

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
HIGHTOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 18th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT THE ALT CENTRE**

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

2023/63. Apologies for absence.

None.

2023/64. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17th July 2023.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17th July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

2023/65. Declarations of interest - Members are requested to give notice of any interest relating to any item on the agenda.

None.

2023/66. To adjourn the meeting to receive public comments.

A resident attended to provide an update following work carried out on the village green by volunteers.

A resident attended to provide an update regarding maintenance work at Thirlmere Drive.

Cllr Stobie joined the meeting.

2023/67. Police community action.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next available meeting following receipt of apologies from the police officers due to attend for operational reasons.

2023/68. Casual vacancy.

RESOLVED that the casual vacancy be noted and advertised on the website and notice board.

2023/69. Christmas lights switch on update.

It was noted that the Hightown has confirmed availability for Wednesday 22nd November 2023 for the light switch event and we are still awaiting confirmation of the availability of the Salvation Army band before confirming the date with Sefton. Enquiries have also been made with Sefton to provide a replacement tree as they have confirmed that the real tree in the village green is dead.

2023/70. Remembrance wreath.

RESOLVED that a type G wreath be ordered and a donation of £50 be made to the Royal British Legion.

2023/71. Reports of meetings.

Cllr Stobie reported on the Crosby coastal park meeting which

took place at the Alt Centre on 30th August 2023.

The clerk reported on attendance at the police community action meeting in Formby and advised that a link to contact information for residents wishing to report matters to the police had been added to the Parish Council web page.

Cllr Munro advised that she would be attending the next Altcar camp meeting was taking place on 19th September 2023.

2023/72. Correspondence.

The clerk reported on an invitation received from the British Legion regarding remembrance services; on correspondence received from a resident regarding the dedication of a footpath from Sandhills to the coastal path and confirmed enquiries would be made with Sefton rights of way team; and on correspondence received from a resident regarding poor mobile signal who would be advised that complaints needed to be submitted directly to their phone service provider.

2023/73. Planning applications.

RESOLVED that the applications be noted.

2023/74. Repairs at Alt Centre.

It was noted that the cost of repairs at the Alt Centre in the sum of £310.00 had been approved by the clerk under delegated authority.

2023/75. Accounts paid and for payment.

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