

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
HIGHTOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 22nd JANUARY 2024 AT THE ALT CENTRE**

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

2024/01. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs Magill and Stobie.

2024/02. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20^h November 2023.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20th November 2023 be approved as a correct record.

2024/03. Declarations of interest - Members are requested to give notice of any interest relating to any item on the agenda.
None.

2024/04. To adjourn the meeting to receive public comments.
A resident attended to provide an update regarding amenity land at Thirlmere Drive.

2024/05. Casual vacancy.
RESOLVED that casual vacancy be noted.

2024/06. Merseytravel update.
It was noted that grants may be available that may assist in opening up the area at the bottom of the footbridge at the train station for use which may assist in cleaning up the area and agreed that these should be researched further.

2024/07. Obstruction at the junction of Thornbeck Avenue and Alton Close.
RESOLVED that Sefton highways and the speedwatch team would be contacted to see whether there was any action they could take about these issues.

2024/08. Hightown hedgerow grant.
RESOLVED that assistance with any project should be requested at the outset, in particular prior to the submission of any grant application and that the Parish Council was unable assist on this occasion.

2024/09. D Day anniversary grants.
RESOLVED that up to 5 grants of £100 each be offered for community groups towards the cost of any D Day celebration they hold.

2024/10. Reports of meetings.

None.

2024/11. Correspondence.

The clerk reported on correspondence from a resident of defective lighting on the dual carriageway at the Hightown junction, this had been noted and checked and now appeared to be working properly.

2024/12. Planning applications.

RESOLVED that the applications be noted.

2024/13. Cash flow to end of December 2023.

The current financial position was noted.

2024/14. 2024/25 Budget and precept.

RESOLVED that:

1. The draft budget be agreed; and
2. The precept for 2024/25 be set at £25,000.

2024/15. Accounts paid and for payment.

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