

HIGHTOWN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16TH NOVEMBER 2015

Before the main meeting began, three presentations were made.

1. Lt. Col. Black from Altcar Training Camp stated that Helicopter Flights would be taking place. Members of the public were invited to visit the camp and meet the pilots.
2. Sgt. Allum from Merseyside Police gave an update on the local area.
There is a high level of security in place after the Paris bombings. They are working closely with RAF Woodvale and Altcar Training Camp.
Incidents and burglaries have slowed down. Staffing is being reduced which could cause more problems. There had not been any problems with Halloween and Bonfire Night. Police Headquarters is not moving at present.
3. Graham Lymbery talked about the sea defences and flooding. It was suggested that sand being dredged could be deposited on the beaches at Formby and Hightown, but it is not sure whether this will help erosion. A resident asked if the reed beds were monitored. He confirmed that the Alt has been subject to loss of depth possible high water levels upstream during the past months, and high winds blowing sand of Taylor's Bank. The whole area has been monitored, and heights and depths measured in October.

MAIN MEETING

44. Attendance
Cllrs. D. Warren (Chairman), P. Walker (Vice Chairman), T. Asbury, E. Triggs and K. Brennan. J. Croasdell (Clerk), several members of the public.
45. Apologies
Cllrs. J. Drake and M. Kennan
46. Members and Officers Declarations of Interest
None
47. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
Having previously been circulated, these were agreed.
48. Matters of Report from the Minutes
None
49. Matters of Report from Committees attended by Councillors

None

50. Local Plan
Sefton has submitted a Plan, which differs from the requirements of Central Government. The lack of infrastructure is a big problem and the Parish Council will submit to the proposed route to the proposed houses at the end of Elmcroft Lane at the revue.
51. Solar Farm
Cllr. Asbury thought that the application from Hive Energy was well presented, and the addition of a donation to Ince Blundell and Hightown would have been well received. Sefton Council is not in agreement with this project, so the plan will be re-submitted. Ince Blundell is in favour of the farm with 197 out of 200 people voting in favour.
52. Wind Farm
The Plan for the wind Farm in West Lancs has been rejected.
53. 20 Mile per Hour speed limit
This will take place in the near future.
54. Xmas Arrangements
A 12 foot tree and lights have been purchased. Electrician has been organized. The Gazebo has been repaired. Mince pies, mulled wine etc. have also been organized.
55. Surgery
The operators of the surgery will be changed from 1st March 2016.
The Care Quality commission has decided that patients were at risk under SSP Management and special measures are to be put in place. Coverage is to come from practices in Formby.
56. War Memorial Maintenance
Volunteers were thanked again for their help.
57. Fracking
The Government is to look into the possibility of centres across the country. Shale gas would solve the UK Gas problem for up to 500 years. Gas presently comes from Russia, and Nuclear Powers Stations will be off line by 2023.
58. Open Forum
Most questions were covered under the previous headings.

59. Planning Applications

1 Elvington Road - Single storey extension to the rear
15 Elvington Road - Extension to front porch
18 Richmond close - Extension
The Cottage, St. Georges Road - Extension

60. Correspondence

60.1 Letter from S. Smith to Sefton Planning re proposed building sites
60.2 War Memorial Trust Magazine
60.3 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine

61. Finances

A	Balances	
	Current Account	2764.49
	Deposit Account	<u>3233.45</u>
		<u>5997.94</u>
B	Bills for Payment	
	BDO	36.00
	British Legion	18.50

Bills already paid to be advised.

62. Matters of Further Report

None

63. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 19th January 2016 at 7.45 pm.