

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
HIGHTOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 21st MARCH 2022 AT THE ALT CENTRE**

Present: Cllrs: Munro (in the chair), Dillon, Magill and Stobie.

2022/17. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Shacklady.

2022/18. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th January 2022.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th January 2022 be approved as a correct record.

2022/19. Declarations of interest - Members are requested to give notice of any interest relating to any item on the agenda.
None.

2022/20. To adjourn the meeting to receive public comments.
None.

2022/21. Casual vacancy.
RESOLVED that Steve Faulkner be co-opted as a Member of Hightown Parish Council that Councillor Faulkner's declaration of acceptance of office be permitted at or before the meeting scheduled for May 2022.

2022/22. Alt Centre.
RESOLVED that:

subject to	1. The terms of the lease for the Alt Centre be approved legal advice;
legal costs	2. Solicitors be instructed to advise on the lease and the estimated as £500 to £750 plus VAT be approved;
in respect plus VAT;	3. The cost of obtaining a reinstatement survey from Sefton of the Alt Centre be approved in the sum of £250
be deferred	4. The setting of the rates for the use of the Alt Centre hall to the next meeting.

2022/23. Queen's Jubilee.
RESOLVED that the following costs be approved in respect of the celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee in June and that the following costs be paid for from funds currently ringfenced in respect of future festival costs:

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| respect of | 1. A donation of £250 to the Merseycats chosen charity in their performance at the Sailing Club during the jubilee weekend; |
| expenses in | 2. A payment of £100 to the Merseycats to cover band respect of the same performance; |
| | 3. The cost of up to £850 towards costs involved with |

children's jubilee party including the purchase of
commemorative gifts for children attending the jubilee
celebrations, for example, a mug or coin.

2022/24. Bank account.

RESOLVED that:

1. Cllrs Magill, Munro, Shacklady and Stobie be appointed
as bank signatories and all other signatories be
removed from the bank accounts;
2. Enquiries be made into moving the bank accounts to
another provider who can offer an internet banking
option.

2022/25. Coastal defences.

RESOLVED that enquiries would be made into the possibility of
arranging a meeting to obtain information about the recent storm
damage to the coast line and ongoing plans for maintenance.

2022/26. Reports of meetings.

Cllr Dillon reported on a recent meeting of the GP Surgery
working group and advised that a further meeting was planned for
6 weeks time.

2022/27. Correspondence.

The clerk reported on correspondence from Sefton about a
heritage project that was requesting nominations of heritage
assets.

A resident had raised an issue about the amount of dog mess in
the village and it was agreed that a note would be put on the
website advising residents to report this to Sefton. It was also
noted that new PSPO signs had been put up by Sefton in the
park.

It was noted that the Post Office had closed on a temporary
basis. A letter from the Post Office had been received requesting
sharing of a link to a consultation about Hightown's
requirements and this will be added to the website.

The cricket club has requested support for an planning
application in respect of proposed new facilities and cllrs
confirmed they were supportive of these proposals.

A resident has raised the issue of graffiti on the station
footbridge and it was agreed that a report should be submitted
to Sefton and also that a date for the completion of footbridge
repairs should be chased up.

It was confirmed that residents will be permitted through the
road closure planned over the next few weeks.

A request from the local policing team to meet with Parish
Councillors had been received and a response would be sent
requesting that the police team attend a Parish Council meeting.

2022/28. Planning applications.

RESOLVED that the applications be noted.

2022/29. Accounts paid and for payment.

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