

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
HIGHTOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 20th NOVEMBER 2023 AT THE ALT CENTRE**

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

2023/76. Apologies for absence.

None.

**2023/77. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th
September 2023.**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on
18th September 2023 be approved as a correct record.

2023/78. Declarations of interest - Members are
requested to give notice of any interest relating to any item on
the agenda.

None.

2023/79. To adjourn the meeting to receive public comments.

A resident attended to provide an update regarding amenity land
at Thirlmere Drive.

Alison Denton attended to express an interest in applying for the
casual vacancy.

2023/80. GP Surgery.

Representatives from the local GP provider attended to provide
an update regarding the current service provision. The update
was noted.

2023/81. Casual vacancy.

RESOLVED that applications would only be accepted from
applicants who had attended at least 2 Parish Council meetings.

2023/82. Christmas lights switch on update.

It was noted that Councillors needed to assemble at the
Hightown pub at 4.30pm to set up for the switch on.

2023/83. 2024 Meeting and Surgery dates.

RESOLVED that:

1. The schedule of meeting dates for 2024 be agreed; and
2. Appointments at surgeries be arranged on request based
on the lack of attendance at surgeries arranged
previously on set dates.

2023/84. Reports of meetings.

Cllr Munro reported on the recent Altcar camp meeting and
thanked camp staff for clearing green waste from the village
green.

2023/85. Correspondence.

The clerk reported on correspondence with Sefton regarding a reported pest control problem on Thistledown Drive amenity land; the footpath at Sandhills and the creation of new wildflower verges on Thornbeck Avenue.

The clerk also reported on a grant application submitted for a defibrillator at the Alt Centre and correspondence received from NHS Property Services confirming there was no intention of closing the GP Surgery.

Cllr Stobie reported on new hedgerows to be planted on the bend as you leave Hightown obtained via a grant.

Cllr Munro reported on the Remembrance service held on the 12th November which was well attended.

2023/86. Planning applications.

RESOLVED that the applications be noted.

2023/87. Cash flow to end of September 2023.

The current financial position was noted.

2023/88. 2024/25 Budget and precept.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the January agenda.

2023/89. Accounts paid and for payment.

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

2023/90. Exclusion of the press and public.

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded.

2023/91. Staff pension.

RESOLVED that:

1. The clerk be designated as eligible for membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme;
2. The Statutory Resolution within the Legal Designating Document be agreed; and
3. The actuarial fee of £900 plus VAT be approved.
