camp at the next meeting and report back on any plans for the anniversary.

2023/56. Altcar Camp sea danger area.
The update received from Altcar Camp about changes to the sea danger area was noted.

Cllr Magill joined the meeting.

2023/57. Working Groups.
RESOLVED that all Cllrs would be appointed to the Alt Centre working group.

2023/58. Village green maintenance.

RESOLVED that an informal meeting would be held on 9th August with any interested residents to discuss options for maintenance of the village green, verges and other areas within the village.

2023/59. Reports of meetings.

Cllr Munro reported on the service installing the new Revd Keith Thornborough and welcomed the new vicar on behalf of the Parish Council.

2023/60. Correspondence.

Cllr Munro reported on correspondence from residents on Rathbone Road about the state of the grass verges and sycamore trees which are dripping sap onto cars and advised that these residents would be invited to the informal meeting on 9th August.

2023/61. Planning applications.

RESOLVED that the applications be noted.

2023/62. Accounts paid and for payment.

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